



IOWA IRISH FEST
DOWNTOWN WATERLOO

ARTIST SERIES WORKSHOPS

JULY 31 - AUG. 2, 2026



The Artist Series and Travel & Tour Workshops are **FREE** with paid entry to Iowa Irish Fest.

Some workshops require participants bring their own instruments but all are invited to listen in.



Artist Series and Travel & Tour Workshops **Elks Lodge (407 E. Park Ave.)**

Family Area Stage **Newton's Park (199 E 4th St.)**

BREMER COUNTY BUCKS

- Friday - 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm
Family Area Stage
"Intro to Rugby"

CHAMPAGNE ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE

- Saturday - 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Family Area Stage

GOLM & LAURA KEEGAN

- Saturday - 10:30 am - 11:15 am
Elks Lodge Ballroom
"Irish Mythology"
- Saturday - 11:45 am - 12:30 pm
Elks Lodge Meeting Room
Travel & Tour - "Keegan Celtic Tours"

DAVY HOLDEN*

*may need to be presented virtually.

- Friday - 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
Elks Lodge Ballroom
"The Irish in the American Revolution (250th Anniversary)"
- Saturday - 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm
Elks Lodge Meeting Room
Travel & Tour - "Tour of Ireland with Davy Holden"
- Saturday - 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm
Elks Lodge Ballroom
"Irish Immigration to America"

DEREK WARFIELD AND THE YOUNG WOLFE TONES

- Saturday - 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm
Elks Lodge Ballroom
"Tenor Banjo with Damaris Woods"
*all are welcome to observe and/or bring instrument from home
- Sunday - 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm
Elks Lodge Ballroom
"Irish Hands, American Waterways: The Erie Canal in Song & Story"
- Sunday - 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm
Elks Lodge Ballroom
"Celebrating America's 250th Birthday"

EULENSPIEGEL PUPPET THEATRE COMPANY

- Friday - 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
Family Area Stage
"Kate Shelley's Train Rescue"
- Saturday - 10:30 am - 11:15 am
Family Area Stage
"Kate Shelley's Train Rescue"
- Saturday - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
& 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Family Area Craft Tent
Puppet Making Workshop
- Sunday - 11:00 am - 11:45 am
Elks Lodge Ballroom
"Kate Shelley's Train Rescue"
- Sunday - 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Family Area Craft Tent
Puppet Making Workshop

FOY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

- Friday - 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Family Area Stage

THE GOTHARD SISTERS

- Saturday - 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
Elks Lodge Ballroom
"Ceilidh Group Dance w/ the Gothard Sisters"
- Sunday - 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Elks Lodge Ballroom
"Ceilidh Group Dance with the Gothard Sisters"

IAN GOULD AND LUKAS JAEGER

- Saturday - 11:45 am - 12:30 pm
Family Area Stage
"Family Crest Heraldry Workshop"
- Saturday - 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm
Family Area Stage
"Kids Show: Shiver and Timbers
"Calling All Pirates""
- Sunday - 11:45 am - 12:30 pm
Family Area Stage
"Beginner Bodhrán workshop"
*Beginner Bodhráns provided.

IAN GOULD AND G&W IRISH TOURS

- Saturday - 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Elks Lodge Meeting Room
Travel & Tour - "Traveling to Ireland and Beyond"

IOWA SCOTTISH PIPES & DRUMS

- Saturday - 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm
Family Area Stage
"Iowa Scottish Pipes & Drums workshop"

JENNIFER LAUGHLIN STEVENSON, AUTHOR

- Sunday - 2:45 pm - 3:30 pm
Elks Lodge Ballroom
"Following the Invisible String: An Irish Journey Home to Myself"

JODY HALSTED / IRELAND FAMILY VACATIONS

- Saturday - 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm
Elks Lodge Meeting Room
Travel & Tour - "Ask Anything Session"
- Saturday - 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm
Elks Lodge Meeting Room
Travel & Tour - "Saving Money on Your Trip to Ireland"

KAIT MEEKER

- Friday - 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm
Family Area Stage
"Ceili Dancing for Everyone"
- Saturday - 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm
Family Area Stage
"Ceili Dancing for Everyone"
- Sunday - 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm
Family Area Stage
"Ceili Dancing for Everyone"

KEVIN MASON

- Saturday - 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm
Elks Lodge Ballroom
"Irish Immigration to Iowa/Iowa Irish"

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MIGHTY IRISH DANCERS

- Sunday - 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Family Area Stage

NORTHEAST IOWA WEAVERS AND SPINNERS

- Friday - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Cultural Village Spinners & Weavers Tent
"Boondoggle Dangle Take & Make"
*Remember plastic lace bracelets? Learn to weave a basic round or square length of plastic lacing and attach to a clip for a custom dangle to put on your backpack or purse. All supplies provided. All ages are welcome. Younger children may need a parent's help or may opt to do a simple braid. While supplies last.
- Saturday - 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Cultural Village Spinners & Weavers Tent
"Learn to Crochet - Beginner Level"
*We will learn a chain stitch, single and double crochet. You will be shown how to read a granny square pattern and how to connect squares together to make a complete project on your own. All supplies provided for use during class. Ages 8 to adult. Children may need parental assistance. While supplies last.
- Saturday - 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Cultural Village Spinners & Weavers Tent
"Learn to Knit - Beginner Level"
*We will learn a chain stitch, single Learn a simple cast on, knit stitch, pearl stitch, knit 2 together and a basic bind off. We will show you how to read both a written and charted patterns. Supplies provided for use during class. Ages 12 to adult. While supplies last.
- Saturday - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Cultural Village Spinners & Weavers Tent
"Kumihimo Take & Make - Beginner Level"
*Learn this Japanese braiding technique used to make decorative cords. Cords can be used for bracelets, lanyards, bag straps, belts,

keychains, etc. Participants will learn one or two basic Kumihimo patterns depending on time. All supplies provided for use during class. While supplies last.

- Saturday - 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Cultural Village Spinners & Weavers Tent
"Learn Irish Crochet - Intermediate Level"
*Learn to make padded cords and padded rings that give Irish crochet its hallmark dimensional quality. We will explore how to read a pattern and work on an Irish rose motif, as well as discussing how motifs are assembled to make a piece of fabric. Previous crochet knowledge is a must. We will not be teaching any basic stitches during this class. All supplies will be provided for use during class. While supplies last.
- Sunday - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Cultural Village Spinners & Weavers Tent
"Drop-In Friendship Bracelet Take & Make"
*Choose your favorite color(s) and a pattern and learn to weave a friendship bracelet. In addition to learning basic "stitches" needed, we will go over reading a pattern and how to make a sliding closure. All supplies provided. Ages 12+ (younger children are welcome with parental assistance. Very young children can learn a basic braid). While supplies last'

RANG GAEILGE SAN CEDAR VALLEY

- Saturday - 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm
Elks Lodge Ballroom
"Introduction to Irish Language"

RISING GAEL

- Saturday - 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm
Family Area Stage
"Celtic story time"

- Saturday - 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm
Elks Lodge Ballroom
"Intermediate Bodhrán Workshop with Jeff Olson" *all are welcome to observe and/or bring instrument from home

SCREAMING ORPHANS

- Saturday - 10:45 am - 11:30 pm
Elks Lodge Meeting Room
Travel & Tour - "Cultural Bus Tour of Ireland with the Screaming Orphans"

SEO LINN

- Friday - 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm
Elks Lodge Ballroom
"Cultural Revolution in Ireland"
- Saturday - 11:45 am - 12:30 pm
Elks Lodge Ballroom
"Irish Language for Beginners"
- Saturday - 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm
Family Area Stage
"Irish Language for Children and Beginners"

SOCKS IN THE FRYING PAN

- Saturday - 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm
Elks Lodge Meeting Room
Travel & Tour - "Irish Music Tour"

TRINITY IRISH DANCERS

- Sunday - 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm
Family Area Stage
"Trinity Dance Meet & Greet"

