



West End Architectural Salvage

Des Moines

It's the site of HGTV's newest hit that proves the adage, "One man's trash is another man's treasure." Nestled in a 50,000 square foot building on the edge of downtown Des Moines, owner Don Short and his team specialize in repurposing antiques and scrap to provide customers high-end and trendy home finishes. West End creates hundreds of amazing pieces of custom furniture every year, from tables and bar stools to wine racks, headboards and much more. Stop by and enjoy the coffee shop and you might also pick up some Don art or "Dart" that the crew makes from unusual finds. www.westendsalvage.com



African American Museum of Iowa

Cedar Rapids

This year marks 20 years of existence for the African American Museum of Iowa and 10 years in their current building in Cedar Rapids. Trace the journey of Iowa's African Americans through photos, objects and multimedia or visit a new exhibit that explores Western Africa before there were boats. www.blackiowa.org



"Parodies of a Portrait: American Gothic's Place in Society"

Eldon

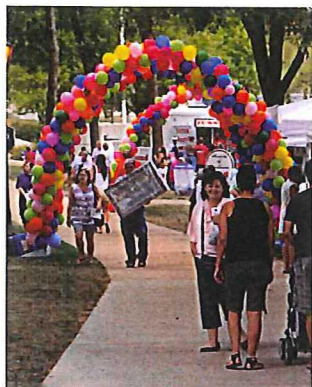
This exhibit at the American Gothic House and Center explores the history of the American Gothic parodies and how this iconic painting is interpreted in society. Opens May 24. www.wapellocounty.org/americangothic



Wells Dairy, Ice Cream Days

Le Mars

Wells Dairy, maker of Blue Bunny Ice Cream, is celebrating 100 years. A special centennial anniversary event will be held during Wells' annual Ice Cream Days June 12-15, which includes live music, a spectacular parade and daily ice cream socials. www.wellsenterprisesinc.com/parlor-museum



"From Houdini to Hugo: The Art of Brian Selznick"

Cedar Rapids

Brian Selznick has illustrated more than 25 children's books, those he has written as well as books written by others. Arriving full force on the scene with his first book, *The Houdini Box*, Selznick is probably best known for his book *The Invention of Hugo Cabaret*, now a major motion picture aptly named *Hugo*. Nearly 100 drawings and paintings will be on display at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art starting June 15. www.crma.org

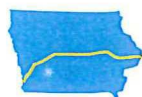


College Hill Arts Festival

Cedar Falls

Held on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa, this event is in its 35th year and features 75 talented artists exhibiting and selling their original artwork including jewelry, sculpture, painting, pastel, ceramics, photography and glass. New dates: June 14-15. www.chaf.cfu.net

New destinations or milestone celebrations for 2013:



Life is a Lincoln Highway

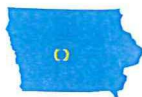
The Lincoln Highway is America's first transcontinental improved highway, and 472 miles of it spans Iowa from Clinton to Council Bluffs. As the Lincoln Highway celebrates 100 years this year, Iowa towns along the route will hold community events with a focus on "Main Street Across America." A cross-country car ride honoring the highway will be celebrated in Colo on June 29. www.iowalincolnhighway.org



Kinze Innovation Center

Williamsburg

Located at the Kinze World Headquarters, the center houses all the major agricultural inventions by Kinze founder and president John Kinzenbaw, as well as those made by Kinze engineers. Visitors can see the exact size of Kinzenbaw's first workshop, explore tillage equipment from the early years and design their own Kinze planter and grain cart. www.kinze.com/visit-us.aspx



Raccoon River Valley Trail Loop

Perry

A 33-mile loop extension to the Raccoon River Valley Trail opens in June. This completes an 89-mile paved trail running through 14 Iowa communities and three counties. www.raccoonrivervalleytrail.org



Fun and fresh city market

Cedar Rapids

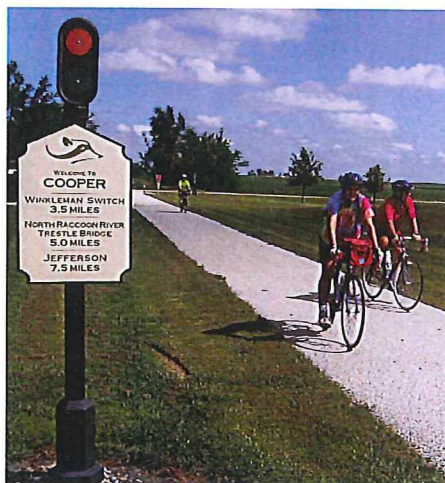
NewBo City Market in Cedar Rapids is Iowa's only public, year-round Indoor market. The fresh food market is in the heart of Cedar Rapids' New Bohemia district. Visitors have an entire square block to shop an array of artisanal merchants featuring the best of Iowa foods including locally farmed produce and meats, handcrafted breads, pasta, flowers, cheese and ethnic dishes. www.newbocitymarket.com



Heeere's Johnny ...

Corning

Johnny Carson's birthplace home has been restored to its 1925 look when Johnny was actually born in the house, complete with period pieces. Visitors can watch some of his best moments or one of his shows. www.johnnycarsonbirthplace.org



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