



# TIMELINE

SIoux CITY PUBLIC MUSEUM

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## Museum celebrates its 10th anniversary downtown

New exhibit and return to in-person programs marked milestone

To commemorate the anniversary of the grand opening of its downtown site on April 23, 2011, the Sioux City Public Museum is showcasing recent artifact donations and its own history in the community.

Just before the ten-year milestone, *New to You: Recent Artifact Donations* opened. The exhibit features a diverse selection of artifacts from the Museum's collection, most of which have not been previously displayed. In addition to a variety of Central High School memorabilia, the exhibit features an 1893 silk banner from Sioux City's Norwegian singing society,



The New to You exhibit will be on display through August 15, 2021.

a bear rug made by Meyer Brothers Saddlery Company around 1920, a Lakota-style ceremonial pipe made by famed Ojibwe artist George Bryan "Standing Eagle," and a paper mache Easter Bunny

from Davidson's Department Store. Also displayed are artifacts relating to decorated World War II veteran Carleton Mikkelsen, long-time owner of a pharmacy in Morningside. *(continued on page 3)*



### Coming this summer:

**Thomas D. Mangelsen –  
A Life In The Wild**

**Opening on August 14, 2021**

A retrospective traveling exhibition featuring 40 images from the renowned photographer.

*See article on page 7.*

From 1988, "Catch of the Day" captures the exact moment that a spawning salmon, trying to leap over a waterfall along Alaska's Brooks River, soars right into the waiting jaws of a massive brown bear.

*The Sioux City Public Museum collects, preserves, and interprets cultural and social history with an emphasis on Sioux City and the region.*



# Director's Report

by Steve Hansen

## Happy 10th Anniversary to all of us!

With a long winter behind us, I think we all need something to celebrate and the Museum has a summer full of activities to fill the bill. The month of April marked our 10th anniversary downtown and 10 years certainly has flown by. As you read through this issue, I hope that you will agree that we have an exciting range of programming for our guests.

Summer classes, music on the plaza, special events, and the return of the car show all add up to the level of activity that we have expected from

our museum sites. Throw in the annual Lewis and Clark encampment in August and a stunning traveling exhibit that will run through the fall months, and we are ready to celebrate and welcome our guests back!

As we approach the tail end of the pandemic, I would like to take the time to thank all of you who supported the Museum over the past 12 months and extended patience while we adapted our programming and method of operation. Our staff showed amazing resolve and creativity which allowed us to develop new ideas and ways of delivering museum services to you and our other guests. Many of the ideas such as expanding our online offerings

will become a permanent part of our programming as we continue to explore new opportunities to broaden our scope and reach.

All our sites are up and running, our staff is energized, and we are ready to serve up a summer full of fun for our guests. I predict our summer attendance will continue to grow and with the ongoing support from all our stakeholders, we will continue to fulfill our mission of serving the community and maintaining our status as a premier destination attraction in Siouxland.

Let's celebrate this summer and make some history!

Thank you again!

## Volunteer Spotlight

## Jody Graham

The ways Jody Graham has contributed her time to the museum sites over the past 11 years is extensive: serving as long-time secretary of the Sioux City Museum & Historical Association, assisting with the *Sioux City History Projects* receptions, cleaning, setting up and hosting events at the Peirce Mansion; and volunteering with children's activities, even donning a maid's costume for the Victorian Tea summer program.

"Jody is always willing to volunteer for the Mansion or Museum events," says Connie Macfarlane, Education



Coordinator. "Jody's career as a teacher has made her a natural for these volunteer activities."

Except for teaching stints in San Francisco and Omaha early in her career, Graham is a life-long Sioux Cityan. Her commitment to education is evident by her pursuit of a

Master's Degree in Elementary Education as well as her post-retirement role teaching at Morningside College. As a mother of four, she now enjoys instilling a love of reading in her 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild ranging in age from 28 to two.

Jodi says her service to the Museum has meant meeting and working with an outstanding group of volunteers. "I have made wonderful friends," says Jody. "Volunteering gives me a sense of purpose and makes me happy."

## Museum collections and history showcased

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Last year, the Sioux City Public Museum received an estimated 12,032 individual artifacts, the highest of any previous years. Among the donations were several large collections. The Museum's entire collections consist of an estimated 100,000 3-D artifacts, 3,600 linear feet of archival documents, and an

estimated 2 million images in various formats.

### Return to in-person programs

After more than a year of online-only programs, limited-capacity, on-site programs returned with "History at High Noon: The Sioux City Public Museum Story." Highlighting the Museum's long history of preserving the

region's heritage, the April program marked the Museum's first in-person public presentation since February 2020 due to the pandemic.

Presenter Haley Aguirre, Archival Records Clerk, chronicled the numerous transformations of the Museum from its origins in 1858. Photos of past exhibits, programs, and construction of Museum buildings were showcased.

May's History at High Noon featured Sioux City hospitals. These presentations along with past programs are available at [SiouxCityMuseum.org/history-at-high-noon](http://SiouxCityMuseum.org/history-at-high-noon).



Three of the museum sites throughout the years — the Carnegie Library, Peirce Mansion, and the current downtown site — were featured in April's History at High Noon.

## Spring and summer walking tour slate expanded

Spring and summer are great times to learn more about local history on a walking tour. Recently completed walking tours featured Floyd Cemetery, Downtown from Nebraska Street to Douglas Street, and Virginia & Court Streets. Upcoming tours feature a variety of residential and business areas:

Saturday, June 12

### Summit St. Walking Tour

10:00 a.m. • Meet at Call's Triangle, the small traffic island at 21st & Summit Streets  
Discover the architectural diversity of the area from Prairie School to Queen Anne Victorian, and from Beaux Arts to Craftsman in this diverse collection of single-family homes and large apartment buildings.



Matt Anderson, Curator of History, led a tour of downtown Sioux City before mask requirements were relaxed. The featured buildings included the Commerce Building, Warrior Hotel, Orpheum Theatre, City Hall, Woodbury County Courthouse, and Badgerow Building.

Thursday, June 24

### Jackson St. Walking Tour

6:30 p.m. • Meet at the Peirce Mansion, 2901 Jackson (An optional Open House will be held 5:00–6:30 p.m. at the Mansion prior to the tour.)  
Explore the prominent residential area that was once served by a cable car line and continues to feature a cluster of Sioux City's most iconic historic homes.

Thursday, July 8

### Historic 4th St. Walking Tour

6:30 p.m. • Meet at the park on the corner of Virginia & 4th Streets  
Revisit the storied history of the area containing the best concentration of late 19th-century commercial buildings in Sioux City. Many of the larger buildings feature the distinctive Richardsonian Romanesque style.



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# Summer Classes

Pre-registration is required. To register, please complete the form below.

## Note to parents:

You may notice our summer programs for children look a little different this year. Thank you in advance for your patience as we transition back to regular in-person programs. Protective masks/face coverings and social distancing are encouraged at all group programs.

A parent must sign a COVID -19 Participation Survey at drop-off for each child to participate.

Due to the current public health situation, payments will be held in the event classes must be canceled. Class registrations will be processed in the order received.

### Ages 7 – 10 **Wednesday, June 23** **Victorian Day at the Mansion**

Fee: \$8/member, \$10/non-member 10:00 a.m.–Noon  
Maximum 15 participants

\*Held at the Peirce Mansion, 2901 Jackson St.

Join us at the beautiful Peirce Mansion for a morning of Victorian crafts and games and a special treat.

### Ages 6 – 8 and 9 – 12

Fee: \$10/member, \$12/non-member

Maximum 15 to 20 participants

#### **The Way of the Jedi**

So you think you know the ways of the force? Explore the world of robots, spaceships and Jedi skills, with experiments and hands-on activities.

**Ages 6 – 8 Tuesday, June 15** 9:00–11:30 a.m.

**Ages 9 – 12 Tuesday, June 15** 12:30–3:00 p.m.

#### **Summer STEM Lab**

Get your geek-on this summer with science experiments, engineering challenges and hands-on fun with STEM activities.

**Ages 6 – 8 Tuesday, June 29** 9:00–11:30 a.m.

**Ages 9 – 12 Tuesday, June 29** 12:30–3:00 p.m.

#### **Dig it! Paleontology**

Discover fossil creatures from the past including dinosaurs, marine animals and mammals.

Examine fossils up close and determine characteristics of different species.

**Ages 6 – 8 Tuesday, July 13** 9:00–11:30 a.m.

**Ages 9 – 12 Tuesday, July 13** 12:30–3:00 p.m.

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## MUSEUM SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

Please use a separate form for each child. Class sizes are limited. Payment is required to hold class reservations. Registration forms must be mailed with payment to the Sioux City Public Museum. Please make checks payable to "Sioux City Museum & Historical Association."

Scholarships are available based on financial need. For details, call 712-279-6174 or e-mail [museumeducation@sioux-city.org](mailto:museumeducation@sioux-city.org).

Child Information Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Name/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Activity Name	Class Date/Time	Fee
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Current Museum Member? Yes No

SAVE ON CLASSES BY BECOMING A MUSEUM MEMBER. Special \$25 offer!

Save \$5 on a new family membership if you join when registering for summer classes.

Add a \$25 Family membership? Yes No

Total Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List any food allergies/medical needs \_\_\_\_\_

Refunds will only be given up to one week prior to the class date. After that, no refunds will be given except in the event of unforeseen medical reasons or program cancellations/postponements. Note: bottom portion of this form must be signed regardless of payment type.

Payment method: Cash Check Credit Card (complete information below)

Visa/MasterCard# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

CVV Code (3-digit # on back of card) \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give permission for my child (or myself) to participate in the above program/activity. I will not hold the City of Sioux City, the Sioux City Public Museum, or its appointed staff responsible in case of accident/injury or loss as a result of participation in these activities. In addition, I hereby grant the City of Sioux City and its participants, the right to use any and all of my materials, photographs, audio, video tape or film recordings made by me on the dates above and as long thereafter as [the City of Sioux City and its participants] may desire to use the same. Note: If participant is under the age of 18 years or less, this release must be signed by the participant's parent or guardian.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature (REQUIRED)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Greater focus on family programs this summer

The Sioux City Public Museum's summer programs for children return this summer with a mix of socially-distanced classes and family-oriented activities.

## Summer classes

Pre-registration is required for the summer classes. New this summer are STEM-based classes with separate sessions for ages 6-8 and ages 9-12. The only off-site class is the Victorian Day at the Mansion, held at the historic Peirce Mansion. Class sizes are limited; pre-payment is required to hold reservations. See the registration form for more details or contact [museumeducation@sioux-city.org](mailto:museumeducation@sioux-city.org) or 712-279-6174.

## Family programs

Additional programs for families are slated; these programs do not require pre-registration. For younger children, the long-running Kid's Thursdays returns, offering adults and children the opportunity to explore hands-on learning activity centers together.

New weekend family programs are now being offered for all ages. Hands-on History Saturdays feature "touch and see" stations containing artifacts as families tour the gallery at their own pace. Family Game Day Sundays offer activities such as BINGO, I Spy, or a scavenger hunt.

Returning to the riverfront on the grounds of the Sergeant Floyd River Museum & Welcome Center this summer is the annual Sergeant Floyd Memorial Encampment on August 21 and 22. The event will showcase authentic tents, camp equipment, uniforms, and firearms like those used during the expedition.

Families are welcome to explore an 1804 living-history camp replicating the Lewis and Clark expedition's stay in present-day Sioux City. Re-enactors will interact with visitors to bring the history of the encampment to life. Children's activities will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.



# Family Programs

Programs are held at the Sioux City Public Museum unless otherwise noted.

## Kid's Thursdays

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$1 per child per session

Geared to families with young children. Adults and children will explore hands-on learning activity stations together in a supervised classroom setting.

June 3      **The Carnival is Coming**  
June 17     **It's a Treasure Hunt!**  
July 1       **Monkeys and Dragons**  
July 15      **Amazing Dinosaurs**

\*Pre-registration not required for Family Programs **only**

**Protective masks/face coverings and social distancing are encouraged at all group activities.**

## Free family activities for all ages

### Hands-on History Saturdays

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Learn about Sioux City history with "touch and see" stations containing artifacts as you tour the gallery at your own pace.

June 26      **Early Technology**  
July 10       **Pioneer Life**  
July 24       **Made by Hand**

### Family Game Day Sundays

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Bring your group for activities such as BINGO, I Spy or a scavenger hunt. Compete with your group for a prize.

June 13      July 11      July 25      August 8

## Sergeant Floyd Memorial Encampment

Saturday, August 21 • 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 22 • 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Free children's activities: Saturday, August 21 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Sergeant Floyd River Museum & Welcome Center • 1000 Larsen Park Road, Sioux City

# 30th year of Sioux City History Projects exhibit

**M**odels and posters of local historic landmarks, people, and events created by 75 fourth-grade students were showcased in the 30th annual Sioux City History Projects exhibit this spring at the Sioux City Public Museum.

After studying local history, 746 students from 13 participating schools created projects on Sioux City's past and present. Projects displayed in the Museum were evaluated according to their uniqueness, quality, and how they relate to Sioux City history. Unique creations this year included the Floyd Bottoms Flood, the Thorpe Clock, Tonwantonga, Security National Bank, and the first McDonald's in Sioux City.

Because Sioux City schools did not have field trips this year, for the first time the public was invited to vote for their favorite history project in the new Visitors' Choice Award category.

Another difference this year was the awards ceremony marking the closing of the exhibit on May 8 was limited to parents and students. All the students with projects on display received a blue ribbon.

## 2021 Sioux City History Projects award recipients:

### Sioux City Museum & Historical Association Award (tie):

Corn Palace – Joel Saquic Majano  
Tonwantonga – Emma Dandurand

**President's Award:** John Peirce Mansion – Aydon Meyer

**Trustee's Award:** Sioux City Combination Bridge – Rayce Baum

### Museum Staff Award (tie):

Sergeant Charles Floyd Poster – Jonathan Rodriguez  
Sioux City's First McDonald's – Nelitza Torres Ramos  
Thorpe and Company Clock – Sophia Nelson

### Museum Director's Award:

Orpheum Theatre – Darwin Perez-Carreto

**Visitor's Choice Award:** Sioux City Stock Yards – Helena Heying

Visit [SiouxCityMuseum.org/sioux-city-history-projects](http://SiouxCityMuseum.org/sioux-city-history-projects) to view the exhibit via a virtual gallery tour, a video of the individual history projects, or by scrolling through photos of the projects.

## Virtual field trips and programs replace in-person tours

**I**f local schools couldn't bring the students to the Museum, then Museum staff decided to take local history to the students. Due to the pandemic, virtual programs were developed by Curator of Education Theresa Weaver-Basye to replace in-person field trips.

Programs included: Pioneer life program for 1st grade students with a virtual tour of the cabin; "Timelines" for 2nd grade students to develop skills to understand chronology, using artifacts that demonstrate changes in technology over the years;



Students in the classroom watched the presentation on large screens, and were able to ask and answer questions with Curator of Education Theresa Weaver-Basye while on the tour.



a 4th grade virtual tour highlighting Native Americans, early Sioux City history and transportation changes; and several high school programs to complement their study of US history, with a focus on local stories such as the WPA and WWII.

Weaver-Basye said all of the virtual programs provided new ways to look at familiar museum objects. "In this format, I could focus on small details of artifacts, photographs, and interesting stories that sometimes get lost while touring the gallery," she said.

## Works of renowned photographer to fill temporary exhibit space

**F**orty classic images by Thomas D. Mangelsen, photographs which the renowned photographer himself refers to as his legacy photographs, are showcased in the traveling museum exhibition, *Thomas D. Mangelsen – A Life In The Wild*. The exhibit will be the largest temporary exhibit the Sioux City Public Museum has hosted at its downtown site.

Among the photographs are 1989's "Polar Dance" of polar bears appearing to dance, 2014's "Mountain Outlaw" of a grizzly bear charging head on through the snow, and "Catch of the Day" (shown on page 1). Wildlife subjects include American bison, Arctic fox, bald eagle, Bengal tiger, black bear, bobcat, bohemian & cedar waxwings, brown bear, coyote, elephant, giraffe, great gray owl, grizzly bear, ground squirrel, kestrel, king penguin, leopard, lilac breasted roller,

moose, mountain lion, polar bear, Sandhill crane, silver-back mountain gorilla, western tanager, and zebra.

One of the most prolific nature photographers of our time, Mangelsen has been described as a spiritual descendant of pioneering American nature photographers Ansel Adams, Eliot Porter, and Edward Weston. Mangelsen was named the

2011 Conservation Photographer of the Year by Nature's Best Photography, placing his work in the permanent collection at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

Mangelsen has traveled to the wildest corners of North America, Africa, and beyond, for more than 40 years. He is as much a conservationist as he is an artist.

An exhibit of Nebraska native Thomas D. Mangelsen's photographs will open on August 14, 2021.



### Sioux City Museum and Historical Association Membership Form

As a member of the Sioux City Museum and Historical Association you will receive:

- The Museum newsletter and invitations to special events for members.
- Discounts on children's classes and a 10% discount on purchases at our gift shops.
- The benefits of the Time Traveler Program which include free/reduced admission and discounts at historic sites and museums across the United States.

#### Membership Categories (please check one)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual: \$20/year             | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting: \$50/year   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Citizen: \$15/year            | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron: \$100/year      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family: \$30/year                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor: \$250+/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business: Starting at \$100+/year |  |

Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Credit card payments accepted by calling 712-279-6174 ext. 105 or by completing the information below:

Visa/MasterCard# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

CVV Code (3-digit # on back of card) \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

The Sioux City Museum and Historical Association is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

**Sioux City Museum and Historical Association**

I would like a Museum representative to contact me regarding:

- |   |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> A gift of appreciated securities | <input type="checkbox"/> A charitable trust/other planned giving instrument |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A gift of other real property    | <input type="checkbox"/> The Endow Iowa Tax Credit                          |

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## HOURS

### Sioux City Public Museum 607 4th Street

Tuesday - Saturday  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

### Museum Research Center

Use Jackson Street entrance  
Wednesday - Friday  
1 - 5 p.m.

Appointments appreciated

### Sergeant Floyd River Museum & Welcome Center

1000 Larsen Park Road  
Daily 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**FREE ADMISSION**

### John Peirce Mansion 2901 Jackson Street

Available for rent

Main phone # 712-279-6174

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### Museum Staff

Haley Aguirre, Archival Records Clerk  
Matt Anderson, Curator of History  
Christine Dekker, Sgt. Floyd River Museum Supervisor  
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### Museum & Historical Association Board Members

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### Museum Board of Trustees

Bruce Lear, Chair; David Halaas, Vice-Chair;  
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Ben Nesselhuf, and Dave Somsky.

### Board Meetings

The Association typically meet at 6:30 p.m. on the  
2nd Tuesday of the month; the Trustees typically  
meet at noon on the 2nd Friday of the month.

You've got  
to see it...

### Sioux City Public Museum summer exhibits

On display through August 1

**Crittenton Center: Serving children, teens, and families for 125 years**

On display through August 15

**New to You: Recent Artifact Donations** (Article on front cover)

Opening August 14

**Thomas D. Mangelsen – A Life In The Wild** (Article on p. 7)

### Sioux City Public Museum History at High Noon programs

Thursday, June 17 • 12:05 p.m.

**Boom and Bust: Sioux City 1920-1940** presented by Matt Anderson

Thursday, July 15 • 12:05 p.m.

**Sioux City and the Farm Strike Uprising** presented by Russ Gifford

### Sergeant Floyd River Museum & Welcome Center events

Sunday, July 11 • 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Bill Diamond Antique & Classic Car Show**

Saturday, August 21 and Sunday, August 22

**Sergeant Floyd Memorial Encampment** (Article on p. 5)