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Riverside's Interstate Fair remembered at program

Learn more about an interesting chapter in Riverside history at the Tuesday Twilight Talk, **The Interstate Fair: The Largest Private Agricultural Fair in the U.S.** on Tuesday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sioux City Public Museum.

Comparable to the Iowa State Fair today, the week-long Interstate Fair was held in Riverside each September from 1903-1926. The fair grew out of the "Sioux City Fair," which had begun in the 1890s after the Corn Palace Festival ended. It attracted entries of livestock, food crops and homemade products from many states. The entertaining events for all ages included horse racing, foot races, parades, fire drills, and in the later years, car races, drawing as many as 45,000 people in one day. Many local organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club (a precursor to 4-H) were active at the Interstate Fair. The discussion and slide show will be led by the Museum's curator of history Grace Linden.

Housed in the historic John Peirce Mansion at 2901 Jackson Street, the Sioux City Public Museum offers monthly Tuesday Twilight Talk programs featuring topics of regional historic interest. For more information, call the Sioux City Public Museum at 712-279-6174 or visit www.siouxcitymuseum.org. Admission is free.