Sponsor and Support Groups:
- Preservation Iowa
- Western Iowa Tourism
- Northwest Iowa Community College
- Ladies of the Lake
- Daughters of the American Revolution
- Okoboji Queen Chapter
- Questers International
- O’Brien County Tourism
- Sheldon Historical Society
- Half Baked Bakery

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

- Holiday Inn Express
  201 34th Avenue Sheldon, IA
  712-324-3000

- The Super 8
  210 N 2nd Ave, Sheldon, IA 51201
  712-324-8400

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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 country 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.
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 Ranger Ave)

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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

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:
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