

# calendar of events

From the relaxed appeal of a folk arts fair to the high-energy ethnic celebrations that have become an Amana Colonies tradition, festivals and special events crowd our calendar. For more information check out our website at [www.amanacolonies.com](http://www.amanacolonies.com) or call 1-800-579-2294.

## **Winterfest** **January 28**

Beat cabin fever with our 2nd annual Winterfest. 5K Amana Freezer Fun Run/Walk, ice harvesting demonstrations, ice skating, storytelling by the woodstove, cross-cut log sawing competition open to all. Winter fun Amana style. [www.festivalsinamana.com](http://www.festivalsinamana.com)

## **Willow Weaving Weekend** **February 18 - 19**

A hands-on workshop at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana. Two days intensive study of various basketmaking techniques with nationally-known weavers. Registration required. [www.broomandbasket.com](http://www.broomandbasket.com)

## **Festival of American Basketry** **April 28 – 30**

Seven workshops by nationally-known basketmakers at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana. Early American and contemporary techniques and styles explored. Registration required. [www.broomandbasket.com](http://www.broomandbasket.com).

## **Abend Galerie Tour** **May 5**

Over a dozen Amana Colonies artisans open their galleries, workshops and studios for this self-guided, free, evening (Abend) tour. 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. [www.timeandtides.com/gallerytour](http://www.timeandtides.com/gallerytour)

## **Iowa Renaissance Festival and Gathering O'CeIs**

**May 5 – 7**

Magical gathering of costumed characters, live action stuntmen and entertainers at this fantasy Renaissance fair. Activities for all ages. Entertainment on six stages. Concessions. Event held at Middle Amana Park. Admission. [www.iowarenfest.com](http://www.iowarenfest.com)

## **31st Annual Doll and Toy Sale**

**May 6**

At the Amana Colonies Outdoor Convention Facility. Dolls and toys of all types, plus related items at this show sponsored by the Iowa Kate Shelley Doll Club. Vintage antiques, collectibles and reproductions. Admission.

## **Maifest**

**May 6 – 7**

With costumed folk dancers, a food tasting fair and more, the village of Amana blooms for this annual spring celebration. "Taste of Amana Colonies" food fair at the Feshalle Barn, Maipole dancers, German music, parade activities for kids, crafts, entertainment and more. [www.festivalsinamana.com](http://www.festivalsinamana.com)

## **Amana Trail Ride**

**May 13 – 14**

Horse lovers converge at the Amana Colonies Outdoor Convention Facility for horseback riding on aged logging trails, camping and special events. Dance Saturday evening open to all. Register to bring your horse. [www.amanatrailride.com](http://www.amanatrailride.com)

## **Taste Louisiana Cajun and Zydeco Fest**

**May 27 – 29**

The Midwest's largest Cajun and Zydeco festival with great bands, Mardi Gras madness parties, cultural events and authentic Cajun dishes prepared by Louisiana chefs, plus dancing and cooking lessons and a carnival. At the Amana Colonies Outdoor Convention Facility. Admission. [www.cajunfest.net](http://www.cajunfest.net)

## **Abend Galerie Tour**

**June 2**

Over a dozen Amana Colonies artisans open their galleries, workshops and studios for this self-guided, free, evening (Abend) tour. 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. [www.timeandtides.com/gallerytour](http://www.timeandtides.com/gallerytour)

## **29th Annual Marble Show**

**June 2 – 3**

Collectors nationwide look forward to America's longest-running antique marble meet at the Amana Colonies Holiday Inn. Friday workshops and banquet registration requested. Saturday show 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. open to the public. Admission. [www.amanamarble.com](http://www.amanamarble.com)

## **Beckster Fest**

**June 2 – 4**

Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen host some of the top names in polka at this 4th annual polka fest at the Amana Colonies Outdoor Convention Facility. Located in the large, air-conditioned, indoor hall, the festival features nine bands from across the Midwest, two wooden dance floors and nonstop entertainment, food and fun. Admission. [www.barefootbecky.com](http://www.barefootbecky.com)

## **God's Grand Garden Walk**

**June 10**

Tour ten or more gardens in the Amana Colonies including traditional, contemporary water and floral gardens, sunken and other imaginative gardens. Sponsored by the Amana Church Society. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission.

## **WMT Great Eastern Iowa Tractor Ride**

**June 12**

450 tractors take a ride around our neck of the woods. [www.wmradio.com](http://www.wmradio.com)

## **Two-Cylinder XVI**

**June 16 – 17**

Collectors of John Deere tractors and implements will gather for this nostalgic celebration of the American ag legend. Displays and demonstrations for the public. At the Amana Colonies Outdoor Convention Facility. Admission. [www.two-cylinder.com](http://www.two-cylinder.com)

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### **Homestead Implement Reunion June 17 – 18**

Whether you're a devoted collector or simply sentimental for the good ol' days on the farm, the annual Minneapolis-Moline Implement Reunion in Homestead is your event. Parade of antique tractors and farm machinery, kiddy tractor pull, swap meet and demonstrations. Concessions.

### **Lily Lake in Bloom July – August**

The Lily Lake is crowned with buttery-yellow, lotus lilies from mid-July through August; an event that occurs annually. Pull in at the lakeshore park to enjoy the view and to access the Kolonieweg Recreational Trail that circles the lake.

### **Abend Galerie Tour July 7**

Over a dozen Amana Colonies artisans open their galleries, workshops and

studios for this self-guided, free, evening (Abend) tour. 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. [www.timeandtides.com/gallerytour](http://www.timeandtides.com/gallerytour)

### **Iowa County Fair July 13 – 16**

Iowa County Fairgrounds, Marengo

### **Tour de Brew July 15**

This 30-mile bike ride from Iowa City to Millstream Brewing Co., Amana, combines fitness, fellowship and fun while providing the perfect route to experience rural Iowa. Open to all ages. For registration, [www.millstreambrewing.com](http://www.millstreambrewing.com).

### **Christmas in July Arts and Crafts Show July 15 – 16**

Over 150 exhibitors share their talent for handmade arts and crafts in two large, air-conditioned buildings plus tented exhibits in the RV park. Amana Colonies Outdoor

Convention Facility. Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Concessions. [www.candr-productions.com](http://www.candr-productions.com)

### **Abend Galerie Tour August 4**

Over a dozen Amana Colonies artisans open their galleries, workshops and studios for this self-guided, free, evening (Abend) tour. 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. [www.timeandtides.com/gallerytour](http://www.timeandtides.com/gallerytour)

### **Festival of the Arts August 12**

Celebration of traditional and contemporary Amana Colonies arts and crafts with artists displaying, selling and demonstrating their work. Fine art and folk art featured, including the latest work by some of the region's best. Hands-on art activities for kids. Entertainment. Concessions. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. in the Middle Amana Park. Sponsored by the Amana Arts Guild. [www.amanaartsguild.com](http://www.amanaartsguild.com)

### **The Old Creamery Theatre Company** ♿

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[www.oldcreamery.com](http://www.oldcreamery.com)

#### **PRICE CREEK STAGE SHOWTIMES**

8 p.m. on Wednesdays,  
Fridays & Saturdays  
3 p.m. on Thursdays,  
Saturdays & Sundays

#### **BAREFOOT IN THE PARK**

May 5-June 11

#### **BROADWAY SERENADE**

June 16 – July 16

#### **RIDERS IN THE SKY**

July 19, 20, 21

Performance Times: Wed. 3 & 8pm;  
Thurs. 3pm.; Friday 3 & 8pm

#### **FUNNY MONEY**

July 28-Aug. 20 and Sept. 6-Sept. 24

#### **CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES**

Sept. 29-Nov. 11

#### **CHRISTMAS CHEER**

Nov. 17-Dec. 17

#### **DEPOT THEATRE SHOWTIMES**

8:00 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays  
& Saturdays and 3:00 p.m. on  
Thursdays & Sundays

#### **DATES WITH A NUT**

June 23-July 23

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## **Farm Progress Show**

**August 29 – 31**

Known as the “Superbowl of Agriculture” the Farm Progress Show is America’s largest agriculture and agribusiness trade show with the latest in technological advances and ag practices. Exhibits. Field demonstrations. Speakers. Concessions.

At the Amana Colonies Outdoor Convention Facility. Admission.

[www.farmprogress.com](http://www.farmprogress.com)

## **Abend Galerie Tour**

**September 1**

Over a dozen Amana Colonies artisans open their galleries, workshops and studios for this self-guided, free, evening (Abend) tour. 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. [www.timeandtides.com/gallerytour](http://www.timeandtides.com/gallerytour)

## **Festival of Iowa Beers**

**September 2**

Sample beer from breweries across Iowa and talk with brewers about the creation of their brews at this beer-tasting event at the Millstream Brewing Co. in Amana. 1 – 5 p.m. Admission.

[www.millstreambrewing.com](http://www.millstreambrewing.com)

## **Yard Market Day**

**September 2**

This all day yard market hosted by area antique shops boasts many treasures at various locations throughout the Amana Colonies.

## **Amana Colonies Renaissance Festival**

**September 2 – 4**

Fun, excitement, music and comedy all in a Renaissance setting. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily. Admission.

## **Amana Artisans Studio Tour**

**September 15 – 17**

Visit the workshops and studios of Amana Colonies folk artists and craftspeople as they are working. A self-guided, free tour of workshops in six villages. Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

## **Amana Trail Ride**

**September 23 – 24**

Horse lovers converge at the Amana Colonies Outdoor Convention Facility for horseback riding on aged logging trails, camping and special events. Dance Saturday evening open to all. Register to bring your horse. [www.amanatrailride.com](http://www.amanatrailride.com).

## **Volksmarch**

**September 23 – 24**

Tour Amana and East Amana on foot at this traditional German “folk walk” starting at the Millstream Brewing Co. in Amana. A family-oriented event, open to all. [www.millstreambrewing.com](http://www.millstreambrewing.com)

## **Oktoberfest**

**September 29 – October 1**

We bring Bavaria to you during Oktoberfest – Iowa’s favorite fall festival. The century-old Festhalle Barn in Amana provides the perfect setting for nonstop entertainment, dance and German-style foods and beverages. Parade. Live entertainment at local restaurants and Millstream Brewing Co., craft demonstrations at local shops. [www.festivalsinamana.com](http://www.festivalsinamana.com)

## **Oktoberfest Homebrewers Competition**

**September 30**

Homebrewers compete in this 3rd annual event during Amana’s Oktoberfest sponsored by Millstream Brewing Co. To register [www.millstreambrewing.com](http://www.millstreambrewing.com). Winners will be announced September 30 at the Festhalle Barn.

## **Autumn Days Craft Fair**

**October 7 – 8**

Everything from handsewing to wood-crafts is featured at this 5th annual harvest craft show at the Amana Colonies Outdoor Convention Facility. Over 100 exhibitors. Concessions. Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. [www.candr-productions.com](http://www.candr-productions.com)

## **THIRSTY Homebrew Classic**

**November 4**

Homebrewers and homebrewing clubs from across the country compete at this

celebration of homebrewed beer, mead or cider. Stop by Millstream Brewing Co. in Amana November 4 to check out the judging. Register to enter your homebrew at [www.millstreambrewing.com](http://www.millstreambrewing.com).

## **Fall Fibre and Clay Show & Sale**

**November 4 – 5**

Show and sale of weaving, textile arts, baskets, pottery and crafts by area artists at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana. Shop for holiday gifts, boutique wear and original fine art at this juried event. Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. [www.amanaartsguild.com](http://www.amanaartsguild.com)

## **Tannenbaum Forest**

**November 24 – December 10**

Experience a holiday wish come true at this enchanted forest of live, decorated Christmas trees at the Festhalle Barn, Amana. Visit with Santa (scheduled times) and see the country’s tallest Christmas pyramid. This benefit event for the Iowa Chapter of the Make-a-Wish Foundation has become one of the premier holiday attractions in the Midwest. Free will donation is your admission. [www.festivalsinamana.com](http://www.festivalsinamana.com)

## **Prelude to Christmas**

**December 1 – 3**

Amana’s Christmas gift to you is this nostalgic advent celebration featuring the magical Tannenbaum Forest, special events throughout Amana, a Christmas Cookie Walk, Holiday Bazaar and presentations featuring Colony Christmas traditions at the Amana Heritage Museum. Come sundown Amana is transformed with candle luminaries and countless holiday lights. [www.festivalsinamana.com](http://www.festivalsinamana.com)

## **Christmas Haus Tour**

**December 2**

Tour selected Amana Colonies homes beautifully decorated for the holidays. Proceeds benefit the Amana Arts Guild’s “On to the Future” campaign. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission. [www.amanaartsguild.com](http://www.amanaartsguild.com)

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