



TRAVEL & TOUR WORKSHOPS

JULY 31 - AUG. 2, 2026



IOWA IRISH FEST
DOWNTOWN WATERLOO



Find us at the Elks Lodge (407 E Park Ave) FREE with paid entry to Iowa Irish Fest.

THE SPIRIT OF IRELAND

A JOURNEY HOME

Walk the path of legends, music, ancestry and soul.

SATURDAY

GOLM & LAURA KEEGAN

- Saturday - 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Elks Lodge Meeting Room | 407 E Park Ave
Travel & Tour - "Keegan Celtic Tours"

DAVY HOLDEN*

- Saturday - 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Elks Lodge Meeting Room | 407 E Park Ave
Travel & Tour - "Tour of Ireland with Davy Holden"
*may need to be presented virtually.

IAN GOULD & G&W IRISH TOURS

- Saturday - 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Elks Lodge Meeting Room | 407 E Park Ave
Travel & Tour - "Traveling to Ireland and Beyond"

JODY HALSTED/IRELAND FAMILY VACATIONS

- Saturday - 2:00 p.m - 2:45 p.m
Elks Lodge Meeting Room | 407 E Park Ave
Travel & Tour - "Ask Anything Session"
- Saturday - 5:00 p.m - 5:45 p.m
Elks Lodge Meeting Room | 407 E Park Ave
Travel & Tour - "Saving Money on Your Trip to Ireland"

SCREAMING ORPHANS

- Saturday - 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Elks Lodge Meeting Room | 407 E Park Ave
Travel & Tour - "Cultural Bus Tour of Ireland with the Screaming Orphans"

SOCKS IN THE FRYING PAN

- Saturday - 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Elks Lodge Meeting Room | 407 E Park Ave
Travel & Tour - "Irish Music Tour"



Check the Family Area
Schedule for Puppet Making
Workshops with Eulenspiegel
Puppet Theatre Company!



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Artist Series and Travel & Tour Workshops are free with paid entry to Iowa Irish Fest. Some workshops require participants to bring their own instrument but all are invited to listen in.

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..... **SUNDAY**

JENNIFER LAUGHLIN STEVENSON, AUTHOR

■ **Sunday - 2:45 pm - 3:30 pm**

Elks Lodge Ballroom | 407 E Park Ave

"Following the Invisible String: An Irish Journey Home to Myself"

What begins as a trip to Ireland often becomes something far deeper.

Join Cedar Valley author, venue owner, and Executive Director of a behavioral health and substance use recovery agency, Jennifer Laughlin Stevenson, as she shares stories from her solo travels through Ireland and Scotland, where ancient landscapes, Celtic history, family ancestry, and unexpected moments of connection revealed lessons that would eventually inspire *The Shield-Maiden Within*.

From standing among centuries-old ruins to quiet moments on winding roads where the past felt startlingly close, Jennifer explores how ancestral travel can become a journey of healing, courage, and self-discovery. Through storytelling, photographs, history, and personal reflection, attendees will experience the beauty of Ireland while discovering how our own stories are often connected to those who walked before us.

Drawing from more than twenty years of experience helping individuals navigate life's challenges, Jennifer offers a unique perspective on resilience, identity, belonging, and the power of understanding our roots. Attendees will leave with a deeper appreciation for Irish heritage, the stories carried through generations, and the invisible threads that connect us across time.

A presentation for dreamers, travelers, storytellers, those interested in Irish and Celtic heritage, and anyone who has ever felt called by a place they cannot quite explain.

Jennifer is also the author of *The Shield-Maidens Warriors Through Time* book trilogy that has television series contracts underway.



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