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ON DISPLAY THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

The Museum has displayed thousands of objects in exhibits over the years, but there are many more pieces in storage that have never been seen by the public. Have you wondered what other pieces might be preserved behind the scenes? Or maybe you want to know how the Museum chooses items to become part of the permanent collection? How does the Museum organize the objects in the collection? The answers to these questions and more are in this unique exhibit.



RECENT ACQUISITIONS CASE

Since the death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 fifteen to twenty-six million Americans have participated in protests, marches, and demonstrations; the largest single protest movement in American history. Locally, an estimated 1,500 residents of Waterloo and Cedar Falls participated in about 12 protests since the first demonstration in Lincoln Park, Waterloo on May 29, 2020.

The Museum began an initiative in June 2020 to document the movement through the collection of stories, images, and objects. To date, the Museum has collected 61 protest-related objects from 13 donors and has collected almost 150 images from those same donors or from staff members.

In order to quickly reciprocate the generosity of the donors and to thank the community for its willing participation, the Museum has dedicated an extended *Recent Acquisitions* exhibit to telling the local story of the protests of 2020. Donors helped develop and plan the exhibit and wrote content to accompany their own pieces in the cases.



FEATURED EXHIBIT

OVER LAND & SEA: IOWANS IN THE PACIFIC IN WWII
 NOW - DECEMBER 31, 2022
 GROUT MUSEUM OF HISTORY & SCIENCE

December 7, 1941, "a day which will live in infamy," changed everything the United States believed about its security in the Pacific, resulting in the US and Japan becoming engulfed in years of gruesome fighting.

Over 285,000 US soldiers fought in the Pacific and thousands of them were Iowans. Through their stories came the beauty and horror of the Pacific Theater and what it took to win the war against Japan.

SPONSORS: Gallagher Family Foundation; T-Mobile; Hovey Brom, WWII Veteran; American Legion of Iowa Foundation; Dave Greene, WWII Veteran; Robert J Hibbs Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3896 in Cedar Falls; Bob and Liz Beecher Petersen; Evan "Curly" Hultman WWII Veteran

Pictured Above: US M1 steel helmet on loan from Dwight Clark.

Pictured Left, Top: Water Lily from the Grout Museum's Collection.

Pictured Left, Bottom: Garments worn at the 2020 George Floyd Protests in Waterloo, donated by Nia "ShinDigg" Wilder and Vikki Brown.

MOTHER'S DAY
GIFT IDEA!
**PURCHASE A WWII VICTORY MEDAL
 IN HONOR OF WWII VETERAN
 IN YOUR LIFE**
PURCHASE PRICE: \$19.45

Purchase a WWII medal for a loved one in your life who served in WWII. Replica medals will be printed on a plastic-like material and displayed in *Over Land & Sea* for the duration of the exhibit. Each ribbon may include the Veteran's name, branch of service, and dates served. Example: John Doe, US Navy, 1942-1943.

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

Dear Grout Museum Friends,

As most of you know, the refurbished *Norris Corson Family Planetarium* opened to the public in December. It has been a resounding success, far beyond expectations. The programs offered are outstanding and endlessly fascinating. The result has been a significant increase in interest in the museum and in additional memberships. The planetarium is one of only three in the state offering scheduled programming.

As the museum prepared for the planetarium opening, it became apparent that an ongoing problem was about to become even worse. When the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans addition to the museum opened in 2008, the main entrance was moved from adjacent to the parking lot to Park Avenue. For a variety of reasons, this has never been a successful change. Many who come to the museum continue to park in the parking lot and enter the museum by pressing the buzzer to have the door opened by a staff person. Since the planetarium is near that entrance, traffic through that door has increased.

Consequently, an interior reconstruction project has become an urgent necessity. Plans are for the main entrance to be relocated adjacent to the parking lot. This requires moving the gift shop up to the area across from the planetarium that now houses offices. The offices will be moved to the back of the conference room. Moving the gift shop allows for the event center to be opened up and to accommodate larger groups which improves the rental opportunities. In addition, the parking lot is in serious need of resurfacing.

In order to accomplish these much-needed changes, a new fundraising effort, *Opening New Doors*, is underway. Volunteers and staff are working hard to meet the challenge. Several generous donations have spurred the effort to raise the funds to keep this tremendous community asset moving forward and now we're asking for the community's support. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please visit gmdistrict.org/donate. Select "Opening New Doors" when making your contribution.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Corson

Grout Museum District Board Member & Trustee
Opening New Doors Committee Member



SPRING PROGRAMMING

**WORLDS GREATEST SPRING
 BREAK FOR KIDS**

MARCH 12, 14 - 19
 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

GROUT MUSEUM/SBIVM
 IMAGINARIUM

\$1 CHILD, \$1 ACCOMPANYING ADULT, PER SITE

Enjoy DAILY Planetarium Shows and Imaginarium Science Demos at 11AM, 1:30, and 3PM. New Planetarium Shows and a new Science Demo, "MAGNET MANIA!" will be available. Take part in a scavenger hunt at both Museums for a chance to win prizes.

Sponsored by R.J. McElroy Trust

TODDLER TIME AT THE IMAGINARIUM

APRIL 21, MAY 19
 11:00 AM

IMAGINARIUM

TODDLERS FREE, ADULTS \$6

Enjoy an educational themed craft and story.

TEA PARTIES AT THE SNOWDEN HOUSE

MARCH 26: GREEN EGGS & TEA
 APRIL 16: VICTORIAN EASTER TEA
 MAY 28: BIG TOP TEA
 10:00 AM - NOON

\$8 MEMBERS/\$10 NON-MEMBERS
 PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Enjoy themed crafts and activities, treats, tea and other drinks!

MUSEUM SCHOOL SATURDAY

MARCH 26, APRIL 30, MAY 28
 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 ALL SITES

All third graders who attended Museum School March-May may bring their families for FREE to share all that they learned throughout their week on one of the designated dates.

MEMORIAL DAY AT THE SBIVM

MAY 30

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

VETERANS & ACTIVE DUTY: FREE ADMISSION

Enjoy family friendly activities during special holiday hours only at the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum/Grout Museum. A free lunch will be available to the first 100 visitors with paid admission.



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503 South St.
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SPRING 2022



NORRIS CORSON FAMILY PLANETARIUM

SHOWTIMES: Tuesday-Friday: 3:00 PM
Saturday: 11:00 AM, 1:30 & 3:00 PM

COST: \$6 Adults, \$3 Children & Veterans*
Members Free

**Visitors must also pay Museum Admission to access the Planetarium.*

DETAILS: gmdistrict.org/planetarium

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