

## **Weekly News**

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## US Cultural & Heritage Tourism Council

The US Cultural & Heritage Tourism Council has rebranded their newsletter, now known as the The Cultural Traveler E-News. Follow this link to learn more about the USCHTC: [www.uscht.com](http://www.uscht.com)

### Abraham Lincoln Event

Please join us [Wednesday](#), July 22 at 7 p.m. in the Cowles Library Reading Room at Drake University in Des Moines for an event featuring Matthew Pinksker speaking on "Abraham Lincoln: Private Man, Public Leader".

Matthew Pinsker, the Brian Pohanka Chair of Civil War History at Dickinson College, has published two books and numerous articles on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War era, including "Lincoln's Sanctuary: Abraham Lincoln and the Soldiers' Home". He has served as a visiting fellow at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia and leads annual K-12 teacher workshops on the Underground Railroad for the National Endowment for the Humanities. Pinsker graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University and received a doctorate in modern history from the University of Oxford.

This event opens Cowles Library's initiative "Citizens Arise! - the Foundations of Democracy" program which will feature national traveling exhibits on Presidents John Adams and Abraham Lincoln in late 2009 and early 2010. For more information about the program and events, go to <http://citizensarise.drake.edu>.

RSVP by July 15 to Susan Breakenridge, [515-271-3994](tel:515-271-3994) or [susan.breakenridge@drake.edu](mailto:susan.breakenridge@drake.edu)

Hope to see you on the 22nd!

### Yahoo Group Update

We've discovered that for a lot of us it's just too much trouble to participate in the CHAT Facebook page, but it's still really important for us to be able to quickly and easily share ideas. So we're going old school! We have established a CHAT listserv and our membership is growing! We'll use this tool to send out legislative updates during the next session.

**To join, please go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/> and search for Iowa\_CHAT. You'll see our logo there☺ There is an easy sign in process. *You are required to create a yahoo account (if you don't have one) but can then **select your primary email account as the way you want to share information.*****

## **Upcoming meetings**

Please let [deirdre.giesler@iowa.gov](mailto:deirdre.giesler@iowa.gov) know if you've scheduled your next meeting. We'll announce it in the CHAT Weekly News!

## **Economic Wow Moment**

I knew there was a lot of help for cultural and nonprofit organizations out there on the web, but I guess I just didn't know how much help there was out there on the web! Here's a small sample of what I found in just a couple of minutes. Check out the **multiple links** at these sites:

<http://www.aaslh.org/ResourcesforWeatheringtheFinancialStorm.htm> (American Association for State and Local History)

[http://www.iowaartscouncil.org/publications\\_&\\_resources/resources-uncertain-times.shtml](http://www.iowaartscouncil.org/publications_&_resources/resources-uncertain-times.shtml) (our very own Iowa Arts Council)