Grout Museum Mission Statement

The mission of the Grout Museum District is to provide a better understanding of our world by collecting, preserving and interpreting history and illustrating scientific principles. The Grout Museum collects, preserves and interprets cultural and natural history of the region; the Rensselaer Russell House Museum and the Snowden House preserve and interpret elements of the Victorian age; the Bluedorn Science Imaginarium provides exhibitions and programming that inspire the study of the sciences; and the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum honors the service and sacrifice of Iowa veterans from the Civil War to present.

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in this report. Please let us know of any errors and accept our apologies.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Grout Museum District attracts visitors from all 50 states.
- New 6-week program for homeschool groups.
- Museum School expanded outside of Waterloo & Cedar Falls.
- Interactive iOS game developed for the Imaginarium through partnership with UNI College of Education.

LASTING LEGACIES

Legacy: something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past.

The Grout Museum District is dedicated to preserving the legacies of the people who founded and built the area we now call the Cedar Valley. The Grout Museum District Board has been fortunate to have had the guidance and support of many community leaders. This past year saw the loss of four of these individuals, but each, in his or her own way, left behind a wealth of wisdom and history that is evident yet today.

Roger Olesen chaired the board and along with Edward J. Gallagher led the effort that resulted in the addition of the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum. From securing a major donation from the Board to overseeing the construction and grand opening, Roger and Ed, both WWII veterans, helped create a community asset that impacts the entire state.

Helen Guernsey and H. D. "Ike" Leighty supported the science side of the Grout's mission. Helen's support of the Outreach Program (through the Max and Helen Guernsey Foundation) ensures that the Grout's ability to ignite curiosity and connect with young people can take place beyond the walls of the Bluedorn Science Imaginarium. Ike shared his love of science and experimenting through the support of science programming and the STEM festival.

The Cedar Valley is fortunate that the passion and dedication of these four individuals is preserved at the Grout Museum District.
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Total Served 1,600

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LEGACY OF LEARNING
GROUT MUSEUM DISTRICT VISITORS

TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED BY THE GROUT MUSEUM DISTRICT
92,408

GROUP TOURS
19 adult tours and 92 youth tours

MILITARY REUNIONS
Legion Auxiliary Unit 242 Reinbeck, IA
USS Jennings County LST-846

VISITORS CAME FROM ALL 50 STATES!

DID YOU KNOW?
Some of our visitors came from Canada, France, England, South Korea, Germany, Thailand, Philippines, Australia, Pakistan, and Taiwan.

“Very interesting! Great presentations. I thoroughly enjoyed it all.”
-Bob Putnam - Piedmont, SC

Voices of Iowa

ORAL HISTORY STATISTICS
Interviews by Military Service
Air Force/Army Corps 7%
Army 49%
Coast Guard 1%
Marine Corps 13%
Navy 30%

Interviews by Period of Service
World War II 46%
Korean War 13%
Vietnam War 24%
Current Conflicts 11%
Cold War/Peacetime 4%
Homefront (all periods) 2%

• Interviews from 83 Counties
• Over 1700 Veteran interviews
• Special emphasis on Vietnam veteran interviews 2014-2016
• Largest collection in nation of veteran interviews conducted by a single organization
• Nearly 300 farm interviews
• A partnership with Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area
• All interviews archived at Grout Museum for use in research, exhibit development, promotion and educational programming

If you would like to be interviewed or know someone who should be, please contact Bob Neymeyer at 319-234-6357 or email interviews@gmdistrict.org.

Historian Bob Neymeyer & farmer Clayton Rye.
**COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS**

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**GRANTS AWARDED 2015-2016**

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“An unexpected gem. This is a must see if you’re traveling in the Cedar Valley or especially if you’re a local.”

— TripAdvisor

DJ Decker & Lucy Walker enjoying the 2016 summer exhibit, Sportsology.
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Joe Pryor
LuAnne Puhl
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YWCA of Black Hawk County
Julie Zell

“Thank you for the incredible experience of walking through your doors and into a museum full of history & facts that I have never encountered before.”

— Blake W. 2016 Museum School Student
“It was such a wonderful experience for our family to watch my Grandpa’s veteran interview. I knew some of my Grandpa’s experiences in the Korean War, but this candid conversation painted such a vibrant picture.”

— Abby Bohlen
“Everyone immensely enjoyed their time and lunch at the Veterans Museum. As always, there is never enough time to spend looking at everything in the museum! Learning more about the Five Sullivan Brothers and the world map showing the progression of events during WWII were especially rewarding.”

-USS Robinson DD562, Reunion Participant
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George & Mary Ellen Warren

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Sandra Benedett
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Sally & D.L. Wetherell

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College Hill Arts Festival Pie & Ice Cream Booth
St. Patrick’s Day Champagne Brunch
Chili Supper

A Sullivan Brothers 5K/10K participant and winner from 2015.

BUDGET: $1,639,633

INCOME

Grants: 19%
Endowment: 8%
Fundraising: 9%
Education, Outreach, Programming: 28%
Fixed Operational Expenses: 19%
Exhibits: 12%
Collections: 3%
Marketing: 11%
Capital: 3%

**Does not include Cultural & Scientific Facilities levy funds.

*Line of Credit: 25%

**Government: 6%

Program Income: 4%
Memberships: 4%
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