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FROM THE UNI CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE EDUCATION

DOCTORS AND NURSES AS RESCUERS IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES: A TRAVELING EXHIBIT

**ON DISPLAY MARCH 30-JUNE 19** 

DETAILS INSIDE.

Pictured: The Blue Squadron on the Polish-Czech border. (Private collection)

The Blue Squadron was a unit of 12 women ambulance volunteers of the French Red Cross whose role was to search for, care for and repatriate French nationals (mostly POWs and concentration camp survivors) in Poland and the Soviet Union at the end of World War II. Based in Warsaw, the Blue Squadron carried out more than 200 missions covering more than 25,000 miles. The group was known as the "Blue Squadron" because of the color of their uniforms, which were provided to the French Red Cross by the U.S. Army.

## **CURRENT EXHIBITIONS**

### **EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY**



# SNOW AND ICE ON DISPLAY THROUGH MARCH 30, 2021

Learn all about outdoor activities that can be enjoyed with friends and family right here in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area. From skiing, skating, sledding, snow shoeing, fat-tire biking, and ice fishing available, the Cedar Valley has it all.



# RECENT ACQUISITIONS ON DISPLAY THROUGH APRIL 2021

The Recent Acquisitions exhibit tells the local story of the social justice protests of 2020. Local donors helped develop and plan the exhibit and wrote content to accompany their own pieces in the cases.



## REMEMBER THE LADIES: THE PATH TO SUFFRAGE

ON DISPLAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

Winning the right to vote was a hard-fought battle for women. Iowans like Carrie Chapman Catt, Amelia Bloomer, Annie Nowlin Savery and Anna B. Lawther were at the forefront of this effort.

In this exhibit, explore the relationship between suffragists in Iowa and the Cedar Valley and the national movement and learn about the changing roles of women throughout the 20th century.



# FEATURED EXHIBIT

# DOCTORS AND NURSES AS RESCUERS IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES: A TRAVELING EXHIBIT MARCH 30 - JUNE 19, 2021 GROUT MUSEUM OF HISTORY & SCIENCE

This exhibit tells the stories of doctors, nurses and other medical personnel who honored their professional oath and ideals through their efforts on behalf of their fellow men and women in humanitarian crises.

The stories of rescue profiled in this exhibit span more than a century, took place throughout the world, and include our current COVID-19 public health crisis. Some rescuers worked with a population whose medical needs had long been treated with indifference. Others filled the void created when most of the members of a medical community fled impending danger for safety. In most cases, rescue took place despite strong hostility and threats from those in power.

The medical ethics of some of the rescuers in this exhibit were reinforced by strong religious, moral or political beliefs. In every case, however, these medical personnel made the choice—repeatedly—to risk their personal well-being, and often their lives, to protect and relieve the suffering of people who had nowhere else to turn.

The exhibit was developed by the UNI Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education, and has been made possible through a gift in the name of Drs. Melville and Judith Finkelstein of Cedar Falls, lowa.

**Pictured:** Dr. Adélaïde Hautva (1906-1988) was a French psychiatrist imprisoned in Auschwitz. Dr. Hautva provided medical care to Jewish prisoners, refusing to cooperate with Nazi medical experimentation. She is featured in this exhibit.

# HONOR SOMEONE IMPORTANT IN YOUR LIFE WHILE SUPPORTING THE GROUT MUSEUM DISTRICT

GULF WAR YELLOW RIBBONS: \$19.91 REMEMBERING OUR LADIES ROSETTE: \$19

Purchase a yellow ribbon for a loved one in your life who served in Desert Storm to be displayed in *Desert Storm*: 30 Years Later or a rosette for a special woman in your life to be displayed in *Remember the Ladies*: The Path to Suffrage. Ribbons and rosettes will be on display in the Museum for the duration or each exhibit.

PURCHASE YOURS AT THE MUSEUM OR AT GMDISTRICT.ORG/STORE.

## CALL FOR ITEMS

Did you or someone you know participate in the Civil Rights activism of the 1960s?

How about the Black Lives Matter protests in 2020?

The Grout Museum District is looking for your items and photographs for an upcoming exhibit.

If you have items that you would be interested in loaning or donating to the Museum for this exhibit, contact Al Sweeney or Jenny Bowser at 319.234.6357.

#### BELOW PHOTOS LEFT TO RIGHT:

"I CAN'T BREATHE!' March for George Floyd!" from Veterans Memorial Hall to Lincoln Park, Waterloo, May 29, 2020.

Photo Courtesy of ShinDigg Photography

East High Students protesting interference of teachers and administrators in interracial dating, May 1969. Grout Museum Archive. Photographer, Stephen David Weldon



**BRAND NEW IN THE MUSEUM STORE!** 

## SYMBOLS OF IOWA SHIRT

\$25 Small-XL | \$27 XXL-XXXL PURCHASE IN STORE OR ONLINE

The Museum's brand new "Symbols of Iowa" shirt design is one that you won't find anywhere else! The "symbols" on these tees, combine to form the shape of Iowa. Each shape represents something unique about our state, from the Sullivan Brothers, to President Herbert Hoover. Show your Iowa pride while wearing one of these soft, red tees!



## SPRING BREAK DOLLAR DAYS MARCH 16-20

\$1 PER PERSON at the GROUT MUSEUM/SBIVM ONLY SCIENCE DEMONSTRATIONS in the SBIVM's LOBBY EVERY DAY at 11, 1:30 & 3 PM MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING ENFORCED

### SPRING PROGRAMMING

# IRISH TEA PARTY TO-GO\* MARCH 13

Explore the history and mythology of Ireland and its culture. Learn to write in a whole new language, and help us hunt for an illusive leprechaun, all in preparation for celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

# MS. SPIDER TEA PARTY TO-GO\* APRIL 17

Let's go on an adventure with Ms. Spider! Follow along with some super fun activities led by Museum staff, and learn about real spiders.

# D & TEA TEA PARTY TO-GO\* MAY 15

Calling all Fantasy fans! Lets go on an adventure!

Join our party for D & Tea (aka D&D) and delve into the dungeon of the Tea Queen. Solve logic puzzles, befriend mystical creatures, and of course become Heroes of the realm! Prepare for adventure and roll for initiative!

#### \*HOW DOES A TEA PARTY TO-GO WORK?

After signing up, you'll receive a package in the mail with all of the supplies needed to follow along with the activities, tea from *Tea Cellar*, as well as a few treats. A link to your exclusive instructional video will also be included.

## MEMORIAL DAY AT THE SBIVM

MAY 31 11AM-3PM

Enjoy family friendly activities during special holiday hours. A free lunch will be available in the Snowden House parking lot, to the first 100 visitors with paid admission. Veterans and Active Duty receive free admission.

# \$30-\$60

PURCHASE ONLINE

Grout programming in a box that you can do from home! Each themed kit comes with an instructional videos and all of the supploes that you will need for the educational activities.

Current Available Themes: Space Cadet, Bug Out,
Rock It and Pastimes in Times Past



WE'VE BEEN SELECTED FOR THE HY-VEE REUSEABLE BAG PROGRAM!

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021, THE GROUT MUSEUM DISTRICT WILL RECEIVE A \$1 DONATION FROM EACH PURCHASE OF THE \$2.50 REUSABLE RED "MY HEART" BAG AT THE HY-VEE STORE LOCATED AT HY-VEE 2834 ANSBOROUGH AVE, WATERLOO.



FRIENDS OF THE GROUT HISTORIC HOUSES PRESENT



with support from JAMESON'S PUBLIC HOUSE, WATERLOO



A FUNDRAISER FOR THE DISTRICT'S HISTORIC HOUSES

MARCH 13 & 20 | NOON - 6PM

COST: \$15

MEAL PICK UP LOCATION: JAMESON'S REGISTRATION: GMDISTRICT.ORG/LUNCH2021



Join Friends of the Grout Historic Houses for their annual St. Patrick's Fundraiser. Your registration fee will cover a Reuben sandwich with french fries, cooked and provided by Jameson's. All lunch goers will also receive a goodie bag containing a free pass to the Museum and more, compliments of the Friends. Proceeds will go toward the maintenance and upkeep of the Rensselaer Russell House Museum and the Snowden House.

Pictured: Examples of needed maintenance.

How does this year's *Lunch* work? Register at gmdistrict.org/lunch2021 or by calling 319.234.6357. Present your receipt printed or on your phone to Jameson's to receive your to-go meal and goodie bag.

Please note that this year's event and venue change is a one-time adjustment due to COVID-19. Champagne and dessert will not be included this year, but will return in 2022.





