

St. Lucas Historical Society
German American Museum, Library and Family History Center

Workshop on Preserving and Celebrating Cultural Heritages and Identities in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the German American Museum

The St. Lucas Historical Society is pleased to invite you to learn what several heritage groups are doing to preserve and celebrate their cultural heritage, particularly with the younger generation. Our 4th Annual Workshop will be held on June 19, 2019 at the German American Museum in St. Lucas, Iowa.

We have invited several groups to share their efforts in preserving and celebrating cultural heritage in the onslaught of today's mass culture environment. The following have been invited to provide speakers and displays:

- The Ho-chunk Nation Cultural Affairs Department, Black River Falls, Wisconsin
- The Red Cloud Indian School Cultural Heritage Center and Museum, Pine Ridge, South Dakota
- The Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum, Decorah, Iowa
- The German American Heritage Center and Museum, Davenport, Iowa
- The Swedish American Museum and Historical Society, Swedesburg, Iowa
- The National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- The African American Museum of Iowa, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- The Czech Days Fest, Protivin, Iowa
- The Czech Heritage Partnership, Protivin, Iowa
- The Annual Nordic Festival, Decorah, Iowa
- The Polish Cultural Institute and Museum, Winona, Minnesota
- The Annual Irish Festival, Lawler, Iowa
- University of Iowa, German Iowa & the Global Midwest: Traveling Exhibit

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“We are in the process of confirming speakers from these cultural heritage preservation groups and are asking other heritage groups to participate,” states Clair Blong of the Workshop program committee. “Overall, this comparative approach to the role of cultural heritage in our lives may yield many interesting commonalities and as well as differences for cultural heritage preservation and sustainment in the 21st Century.”

You may ask, “Why participate in this Workshop?” The June 2018 Workshop drew 175 very curious persons to learn about the “Hidden in Plain Sight: The Native American Presence in NE Iowa,” states Joyce Moss, vice president of the Society. “The Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin sent two renowned speakers to keynote the morning and afternoon sessions of the Workshop. These keynoters and other speakers generated a tremendous amount of public interest and press visibility for Native American historical issues and contemporary challenges.”

This forthcoming Workshop on cultural heritage preservation and celebration may similarly generate a great deal of interest. Blong states, “We like to think of this Workshop as a ‘Chautaugua’ like experience; the adult education movement of the 19th and 20th centuries as a midsummer enlightening stimulus for the curious of mind in the tri-state area of the NE Iowa region. The Workshop is strongly supported by many highly motivated volunteers from NE Iowa and other states. They are the mainstay of the success of this event.”

You are invited to attend and participate in the Workshop. Early Registration is strongly encouraged to support planning purposes.

- To pre-register for the Workshop online, go to our website at “stlucasmuseum.org” and complete the registration form
- To register by phone, call 534-778-2710 and leave your contact information: name, phone number, postal address.

The Workshop is supported by individual free-will donations that are needed to cover the cost of printed programs, lunch, refreshments and snacks, audio-visual recording, photography, public address equipment, and related conference room and speaker expenses. Your generosity is very much appreciated. You can pay by mailing a check, by PayPal online or at the Workshop registration desk.

For further information on the Society and its Newsletters, visit “stlucasmuseum.org”.

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