

Things to do around Des Moines

Shop Til' You Drop

Date: Saturday Nov 6, 2010

Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Admission: Free

Category: General Events

Location: [Map This Event](#)

Events Center West

1701 25th Street

Des Moines, IA

Description:

Come and shop the some of the best vendors in town! We have your favorite items and will be happy to help you find what you're looking for...either for yourself or for a friend.

Drake Men's Basketball - Bulldogs vs. Wisconsin-Parkside

Website: <http://www.godrakebulldogs.com>

Date: Saturday Nov 6, 2010

Time: 7:05 p.m.

Admission: Varies - see website

Category: Sports

Location: [Map This Event](#)

Drake University Knapp Center

2601 Forest Avenue

Des Moines, IA

Flea Market

Website: <http://iowastatefair.com>

Date: Saturday Nov 6, 2010 - Sunday Nov 7, 2010

Time: Sat & Sun 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Admission: Free

Category: Antiques / Crafts / Collectors

Location: [Map This Event](#)

Iowa State Fairgrounds

4-H Exhibits Building

Des Moines, IA

Description:

Contact Information: Dave Sigmund at 515-210-5224.

Rich Penn Auctions Fall Auction Event

Website: <http://iowastatefair.com>

Date: Saturday Nov 6, 2010 - Sunday Nov 7, 2010

Time: Starting at 9 a.m. both days

Admission: Free

Category: Antiques / Crafts / Collectors

Location: [Map This Event](#)

Iowa State Fairgrounds

Elwell Family Food Center

Des Moines, IA

Description:

Antique auction to include: country store toys, advertising, coin-operated machines, automobiles, petroliana, Coca-Cola and other vending machines, furniture, masonic lodge items, fountain pens, spool cabinets, drug store counters, seed counter and seed boxes, barber shop items, etc. All sold without reserve.

Edna Griffin Series: Edna Griffin

Website: <http://www.fortdesmoines.org>

Date: Saturday Nov 6, 2010

Time: 11 a.m.

Admission: Free

Category: Lectures / Discussions

Location: [Map This Event](#)

Fort Des Moines Museum

75 E. Army Post Road

Des Moines, IA 50315

Description:

EDNA GRIFFIN SERIES: "Edna Griffin" Romonda Belcher-Ford will reprise her one-woman show interpreting the life of Iowa civil rights activist Edna Griffin. The performance will include a discussion by Museum Director Joe Nolte about Griffin's service as an African American woman in the Women's Army Corps in World War Two. Presented by Wellmark, Bankers Trust, Friends of Iowa Civil Rights, and the Iowa Arts Council. Free.

Holiday Cooking Demonstration & Wine Tasting

Website: <http://www.tasselridge.com>

Date: Saturday Nov 6, 2010

Time: 1 - 3 p.m

Admission: \$10/person + tax; Harvest Club Member & 1 Guest: \$5/person + tax

Category: General Events

Location: [Map This Event](#)

Tassel Ridge Winery

1681 220th Street

Leighton, IA 50143

Description:

Chef Gordon Rader & students from the Indian Hills Community College Culinary Arts Program present a holiday cooking demonstration at Tassel Ridge Winery. We'll be sharing some great holiday appetizers paired with specially selected Tassel Ridge wines. Space is limited, so make your reservations early! Contact the Winery to make your reservations required by November 4. Tassel Ridge Winery is one of the largest wineries in Iowa. Visit our website and sign up for our monthly e-newsletter to receive information on events and activities.

Death @The Val Air/Murder Mystery

Website: <http://www.valairballroom.com>

Date: Saturday Nov 6, 2010

Time: Doors open 6 p.m.

Admission: \$60 each; \$100 couple

Category: Live Music / Night Life

Location: [Map This Event](#)

Val Air Ballroom
301 Ashworth Road
West Des Moines, IA 50265

Description:

Join us for an evening of dining and dancing and...MURDER?! E2G, Inc. brings you Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre at the Val Air Ballroom. Enjoy live Dixieland Jazz and dining by Christiani's VIP Catering while the "Who dunnit?" ensues. Fun for everyone

Holiday Bulb Mart

Website: <http://www.botanicalcenter.com>

Date: Friday Nov 5, 2010 - Saturday Nov 6, 2010

Time: Fri 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m - 5 p.m.

Admission: Free

Description:

Shop for amaryllis, paper white narcissus, Festival hyacinths and other bulbs to grow in the house for winter blooms. You'll also find ...[Read More](#)

Shop for amaryllis, paper white narcissus, Festival hyacinths and other bulbs to grow in the house for winter blooms. You'll also find a selection of the newest and best hardy lily bulbs, best planted in the fall up to the time the ground freezes. The sale will be in the Walsh Room

Funny Bone Presents John Morgan

Website: <http://www.funnybonedm.com>

Date: Wednesday Nov 3, 2010 - Sunday Nov 7, 2010

Time: 7:30 & 9:45 p.m.

Admission: \$10 - \$15

Category: Live Music / Night Life

Location: [Map This Event](#)

Funny Bone Comedy Club

570 S. Prairie View Dr., Suite 100

West Des Moines, IA 50266

Sarah Vowell - IPR Insights Series

Website: <http://www.civiccenter.org>

Date: Monday Nov 1, 2010 - Tuesday Nov 1, 2011

Time: 7 p.m.

Admission: \$45 - \$125

Category: Concerts / Theater

Location: [Map This Event](#)

Civic Center of Greater Des Moines

Civic Center

221 Walnut Street

Des Moines, IA

Thursday's Children

Website: <http://www.iowahistory.org>

Date: Saturday Oct 23, 2010 - Sunday Nov 7, 2010

Time: Varies - see website

Admission: \$18 adults, \$15 students and seniors 65 and older

Category: Concerts / Theater

Location: [Map This Event](#)

Unexpected Company
State Historical Museum
600 E. Locust Street
Des Moines, IA

Description:

A locally-produced musical inspired by the landmark civil rights case of Tinker v. the Des Moines Independent Community School District will premiere next month at the State Historical Building in Des Moines. The show's title - Thursday's Children - is taken from the Mother Goose rhyme that begins, Monday's child is fair of face.... Thursday's Child, according to the rhyme, -has far to go. Saturday, Oct. 23 - 7:30 p.m. Includes pre-show panel discussion about civil rights and protest.

Sunday, Oct. 24 - 2:30 p.m. - Includes post-show discussion with "Thursday's Children" authors/composers Brian Lynner and Lisa Norris-Lynner. Thursday, Oct. 28 - 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 - 7:30 p.m. - Includes pre-show panel discussion with legal community representatives about the First Amendment Saturday, Oct. 30 - 7:30 p.m. - Halloween Special: \$3 off of regular ticket price for audience members who come in 1960s costume Post-show 1960s Sock Hop at Gateway Dance Theater, 315 E. 5th Street in Des Moines Sunday, Oct. 31 - 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 - 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 - 2:30 p.m.

Going Crazy! Iowa Crazy Quilts

Website: <http://www.iowahistory.org>

Date: Friday Oct 1, 2010 - Thursday Mar 31, 2011

Time: T - Sat 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Admission: Free

Category: General Events

Location: [Map This Event](#)

State Historical Museum
600 E Locust Street
Des Moines, IA

Description:

Almost anyone familiar with quilts knows the term crazy quilt but few people today realize that 120 years ago the United States was gripped by a nationwide fad for these unusual quilts that flourished for two decades. Even today, many people have an affinity for these quilts. History of Crazy Quilts: The Japanese Effect; How They Were Made; The Craze for Crazy Quilts "Going Crazy!" coincides with the 2010 American Quilter's Society Quilt Show & Contest Oct. 6-9, 2010, at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.

Da Vinci: The Genius Exhibition

Website: <http://www.sciowa.org>

Date: Saturday Oct 2, 2010 - Sunday Jan 16, 2011

Time: see website

Admission: varies

Description:

The Science Center of Iowa will host "Da Vinci: The Genius," the most comprehensive exhibition ever assembled about famed Italian artist, inventor & scientist Leonardo da Vinci. The 15,000-square-foot traveling exhibition, scheduled to open Oct. 2, will be the largest SCI has ever housed

in its 40-year history. "This is an exhibition of international quality," said Paul Jennings, SCI's president & CEO. "We feel very proud to bring this exhibition to the Science Center of Iowa." The exhibition, which will run through Jan. 16, 2011, is expected to draw 50,000 visitors from a multistate area.

The exhibition, which took 10 years to create, features an array of full-scale machine inventions crafted by Italian artisans based on Da Vinci's personal notebooks, as well as reproductions of his most famous artworks, including the "Mona Lisa," "Virgin of the Rocks" & "The Annunciation." Among other elements of the exhibition are 3-D interactive presentations of "The Last Supper," the "Vitruvian Man" & the Sforza Horse sculpture.

The Da Vinci exhibition "was created to celebrate Leonardo da Vinci's great works & place them all together in a single location where people can come to marvel at the brilliance of this great mind," said Bruce Peterson, founder & managing director of Grande Exhibitions, the Australia-based company that developed the exhibition, in a press release.

A scaled-down version of the exhibition is currently on display at the National Geographic Museum in Washington, D.C. The full exhibition that SCI will host has also been on display in San Francisco, Tampa, Fla., and Portland, Ore., as well as in England, Hungary and Taiwan. Des Moines will be the smallest U.S. city in which the exhibition will appear, said Chris Kramer, SCI's vice president of development. "We had to convince Grande Exhibitions that we could handle it," he said.

SCI plans to build a new wall and entrance for the exhibition, which will be housed on the main floor between the escalators. Kramer declined to state SCI's investment to bring the exhibition to Des Moines; he said that those contract details are confidential, but that SCI expects to recoup the costs through ticket sales and sponsorships. .

Online ticket sales begin today for SCI members and on Monday for nonmembers. A "Genius Package" that includes all-day admission to the Science Center and a timed ticket to the exhibition will cost \$17.75 for adults, \$12 for children ages 2-12 and \$15.75 for seniors. The estimated visiting time inside the exhibition is two hours, and audio tours will be available for \$3. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.davincithegenius.com or call 274-6868.

Conscious Intention by Sharon Booma

Website: <http://www.olsonlarsen.com>

Date: Friday Sep 24, 2010 - Saturday Nov 27, 2010

Time: 11 a.m - 5 p.m.

Admission: Free

Category: Art Events

Location: [Map This Event](#)

Olson-Larsen Galleries

203 Fifth Street

West Des Moines, IA 50265

Description:

Conscious Intention, an exhibition of new work by Sharon Booma will be on display at Olson-Larsen Galleries from September 24 through November 27. The gallery will host an opening reception on Friday, September 24, from 5 to 9 p.m. part of artstop, a citywide celebration of visual and performing arts. artstop, Friday, September 24 from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, September 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., includes the Historic East Village, Court Avenue, Historic Valley Junction, Roosevelt Cultural District, Ingersoll Avenue and Western Gateway.

This free, Metro-wide, arts celebration will feature 41 galleries, artists' studios, a museum and a sculpture park. Participants are encouraged to ride the bus from district to district free of charge on Saturday. Please visit www.artstopinfo.com for more information and for a schedule of special events. Sharon Booma's abstract mixed media work features luxurious surfaces that are made up of layers of oil paint, metal, sand, photo transfers and wax. Sharon sees her artwork as a pursuit of balance between "the tangible materials that surround us and the ungraspable spiritualism that defines us as individually unique people".

Sharon is a full-time artist living in Massachusetts. She has been exhibiting her artwork nationwide since 1986, with solo shows at LewAllen Contemporary in Santa Fe, Caldwell Snyder Gallery in San Francisco, Arden Gallery in Boston and Anderson O'Brien Fine Art in Omaha. Sharon graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Fine Arts and also studied at the College of New Rochelle in New York. Her work has been reviewed in ArtNews and Art in America.

Frank Lloyd Wright Prints

Website: <http://www.salisburyhouse.org>

Date: Monday Sep 13, 2010 - Thursday Dec 30, 2010

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Admission: \$5 Adult; \$3 Youth; (includes self-guided house tour)

Category: Art Events

Location: [Map This Event](#)

Salisbury House & Gardens

4025 Tonawanda Drive

Des Moines, IA 50312

Description:

A collection of prints of architectural prints by Frank Lloyd Wright. The designs date from 1896 to 1958.