



MARION HERITAGE CENTER & MUSEUM

News from the Marion Historical Society

MAY 2026

From the President's Desk

It has been a busy Spring at the History Center! Your Board of Directors have been meeting to finalize plans for the rest of the year and Susie and Judy have the Museum organized and ready for visitors!

If you received a call from our friend, former Mayor Victor Klopfenstein in the past few weeks, it is probably because you have not yet paid your dues for this year! Victor has taken on the challenge of calling folks we have not heard from this year...and his efforts are paying off as our Treasurer continues to receive memberships at the post office box each week. Your support is truly appreciated and essential to the continued success of the Marion Historical Society and the Marion History Museum. In case you need a reminder ... Single memberships are \$36, Family Memberships are \$48, and Supporters begin at \$100. Checks may be sent to PO Box 753 Marion, Iowa 52302. We thank you for your support!

Please remember that you can visit the Museum Thursday through Saturday from 1:00-4:00 pm. Admission is always free thanks to the good folks at the McIntyre Foundation.

Be sure and come to see us at all the events listed in this Newsletter!

Yours in History, *Vicki Hughes*
President, Marion Historical Society
Acting Director, Marion Heritage Museum

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Marion Heritage Center and Museum*



COME EARLY, COME HUNGRY, LEAVE HAPPY!

It's time for the Annual Marion Historical Society Pancake Breakfast on Saturday June 13th from 7:00 am-11:00am. Once again, your friends at the Marion Historical Society will be grilling up pancakes, sausages, and scrambled eggs at the West End Pavilion, 809 Sixth Avenue in Marion. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the History Museum Thursday-Saturday ... or anytime you see Mayor Klopfenstein heading in your direction! Be sure to make plans to attend this great fundraising event to support YOUR Marion Historical Society.

PLANNING BEGINS FOR OUR PERMANENT EXHIBIT

The Marion Historical Society Board will meet with Jack and Doreen Zumwalt on May 27th to begin the process of choosing the images that will help us tell the amazing story that is Marion. This is just the beginning of the process as we decide on the images and narrative that we want to include. You can imagine how difficult it is to reduce over 175 years of history into two dozen panels and a few thousand words. Keep checking on our progress!



Pink Hibiscus by Helen Hunter



Grooming on a Sunday Afternoon by Scot Holm

The Marion Heritage Center will open its doors on Saturday, May 16th to the TWENTY-FIFTH annual “Art by Your Friends and Neighbors” art show. This year’s exhibit is expected to feature more than 40 works of art by area artists - mostly Marion residents. Included will be drawings and photography, ceramics, watercolor, oil and pastel renderings. In announcing the event, exhibit chairman, Jay Kacena, said that the hundreds of visitors attracted to this event each year confirm the fact that “there are not only a lot of talented people in our town, there is a strong interest by others who enjoy

seeing what they can do.” Many of the works are offered for sale.

A popular display, dubbed “Repeat, Repeat and Repeat,” features three interpretations of the same subject, painted by three different members of the Creative Artists of Iowa group along with the photograph on which the work is based.

As in the past, the exhibit is sponsored by Hills Bank and Trust Company. Visitors will be invited to vote for their favorite entry with \$100 going to the three most popular artists when the show closes on July 25th

ART BY YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ARTIST RECEPTION

Be sure to mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 7** at 1:00 pm and plan to attend the Artist's Reception for this year's Art by Your Friends and Neighbors. This will mark the 25th Anniversary of this amazing exhibition; and it will also mark the final show that Jay Kacena will curate. We have been fortunate to have his expertise all these years to guide us in presenting an array of talented artists. We will honor Jay at the Reception as well as the many artists whose works are being exhibited this year.



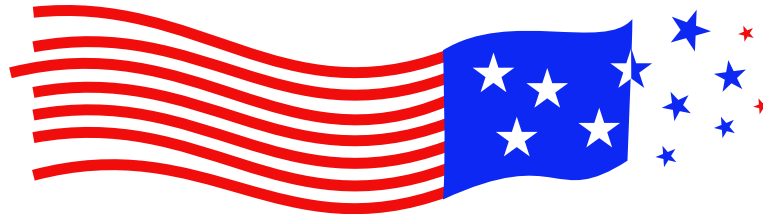
CELEBRATION OF FLAG DAY WITH THE MARION COMMUNITY BAND

Celebrate the year of America's 250th Birthday in style with the Marion Community Band and the Marion Heritage Center on Sunday June 14th. The Band will perform at 1:00 pm and Historian David Wendell will present his collection of flags from Betsy Ross to today accompanied by patriotic tunes.

Plan to bring folding chairs and refreshments to enjoy an afternoon in the

parklike setting of the grassy area just across from the Marion Heritage Center.

After the concert, take a few minutes to tour the Art By Your Friends and Neighbors Art Show at the Heritage Center. This Show, sponsored by Hills Bank brings together some of the finest regional artists in the area. You can help determine who wins the prizes by voting for your favorite pieces!



ARMED FORCES DAY

Memorial Service to Veterans & World War II Reenactment

9:00 am • 4:00 pm

Saturday May 16 • 2026

This year marks the 85th anniversary of the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor. Fifty-five Iowans died in the Day of Infamy, including seven from Linn County and the surrounding area.

The Memorial Service will honor our World War II Veterans and all who have served our country.

Green Fields in front of
Marion Heritage Center
590 Tenth Street • Marion

Come Join Us:

Marion Single Membership \$36
Historical Society Family Membership \$48
PO Box 753 Supporter: \$100
Marion, Iowa 52302 Super Supporter \$150+

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Marion Historical Society Mission

The Marion Historical Society is a membership organization that serves to engage the public in the history, traditions, resources and on-going preservation of the Heritage Center museum for the enrichment of the community.

For more information about joining call 319-447-6376.

E-mail to: marionheritage@marionhistoricalsociety.org

See our website: www.marionheritagecenter.org

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VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Do you enjoy meeting new people? How about looking through old books? Whatever your gift happens to be, we can use you at the Marion Historical Museum. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Suzy Stutterheim at 319-560-0750.

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