

Clarinda Carnegie Art Museum features innovative art

From 1883–1929, Scottish-American businessman, steel magnate and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie built more than 2,500 libraries across the United States. A 2-story Carnegie Library opened in Clarinda, and it served the community until 2004.

In 2014, the building became an art museum, showcasing the collections of hometown residents Robert and Karen Duncan, now of Lincoln, Nebraska. The newly restored Carnegie Library has been repurposed to provide arts and cultural enrichment through educational programming, including high-quality exhibitions.

The Duncans' vast art collection of almost 2,000 works features both Midwestern and internationally recognized artists.

"The museum's exhibitions change every six months, featuring an entirely new collection," said Trish Okamoto, director of the museum. The current exhibit, "Crossing Borders, Crossing Boundaries" is on display until May 28. The show's 35 works come from the Karen and Robert Duncan and Kathryn and Marc LeBaron Collections.

"Since we've opened, we've had more than 17,000 visitors, which is amazing for a town with a population of 5,000," Okamoto said. "The museum has a strong awe factor. Guests can't believe we have such an outstanding collection of contemporary art in southwest Iowa. We just celebrated our two-year anniversary and the museum has generated a lot of buzz in our small, rural

community."

The Clarinda Carnegie Art Museum is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday and Sunday or by appointment. There is no admission charge, and a conference room is available for meetings. Docent-led tours for groups can also be arranged.

To enhance the experience, an all-day multi-museum tour is available. This includes the Clarinda Carnegie Art Museum, The Glenn Miller Birthplace Museum and the Nodaway Valley Historical Museum with recommendations for lunch. 🍴

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History comes alive at Living History Farms

Learn about Iowa's agricultural history and how the state became the most productive farmland in the world at Living History Farms in Urbandale.

Through a self-guided program of Touch, See and Hear, visitors feel like they're being transported back in time as they visit the three working farms: the 1700 Ioway Indian Farm, 1850 Pioneer Farm and 1900 Horse-Powered Farm.

The re-created 1875 Town of Walnut Hill features a blacksmith, general store, print shop and Flynn Mansion and Barn, both on the National Register of Historic Places. Groups receive a short orientation and map at the visitor center. Tractor carts take visitors out to the start of the "300 Year Walk" of historical farm sites. The walking tour is less than a mile along a beautiful, wooded path, and guests can move at their own pace.

Most groups spend between three and six hours to visit everything, but those with less time can be accommodated.

"Living History Farms is not a typical



1875 Town of Walnut Hill, Living History Farms, Urbandale, Iowa

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museum where guests look at things under glass," said Jennie Deerr, vice president, marketing/communications. "At each of the sites, history is brought to life through our historic interpreters, dressed in period-appropriate clothing. Crops are planted, cared for and harvested as they would have been in those periods. In the 1875 town, guests can visit 13 historic sites or stop by the general store to purchase rock candy and sarsaparilla."

Throughout the year, the venue also

sponsors historic dinners held in the farm house and Flynn Mansion with traditional, special occasion meals and Victorian games taking visitors back to a bygone era.

Discounts are available for groups of 20 or more. Living History Farms is available for touring from May until October with ample motorcoach parking. 🍴

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