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SNOW AND ICE

ON DISPLAY THROUGH MARCH 30, 2021

With the onset of cold weather, Cedar Valley residents and visitors needn't hunker down, but can double down on plenty of fun outdoor recreation and exploration. Museum visitors will learn all about outdoor activities that can be enjoyed with friends and family. 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

Since the death of George Floyd on May 25, 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.

The Museum began an initiative in early June 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

DESERT STORM: 30 YEARS LATER

DECEMBER 15, 2020 - AUGUST 7, 2021

GROUT MUSEUM OF HISTORY & SCIENCE

GULF WAR VETERANS RECEIVE FREE ADMISSION*

Desert Storm: 30 Years Later marks the 30th anniversary of the Persian Gulf War. More than 3,000 Iowans were part of a U.S.-led coalition force that expelled Saddam Hussein's invading Iraqi forces from the sovereign nation of Kuwait. Six Iowans were killed in the war.

This exhibit will include artifacts and first-person oral histories from Iowans who served in the conflict, as well as local news coverage from that time.

The war was one of the first combat actions since the Civil War conducted by an all-volunteer force. Iowans who served were in National Guard and Reserve units, in addition to active-duty personnel from all branches of service. This set a pattern for subsequent conflicts in the region – citizens pulled from their daily lives to participate in deadly conflict halfway across the world.

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Pictured Above: President Bush visiting American troops in Saudi Arabia on Thanksgiving Day, 1990. Source: Wikimedia Commons

PURCHASE A YELLOW RIBBON IN HONOR OF THE GULF WAR VETERAN IN YOUR LIFE

PURCHASE PRICE: \$19.91

Purchase a yellow ribbon for a loved one in your life who served in Desert Storm. Ribbons will be displayed in *Desert Storm: 30 Years Later* for the duration of the exhibit. Each ribbon will include the Veteran's name, branch of service, and one line of your choice. Example: John Smith, Petty Officer, Navy, Beloved Father.

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

SHOP the GROUT

FIND HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR EVERYONE ON YOUR LIST!

FREEDOM PEN & GIFT BOX
COST: \$25

This pen, created from an actual shell casing, adds a recognition of military service to any desk. Pens have 4 engraving options: US ARMY, US NAVY, US AIR FORCE, or US MARINES. Hand made by a veteran in Cedar Falls, IA.

MENESSE WALL BOOK
COST: \$25

A history & art book, *We Demand the Right to Vote* is an overview from the national perspective of this defining period in women's history which is not taught in schools.

GIVE THE GIFT OF A GROUT MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP
DECEMBER 15-31

Save on a Grout Museum District Membership this holiday season! Purchase on site or online using code **HOLIDAY2020**.

Individual Plus: \$40 (Normally \$60)
Family and Grandparent: \$60 (Normally \$90)
Extended Family and Friends: \$100 (Normally \$150)

JEWELRY SALE! DECEMBER 1-31

Redeem in store or use code **HOLIDAY10** online to save 10% on all jewelry!

DECEMBER DOLLAR DAYS

DECEMBER 15-31, 10AM-4PM

(Closed Sundays, Mondays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Years Day)

SPONSORED BY ROTH JEWELERS

\$1 ADMISSION TO THE GROUT MUSEUM/SBIVM INCLUDES:

Discovery Days: Grout Scavenger Hunt
Science Demonstrations in the Grout's Conference Room at 11, 1:30 & 3

WINTER PROGRAMMING

MUSEUM STORE SUNDAY ONLINE

NOVEMBER 29
GMDISTRICT.ORG

Sales to be determined! Check gmdistrict.org/calendar for details!

DISCOVERY DAYS:
GROUT SCAVENGER HUNT

DECEMBER 15-31 | 10AM-4PM

Grout Museum

Included with Admission

Are you a master detective? Do you have a keen eye and sense of discovery? Find a list of items scattered throughout the Museum! Find them all for a chance to win some Grout swag.

FROZEN TEA PARTY TO-GO*
DECEMBER 19

Complete a snowman craft, followed by a super cold demonstration, where staff quickly freeze a cup of tea.

BLACK HISTORY TEA PARTY TO-GO*
JANUARY 16

Learn about the history of the Black community including important figures, events and legislation. Follow along from home as Grout Staff guide you through these topics as well as a number of interactive activities.

YEE HAW TEA PARTY TO-GO*
FEBRUARY 20

Become a cowboy or cowgirl. Learn about life in the wild west through interactive games and activities.

*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, as well as a few treats. A link to your exclusive instructional video will also be included.

DISCOVERY KITS

\$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 supplies that you will need for the educational activities. **NEW DINOSAUR THEME COMING SOON!**



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WINTER 2020

MUSEUM SCHOOL FAMILY SATURDAYS ARE BACK!

SATURDAYS, DECEMBER-MAY

Calling all 3rd graders and their families who have attended, or will attend virtual Museum School this school year!

The Museum is once again offering Museum School Family Saturdays! Each third grade Museum Schooler may bring his/her family for one free visit to the Museum on any Saturday from December through May. Together they can share what they learned about virtually. Let the front desk staff know that you are a Museum School family to receive your free admission.

In past years, the Museum offered Museum School Family Saturday one day a month. This year ANY Saturday is Museum School Family Saturday, whether you've already participated in Museum School or if you will be soon—it doesn't matter when you plan your visit with your family. The Museum is doing this in an effort to spread out Museum attendance and to also allow students and families a wider window to visit.

*Remember your masks, and don't forget to social distance!
We can't wait to see you at the Museum soon!*



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