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## **Congratulations to Deba Leach**

Cyndi just passed this information along from the National Endowment for the Arts: Iowan Elizabeth (“Deba”) Leach, is the new Arts Education Counselor to the Senior Deputy Chairman. She has worked professionally as an advocate in the field of arts and architecture for over thirty years – having served on university and museum committees, foundations and boards – in each case as an advocate for art and art education. Elizabeth will start on August 10, 2009.

## **Lt. Governor Continues Her Travels**

Lt. Governor Patty Judge is traveling Iowa this summer. She has a really fun blog where you can read about and see pictures of her trips at [www.traveliowa.blogspot.com](http://www.traveliowa.blogspot.com). Her schedule for next week is below. If you can, take time to stop in to meet her and express your support of arts, history and culture.

### Reiman Gardens

Tuesday, August 11, 2009 8:15am Reiman Gardens 1407 University Blvd Ames, IA Lt. Governor Judge will visit one of Iowa's most unique and beautiful attractions -- Iowa State's Reiman Gardens.

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### Iowa Speedway

Tuesday, August 11, 2009 10:00am Iowa Speedway 3333 Rusty Wallace Drive Newton, IA

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### National Balloon Museum

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### John Wayne Birthplace

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## **IMLS Grants Workshop**

*(Thanks to the Cultural Corridor Newsletter and to Joe Nolte for this information)*

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), Senator Tom Harkin, and Congressman Dave Loebsack believe libraries and museums play a significant role for people throughout the area. We hope that this workshop provides a good opportunity to assist area museums and libraries in navigating the IMLS grant process to better serve their communities.

The event will take place Thursday, August 27, 2009, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Old Capitol Museum (Senate Chambers), 21 Old Capitol, The University of Iowa, Iowa City.

The workshop will feature IMLS staff and a panel of successful grant applicants, experienced grant application reviewers, and a representative of the State Library of Iowa, which administers IMLS's largest library program in the state. Panelists include Joseph Nolte, Deb Dunkhase, Nancy Kraft, and Tracy Kuehl.

We hope you can join us as we work together to support Iowa museums and libraries and the communities they serve. Please RSVP to Kevin O'Connell at IMLS at [koconnell@imls.gov](mailto:koconnell@imls.gov) or 202-653-4628.

## **History for Lunch in Iowa City**

State Historical Society of Iowa  
402 Iowa Avenue  
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Aug. 5, 2009  
Contact: Jeff Morgan, 515-281-3858

History for Lunch: William William's sketches of 1849  
*Alan Nelson discusses mid-19th century culture Aug. 19*

IOWA CITY – The State Historical Society of Iowa’s popular History for Lunch lecture continues this month with a presentation about William Williams’ sketches of mid-19th century culture along the Mississippi River.

Alan Nelson will present “Sketches: William Williams’ Journal of 1849” at noon, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009, at SHSI’s Centennial Building, 402 Iowa Avenue in Iowa City. The lecture is free and the public is encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. Limited seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call 319-335-3911 for more information.

In 1849, Williams traveled up the Mississippi River from St. Louis to Fort Snelling, Minn., sketching as many as 80 detailed, artistic illustrations of towns, flora and American Indians in a bound journal book.

Nelson’s fast-paced visual presentation includes a discussion of the intriguing circumstances surrounding Williams’ excursion. This chronicle of frontier life in 1849 is from the private collection of Dick and John Atwell, and the Atwell family.

Nelson, born and raised in Fort Dodge, received a Bachelor of Science in Distributed Studies in 1967 from Iowa State University. After serving 16 years with the IBM Corporation in Michigan, Nelson spent 16 years in Arizona pursuing patent interests in the golf industry.

Nelson returned to Fort Dodge in 2005 as executive director of the Fort Museum and has spent the past four years traveling and researching more than 90 locations for material related to the history of the city.

## **AIA Iowa Professional Development Seminar**

(From the aiaiowa website)

You are invited to attend the next American Institute of Architects Iowa Professional Development Seminar on August 13 entitled Foundation of Historic Rehabilitation: Secretary of Interior Standards for Historic Rehabilitation. This seminar is hosted by AIA Iowa and the Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance. Attendees will earn 3.5 AIA HSW/SD Learning Units. Presenters include Judy McClure, AIA, who specializes in historic preservation, Jack Porter, Preservation Consultant for the state Historic Preservation office, and Chris Wand, AIA, LEED AP of Durrant in Dubuque. A continental breakfast will be provided. Cost is \$59 for members and \$99 for nonmembers by the end of the day on August 6th.

More information can be found at <http://www.aiaiowa.org/cde.cfm?event=271054>

## **From the Division of Tourism**

The deadline for submitting events for inclusion in the 2010 Iowa Calendar of Events is Tuesday, September 15. The online submission form can be found at <http://www.traveliowa.com/EventAddInfo.aspx>. Contact Kathy Bowermaster at [tourism@iowalifechanging.com](mailto:tourism@iowalifechanging.com) or 515.725.3086 with questions or to have a submission form e-mailed or mailed to you. Don't forget, you can still submit events taking place through the rest of 2009 for the Web site at <http://www.traveliowa.com/EventAddInfo.aspx> !

Regional Sports Authority District applications are available in the Partner Information section of [www.traveliowa.com](http://www.traveliowa.com). Applications must be received in the Iowa Tourism office by Noon on Wednesday, August 12.

## Message from Our Friend Thom Guzman at Main Street Iowa

This Place Matters Message from Thom Guzman  
Friends of Main Street Iowa –

As many of you know, Main Street Iowa is responding to a request for proposals to host the 2011 National Main Streets Conference in Iowa. 2011 happens to be Main Street Iowa's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the most appropriate time to celebrate our significant anniversary by hosting 2,000 people to this great conference and showcasing your Main Street successes. We are working on several strategies to convince the National Main Street Center that Iowa is the place for the 2011 conference. One of our strategies is to ask you to participate in the National Trust's THIS PLACE MATTERS on-line photo campaign this summer. All the details are noted in the message below. It is very simple. Pick your favorite historic building in your downtown and have your electronic picture taken with a THIS PLACE MATTERS sign and upload it to the National Trust web site. It is that simple. Imagine if we could inundate them with hundreds of places that matter what an impact that would have.

Look for other strategies we will be unveiling at the downtown summit and the state fair. The more we can impress on them that our places matter, the more greater impression we will leave that Iowa is the place to hold the 2011 conference.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU TO HELP US?

Thanks for all the good work you do to make your downtowns special!!

Thom

## NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION®

Dear Friend:

The National Trust's Places that Matter summer photo album is filling up! Visit our [This Place Matters slideshow](#) and see places that matter being visited, celebrated and showcased this summer.

**Take a look and get inspired to [share your place](#) that matters.**

All of us at the National Trust for Historic Preservation have been inspired to see the places people like you are protecting just by bringing attention to their history and telling their stories. We've learned about places like the [Historic Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery in New](#)

[Jersey](#), site of Revolutionary War skirmishes and now the final resting place of civic leaders and veterans. One of my personal favorites is the This Place Matters video showing students and residents of Marietta, Ohio [rallying public support](#) to keep Campus Martius Museum open so the story of the first organized American settlement in the Northwest Territory is not forgotten.

**Too often, these places can be lost in a heartbeat - sometimes even before we realize they will be missed.**

That's why we launched our [This Place Matters photo contest](#), to help people call attention to special places in their community before they are endangered. **Because we all know the best way to save a place is to make sure it is valued in the community.**

There's still time to add your photos to the This Place Matters Photo Contest and do your part to protect, enhance and enjoy the places that matter to you - especially those places that say "summer" every August!



*This is the WWII Memorial Swimming Pool in my hometown of North Attleboro, MA - a place that matters to me!*

Best,

Dolores McDonagh  
Vice President, Membership Development

PS. I hope you like the photo that I took on MY summer vacation last week. The World War II Memorial Swimming Pool opened in 1950 in my hometown of North Attleboro, Massachusetts and was the site of many happy hours in my childhood. It is (except for the fact that they had to take out diving boards in today's litigious society) unchanged since my youthful days and it's nice to know it still provides a great place for families to gather and have fun. **Where's YOUR favorite childhood memory? [Share it with us today.](#)**

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## Our Listserv

In an effort to make your Regional Captains' jobs easier, we've established a CHAT listserv. This will make it easier for us to send things like the CHAT Weekly News and legislative updates directly to the CHAT Teams.

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. Please consider joining.

## Upcoming meetings

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

## Wow Moment

Wow. It's been 6 ½ years since Dave Swenson's study of the Creative Economy in Iowa. Take a look at [http://www.iowaartscouncil.org/publications\\_&\\_resources/reports/assets/Creative.pdf](http://www.iowaartscouncil.org/publications_&_resources/reports/assets/Creative.pdf) and think about how far we've come. (If you just want the short version, look here: [http://www.iowaartscouncil.org/publications\\_&\\_resources/reports/assets/overview.pdf](http://www.iowaartscouncil.org/publications_&_resources/reports/assets/overview.pdf))

Have a great week!

--Deirdre