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What We Do For YOU! News from the Dept. of Cultural Affairs

WHTC explores African-American history in Iowa

African American Historical Museum of Iowa's lecture series visits Council Bluffs Sunday

COUNCIL BLUFFS – The Western Historic Trails Center explores African-American history in Iowa Sunday as part of a lecture series presented by the African American Historical Museum of Iowa.

With support from Iowa West Foundation, Hal Chase of Des Moines Area Community College will present “Buffalo Soldiers of Southwestern Iowa” at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, at the Western Historic Trails Center, 3434 Downing Avenue in Council Bluffs. The lecture is free and open to the public. Call 712-366-4900 for more information.

The presentation, part of the African American Historical Museum of Iowa's six-part “Experiencing Black Iowa” lecture series, is designed to engage southwestern Iowa in the heritage of African-American history in Iowa. The series covers several topics such as agriculture, athletics and military.

Chase teaches U.S., African-American and Iowa history at DMACC, and coordinated and contributed a chapter to “Outside In: African-American History in Iowa, 1838-2000.”

The remaining “Experiencing Black Iowa” lecture series dates and topics are below:

Oct. 11: George Washington Carver

Nov. 8: Tuskegee Airman

Dec. 13: Kwanzaa

State Historical Library's discussion group meets Sept. 16

First topic is history of Iowa's country schools

DES MOINES – The State Historical Library's 2009-2010 Historical Discovery Discussions series begins Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, with a look at the history of Iowa's country schools.

The country school is an American icon. Once ubiquitous across Iowa's landscape, one- and two-room country schools are quickly disappearing. Although a few are still used in Amish communities for educational purposes, most historic country schools in Iowa have been turned into museums.

Carl Nollen, author of several books featuring photographs and memories of Marion County country schools, will participate in the discussion. Monographs about Iowa's country schools will be available for viewing and for sale.

Historical Discovery Discussions is 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the State Historical Building, 600 E. Locust Street in Des Moines. Participants are welcome to bring

their own lunch. Admission is free and the program is open to the public. Contact Susan Jellinger at 515-281-6897 or Susan.Jellinger@iowa.gov for more information.

History on the Move is an exciting, new, traveling trailer which currently houses an exhibit about our 16th president. Brought to you by the department's historical division (the State Historical Society of Iowa) in partnership with the Iowa Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and with help from the Union Pacific Railroad Foundation, this exhibit will be launched soon! Watch here for more details, or check it out at <http://www.iowahistory.org/education/history-on-the-move.html>

I-JOBS Grants to Iowa Libraries

See the attached flier for a list of Iowa Libraries that received I-JOBS Grants. Governor Culver's Office asked us to share this exciting news.

Our Growing Listserv!

You guys are doing a great job of signing up for our listserv! We are plugging along, slowly but surely following the Yahoo rules of inviting *only 50 people per day*. We'll get to your name eventually, or you can follow the simple directions below.

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

CHAT 11 Reminder

Hi Fellow CHAT 11 Members:

Don't forget that the September CHAT meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at King's Canyon Fine Arts in Osceola. It is located on the north side of the square, around the corner from Redman's. Chili, soup, and cornbread will be served for a free will donation. Please bring your list of 2010 events and potential images/art work for your county for a 2010 CHAT calendar. Please, please, please RSVP me at this email address or call me- (515) 537-4814, so I know how much food to make and chairs to round up. Thank you for your time and energy!

Hope to see you September 22nd!

Sara King

Please let 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! Check out what is happening just to our east in Illinois. I found reference to this blog about cool old-time baseball in the weekly News Round-up from the National Conference of Historic Preservation Officers:

<http://www.chicagoreader.com/TheBlog/archives/2009/09/03/19th-century-baseball-in-lincoln-park-circa-1858>. I know we've got baseball fans, costumers, and re-enactors out there, and I'm sure you'll enjoy these pictures. If you connect me with pictures from this kind of event here in Iowa I would love to include them in a future edition.

Have a great week!

--Deirdre