**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.

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**CELEBRATE AND COMMEMORATE**

Anniversaries and celebrations happen every year. Whether it’s ten years, twenty-five or one hundred fifty, the passage of time is marked by these milestone dates.

The past fiscal year held a number of significant dates. One hundred sixty years ago a man was born whose curiosity and collecting became the foundation of the Grout Museum. Eighty-five years ago, he passed away and left the collection he built over the 76 years of his life to the community. Sixty years ago, the Grout Museum opened its doors for the first time, which coincidentally marked the 100th anniversary of Henry Grout’s birth.

At the time of Henry’s death, five young men and their sister were growing up in Waterloo. Their father worked for the Illinois Central Railroad while their mother and grandmother kept six young people and three adults fed and clothed. One of the boys married and had a son. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor seventy-six years ago, all five boys enlisted in the Navy and asked that they be allowed to serve together. George, Francis, Joseph, Madison and Albert Sullivan were aboard the USS Juneau seventy-five years ago when a Japanese torpedo hit the ship in the Battle of Guadalcanal. All five boys and over 700 of their shipmates perished. After the death of their boys, Thomas and Alleta travelled the country supporting the war effort. Their sister Genevieve joined the WAVES. Nine years ago, Albert’s son Jim and his children Kelly and John were part of the grand opening ceremonies for the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum—an addition to the museum Henry Grout’s vision built.

Henry’s dream to share the wonders of the world with the children of the community continues. Fifteen years ago, two schools participated in a pilot project called Museum School. Third graders from these schools spent an entire week in the Museum District, learning about Iowa history and local industry. In 2008 the story of Iowa’s veterans was added. This program now serves all public and private schools in Waterloo and Cedar Falls and has recently added Gilbertsville and Janesville. The third graders in that pilot project are now young adults of twenty-three or twenty-four, some may be introducing their own children to the dream Henry created. If Henry could be here to celebrate the 160th anniversary of his birth, we think he would be pleased.

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in this report. Please let us know of any errors and accept our apologies.
MUSEUM SCHOOL is an innovative program that invites all third grade students to attend school at the Grout Museum District for 4 days. Students take an in depth look at the Cedar Valley’s past through living history presentations and hands on activities.

The Grout Museum District celebrated the 15th anniversary of Museum School in the spring of 2017. What began as a small pilot program involving two schools has steadily grown to include every 3rd grade student in Waterloo and Cedar Falls, as well as Janesville and Immaculate Conception Elementary in Gilbertsville. Students attending Museum School have the unique opportunity to spend 4 days at the Grout Museum District learning about the history of the Cedar Valley, from the Paleozoic Era (250-500 million years ago) to the 1940s. Students take part in a wide range of lessons that cover fossil recognition, Iowa’s various Native American tribes, the arrival of European settlers, and the rise of industry in the Cedar Valley. Students also get to experience historical re-enactments in Pioneer Hall, the Rensselaer Russell House and during an interactive One-Room Schoolhouse activity. Providing Museum School to every 3rd grade class in Black Hawk County is a long term goal.

*For a list of Museum School Sponsors see page 14.
Dan Yates has volunteered his time and expertise for two years at the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum. He has worked with the Voices of Iowa Project, a collection of nearly 1900 video interviews with Iowans who have served their country. Each interview averages over an hour in length. A segment of each interview, ranging from one to three minutes, is posted on the museum website to recognize that individual’s military contribution. Drawing on his media experience, Dan has listened to all of the interviews in their entirety and selected an appropriate excerpt to be featured for each one. These selections are compelling, emotional, humorous and informational. His efforts have also provided a valuable log of other relevant subjects.

His volunteer effort, totaling over 1000 hours, has allowed the museum to provide a comprehensive account of Iowa’s military contributions and a perspective of what veterans experienced and how they responded to their service. Dan approaches his volunteerism with enthusiasm. He “works” three to four hours a day, three to four days a week. He regularly approaches staff telling them about a unique story or an especially good interview. He is an important part of the museum’s mission to collect, preserve and interpret the story of Iowans who served their country.
SPRING 2017 ARCHIVES INTERN
Matt Miller, University of Northern Iowa
Matt chose to work on the Leisure Services Collection for his spring internship. The collection includes photographs and negatives of local parks from the 1950s – 1970s. Matt worked through the cataloging process; writing up work sheets, entering the information into the PastPerfect database and taking digital photographs. Matt was able to complete the cataloging process for 227 items in this collection.

SPRING 2017 COLLECTIONS INTERN
Leslie Ritter, University of Northern Iowa
Leslie assisted Object Collections by tackling a large backlog of uncatalogued clothing. She took measurements and photos of an array of historical military and civilian garments and uploaded the data and written descriptions to the department’s PastPerfect database. Along the way, she conducted extensive research on fabric types and clothing styles that helped to date the museum’s collection. She also performed mild conservation work in preparation for the opening of the temporary exhibit, From the Prairie to the Trenches: Iowans in the Great War.

SUMMER 2017 COLLECTIONS INTERN
Dan Brunscheen, University of Northern Iowa
Dan’s original task to help catalogue and digitize Henry Grout’s collection, quickly expanded and he became an integral team member in the effort to construct two signature temporary exhibits, From the Prairie to the Trenches: Iowans in the Great War, and The Cold War Ablaze: Iowans in the Korean War. In addition to photographing and describing the Grout Collection, Dan helped build exhibit mounts, dress and design cases, and research WWI and Korean War artifacts.

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TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED $260,032
I enjoyed my entire visit! Very nice museum. The Sullivan Brothers exhibits were especially nice. Very detailed exhibits overall.

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- GRANTS: 17%
- LINE OF CREDIT: 5%
- DONATIONS: 19%
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- FACILITY RENTALS: 3%
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VISITOR TESTIMONIAL

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. Some things were hard to hear and, even with the star of the show in the room with us, we were left breathless at how easily he could have been killed or maimed. And he tells his story with such humor, a characteristic that still remains sharp as ever despite his slowly declining health. It was a marvel to think how lucky he was to have survived; and without that luck I would not be here. Thank you for selecting him to tell his story through your Oral History Project. It was a true joy for our family to hear it.

- Abby B.