

A Cedar Falls Time Capsule



Time travel with us through more than 200 years of artifacts representing the history of our community. The 2026 exhibit at the Cedar Falls Historical Society showcases artifacts from our collection dating from the early 1800s to 2025. Learn about the history of these artifacts and how they tell the story of Cedar Falls.



Please join us for in-person programming in our Victorian House classroom (VH) or the 315 Clay St. classroom (315). All programs are FREE and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.



SPECIAL EVENT—

Ice Harvest Festival

Sat., Feb. 7, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., north shore of Big Woods Lake, Cedar Falls, FREE

Join us for ice-harvesting demonstrations (at 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.), STEM fun, photo ops, snow-shoeing, blacksmith demonstrations, presentations, and more. Food and beverages for sale by Randall's.

EXHIBIT PROGRAM—

Open House Reception

Thurs., Feb. 19, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., VH

Come and celebrate with us as we launch our 2026 exhibit, "A Cedar Falls Time Capsule." Beverages and light refreshments will be served.

EXHIBIT PROGRAM—

Snatched from The Headlines: An afternoon of improv Sun., Apr. 12, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., 315

Join us for an afternoon of fun when local improv troupe, **Lorem Improv Dolor** (directed by **Dr. Doug Shaw**) brings actual Cedar Falls news headlines to life. Suggested donation \$10

VICTORIAN PARLOR SERIES—

An Apple a Day: Gardening and growing apples

Sat., May 2, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., 315

Louis Beck, local apple grower, will talk about gardening in the late 1800s, specifically about apple orchards and heirloom apple varieties, based on his own experience.

EXHIBIT PROGRAM—

Adult Show & Tell: Collections from the community II

Sat., Jun. 6, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., 315

Collections Manager & Curator, **Julie Huffman-klinkowitz**, will host another adult Show & Tell featuring four people who will share their own collections during a 15-20 minute presentation.

Application and prior approval is required. Contact Julie at cfhscollections@gmail.com for more information.

EXHIBIT PROGRAM—

Family Story Time: Alistair's Time Machine

Sat., Jul. 18, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., VH

Join Programming & Outreach Coordinator, **Diane Schupbach**, for our annual Family Story Time. Listen to Alistair's Time Machine (a book about time travel), and enjoy songs, crafts, a scavenger hunt, and exploring the past in our Kids Corner Time Machine.

EXHIBIT PROGRAM—

Mapping Cedar Falls

Sun., Aug. 23, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., 315

Collections Manager & Curator, **Julie Huffman-klinkowitz** will use vintage and modern maps and aerial photos to show how Cedar Falls grew and to discuss the lives of the people who platted its growth.

VICTORIAN PARLOR SERIES—

How to Read a Graveyard

Sun., Sep. 20, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., 315

More than simply recording names and dates, the shapes, colors, and visual motifs of memorial stones can tell us much about the people whose lives they commemorate and the world in which they lived. **Dr. Lindsey Row-Hyveld's** program will introduce you to the design trends and symbolic vocabulary of funerary art so that you can better understand the ideas, values, and messages encoded in Midwestern cemeteries.

EXHIBIT PROGRAM—

Cemetery Walk

Sun., Sep. 27, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Greenwood Cemetery, 404 N. College St.

Gather at Greenwood Cemetery to learn the stories of those associated with the artifacts featured in our 2026 exhibit. Rain or shine, suggested donation \$5

SPECIAL EVENT & VICTORIAN PARLOR SERIES—

Autumnal Authors Tea

Sun., Oct. 18, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., \$45, 315

Learn about three iconic women authors while you enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea catered by **Panache Tea Boutique**. This program is a fundraiser for the Cedar Falls Historical Society. **Registration required** (must be 13 years & older).

EXHIBIT PROGRAM—

Fall for Cookies: A decorating workshop

Sat., Nov. 14, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., \$20, 315

Stop by for a fun afternoon decorating cookies and learning about the history of cookie cutters. **Kenzie Hendrickson**, local baker and owner of Le Petit Bleu, will lead this hands-on workshop. Each participant will decorate 3 cookies. The fee includes a take-home box and a goodie bag.

Registration required (must be 13 years & older).

Exhibit ends and Historical Society offices close December 18 (until February 2, 2027)



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CEDAR FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY Programs & important dates 2026

PLEASE NOTE—events will be held in the Victorian House classroom (VH) or 315 Clay Street classroom (315), free of charge, unless otherwise noted.

Tues, Feb 3	Historical Society re-opens to the public
Sat, Feb 7	Ice Harvest Festival, demonstrations at 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m., Big Woods Lake North Shore, FREE Alternate date: Sat, Feb 14
Thurs, Feb 19	Exhibit Reception (open house) 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., VH
Mon, Mar 23	Summer @ the Schoolhouse registration opens, 8:00 a.m., register at cedarfallshistory.org or in-person, VH
Sun, Apr 12	Snatched from the Headlines: An afternoon of improv, 2:00 p.m., 315, suggested donation \$10, Lorem Improv Dolor, directed by Dr. Doug Shaw
Apr 19-25	Volunteer Appreciation Week
Thurs, Apr 23	Volunteer Appreciation Open House, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., VH
Fri, May 1	Behrens-Rapp Station re-opens for the season
Sat, May 2	Ice House & Schoolhouse Museums re-open for the season
Sat, May 2	Victorian Parlor Series—An Apple A Day: Gardening & growing apples, 2:00 p.m., 315, Louis Beck
Sun, Jun 6	Adult Show & Tell: Collections from the community II, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., 315
Mon-Fri, Jun 15-19	Summer @ the Schoolhouse session 1, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., \$70 per child, reg. required
Mon-Fri, Jun 22-26	Summer @ the Schoolhouse session 2, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., \$70 per child, reg. required
Fri-Sun, Jun 26-28	Sturgis Falls Festival—Cedar Falls Historical Society hours: 1:00-5:00 p.m., all buildings
Mon-Fri, Jul 13-17	Summer @ the Schoolhouse session 3, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., \$70 per child, reg. required
Sat, Jul 18	Family Story Time: Alistair’s Time Machine, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., VH
Mon-Fri, Jul 20-24	Summer @ the Schoolhouse session 4, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., \$70 per child, reg. required
Mon-Fri, Jul 27–31	Summer @ the Schoolhouse session 5, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., \$70 per child, reg. required
Sun, Aug 23	Mapping Cedar Falls, 2:00 p.m., 315, Julie Huffman-klinkowitz
Sun, Sep 20	Victorian Parlor Series: How to Read a Graveyard, Lindsey Row-Heyveld, 2:00 p.m., 315
Sun, Sep 27	Cemetery Walk, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., suggested donation \$5, Greenwood Cemetery, 404 N. College St.
Sun, Oct 18	Special Event AND Victorian Parlor Series: Autumnal Authors Tea, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., 315, \$45 per person, reg. required (must be 13 years & older), catered by Panache Tea Boutique
Sun, Oct 18	Ice House & Schoolhouse Museums close for the season
Mon-Tues, Oct 19-20	Historical Society staff at Iowa Museum Association annual conference
Fri, Oct 30	Behrens-Rapp Station closes for the season
Sat, Nov 14	Fall for Cookies: A decorating workshop, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., 315, \$20, reg. required (must be 13 years & older), hands-on cookie-decorating workshop taught by Kenzie Hendrickson from Le Petite Bluet
Fri, Dec 18	Exhibit ends and Cedar Falls Historical Society office closes until Feb 2, 2027

Save the date! Registration for Summer at the Schoolhouse 2026 starts on March 23!

We are getting so excited about our Summer at the Schoolhouse program this year! Once again, we will offer 5 sessions with a maximum class size of 20 students. Cost is \$70 per child, and \$65 for members of the Friends of the Cedar Falls Historical Society. Registration is first come, first served. The sessions are **June 15-19, June 22-26, July 13-17, July 20-24, and July 27-31**. Class runs from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. each day.

Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 23, and forms will be made available on our website (cedarfallshistory.org) at that time. You will be able to register online (fillable form and PayPal payment), or in person. **We don’t recommend mailing in registrations!** Please note—there will be an additional fee of \$2 per child for all PayPal transactions, including refunds! The last two years, we have filled up on the very first day of registration, and had about 10 kiddos on a wait-list! If you want to be guaranteed of a spot for your child/ren, sign up right away!

The 2026 exhibit at the Victorian House is called “A Cedar Falls Time Capsule.” We will incorporate that topic into our Summer at the Schoolhouse program with the theme “**Time Flies When You’re Having Fun.**” We will explore the concept of time; learn about time capsules and make one (to be opened in 2034, our Schoolhouse’s 125th birthday year); examine local, state, and national timelines; visit the Cedar Falls Time Capsule exhibit at the Victorian House Museum, and more. We will also do some interesting science experiments, make fun crafts, and OF COURSE we will practice writing with ink pens, use slates, play games, and make homemade ice cream.

Give Diane a call at (319) 266-5149 or email her at cfhistory.education@gmail.com, if you have any questions.