



Harvery Bauman points out the dome above the Sheldon Prairie Museum entrance.

Accommodations

A block of rooms is reserved for conference participants at reduced rates. Mention country school conference.

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210 N 2nd Ave, Sheldon, IA 51201
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Silent Auction

Each year conference attendees are asked to bring items related to country schooling that can be used to furnish a country school building (bells, slate boards, recent books related to county schooling, etc). These items will be displayed and sold at a silent auction. Proceeds will be used in a mini grant program to help persons restoring country schools.



Questions:

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18th annual

Country School Preservation Conference: Why It Matters

OCTOBER 6-7, 2017

Northwest Iowa Community College
Building A, Room 116-119
603 W Park Street • Sheldon, IA
51201/Highway 18

Prairie Arts Historical Park
1423 Park Street • Sheldon, IA



Friday, Oct. 6

AGENDA

Building A Room 116-119 NCC, Sheldon

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00 Welcome Dr. Rhonda Pennings, Dean of Arts & Sciences/Business and Health, Northwest Iowa Community College Sheldon

9:10 Conference Overview:
Bill Sherman, Preservation Iowa

9:15 Life Long Learning in a One-Room School: Jane Elliott teacher & creator Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes Discrimination Exercise

9:40 Creating and Using a Country School Museum:
Kathleen Cue, Shelby County
Amy Frankl, Kossuth County
Harold Tuttle, Sheldon
Bonnie Ducommun, Cherokee County

"Iowa's Unsung Prairie Transformation to Farms and One-Room Schools from 1870-1900," a new Rural Legacy Project video
Sandy Host, Odebolt, Sac County

Roy Townsend, Grand Meadow Heritage Center
Kiley Roth, Dickinson County
Janet Secor, Webster County

11:30 Marking Country School Locations :
Marilyn Meyer, Clay County



11:50 Country Schools & Tourism:
Shirley Phillips, Director Western Iowa Tourism

12:00 Lunch and Silent Auction Inspection

1:00 Resources from UNI: Nathan Arndt, UNI Museum Curator

1:15 Panel of authors/researchers on country schooling (includes online county country school histories through Iowa Gen Web)

2:30 Country School Association of America (CSAA) Update

2:45 Silent Auction Wrap Up

3:00 Visit Prairie Arts Historical Park (includes 4 one-room schools each used differently, a Sears & Roebuck mail order-catalogue home, and an 1870 pioneer home.) Participants will be able to visit each building.

4:30 wrap up, summary

6:00 Informal Pizza Ranch Buffet gathering (104 North Runger Ave)

7:00 Program tour at the Sheldon Prairie Museum (10th Street and 4th Ave)
This museum has many high quality exhibits located in a beautiful Carnegie Library.



Registration Form

_____ Friday Meeting \$30
Coffee, Program, Handouts & Lunch

_____ Friday Evening \$12
Pizza Buffet & Museum Tour

_____ Saturday Program \$12
Tour Program & Barbeque Lunch

_____ Total Fee Enclosed
(make checks payable: Preservation Iowa)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please submit registration by October 1.

Note: Can we share your contact info on a list that will be given to persons attending this conference? This will help facilitate with speakers and attendees. _____ yes _____ no

Send payment/registration to:
Shelia Van Engen
Northwest Iowa Community College
603 West Park Street
Sheldon, Iowa 51201

Saturday, Oct. 7

TOUR SCHEDULE

8:00 Leave Holiday Inn Express Parking Lot (junction of highways 18 & 60)

8:40 Tour Marcus town museum

9:40 Visit Lily of the Valley school museum, north edge of Cherokee

10:15 Visit Sanford Museum Cherokee and view country school exhibit

11:30 Visit Grand Meadow Heritage Complex near Washta (a k-12 consolidated school with historical exhibits in each class room, a one-room school museum, and a former teacherage building now used as a haunted house)

12:30 Enjoy barbeque lunch then head for home

