

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 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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Abend Galerie Tour

June 2

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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

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

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

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

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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.

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July 7**

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**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.

**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

**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

**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

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DATES WITH A NUT

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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

Abend Galerie Tour

September 1

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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

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.

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

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

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. 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

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.

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

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

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

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

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