

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, March 12, 2023, starting 8:30 A.M. Sw. Emilie Hoppe with presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Der Glaube dringt ins Heilthum" No. 140 v 1-5 Seite 133

Testimony: Testimony: Ursula Meyer, Ronneburg, July 15, 1718

Scripture: Mark 6: 30 – 32  
Psalm: 16

Closing Hymn: "Mein Geist suchet Ruh in Dir" No. 661 v 1-3 & 6-8 Seite 658

The Late Service will start at 10:00 A.M. with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "My Soul Seeks Repose in Thee" No. 29

Closing Hymn: "Faith Permeates the Holy Shrine" No. 133

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. in Middle.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 A.M. Service.

Links to services posted online may be found starting with the gateway page:

<https://amanachurch.com/category/podcast/>

## SERVICE COMPANY REQUEST

The Amana Society Service Company is asking our water customers for their assistance in responding to the EPA. We are required to take an inventory of all residential and commercial water service lines. We have a website link which allows you to enter the information needed and help you understand the reasons behind this request. Please go online and fill out/submit a survey for your house or business at <https://amanaservicecompany.com/water/water-survey/> If you have any questions about this survey, please call our office at 319-622-3052.

## NOTICE

### Please Close All Gates

The Amana Society would like to remind everyone to CLOSE ALL GATES when entering and exiting a farm field. In some areas you may not be able to see that there are cattle in an area. That DOES NOT make it okay to leave it open – even for a short time. Failure to close gates may result in a loss of recreational user privileges and reduced access.

## AMANA ARTS GUILD CLASSES

The Amana Arts Guild is once again offering courses through Grant Wood's Art Iowa program. These courses are a rare and unique option for professionals in the arts looking for continuing education credits. The Arts Guild does reserve several spaces for non-credit or participation-only registrants as well. Registration for spring courses is now open! The Guild is offering a course called Painting Homes and Buildings in Watercolor with guest artist Sharon Larson (April 15-16) and a second course entitled Improvisational Intuitive Fabric Stories with guest artist Jo Myers-Walker (March 25-26).

Summer course registration is also open, with courses including Raku Clay with Kirk Niehouse (June 12-16), Exploring textile printing & Dyeing with Joan Webster-Vore (June 19-23) and Imaginative Landscapes (Colored Pencil & Mixed Media) with Jill Harper (June 26-29). For more information, visit [amanaartsguild.com/](http://amanaartsguild.com/) courses, or email [info@amanaartsguild.com](mailto:info@amanaartsguild.com).

## AMANA COMMUNITY LIBRARY Spring Break Hours

Monday, March 13 9 am-3 pm  
Tuesday, March 14 9 am-6 pm  
Wednesday, March 15 - CLOSED  
Thursday, March 16 9 am-6 pm  
Friday, March 17 9 am-6 pm  
Saturday, March 18 9 am-noon

## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Be Vigilant Iowa County

Iowa County Sheriff Rob Rotter reports that in recent weeks there have been several burglaries in Marengo at the Big G grocery store, Lizzie's Dining Car and Caboose Bar, the Ladies Room beauty salon, the Prime Star convenience store and the C6Zero building.

In Victor the D and P bar was burglarized a couple of weeks ago.

"The common thread in these break-ins would be that the power meters had been disconnected in hopes of deactivating any burglar alarms and video surveillance," Sheriff Rotter said. These burglaries are under investigation.

He warned Amana Colony residents and merchants that he is worried thieves might target other Iowa County towns next, so it is very important to be vigilant and take precautions.

As always, immediately report any and all suspicious activity to the Iowa County Sheriff's Department.

### Bockwurst Dumplings and More on Saturday Plus a Dumpling of a Mystery March 24 26

As a mini tribute to spring, it's Dumpling Day in Amana Saturday, March 11. Here are a few things to tempt you.

The Amana Meat Shop will be selling bockwurst dumplings while they last. Take them home and cook them up. Made with the Amana Meat Shop's award-winning spring sausage Bockwurst.

Fireside Winery will have a trio of fresh cheese curd dumplings paired with a glass of wine.

The Ox Yoke Inn, Amana will have a new, contemporary version of the German classic, "Gefulte nudlen" on the menu served with applesauce, fresh rolls, and the trimmings. Also try their potato dumplings too or fresh fried potato pancakes!

The Ronneburg will be offering a delicious, potato dumpling appetizer you can try with your meal or alongside an ice cold brew or glass of wine. Also dumplings will be featured with every beef entrée.

The Amana Colonies Bakery will have a warming baked, cinnamon apple dumpling dessert for you too!

Ackerman Winery will have sweet fruit dumplings paired with glass of wine! Try this unique and deliciously colony pairing.

### A Spring Fling - Marriage is Murder March 24 – 26

We caught up with Tom Milligan and Deb Kennedy as they were rehearsing their upcoming comedy "Marriage is Murder" at the Amana Performing Arts Center in Amana.

They were blocking a scene and stopped to chat about the upcoming show, the second in their 2023 season.

"We are really excited about this show and about what's coming up here. We looked for shows that we felt were fun, smart and would pair well with what's going on in Amana. And I think it's important to provide theatre that's really a kind of escape from reality. We all need to laugh and to just enjoy an evening out and we want to provide that," said Deb Kennedy.

Tom Milligan said that at their last show he asked audience members to raise their hands if they had had dinner in the Amanas before coming to the show at the APAC and quite a bit more than half raised their hands.

"I think if we can provide that after dinner evening out while really entertaining and engaging, that's important," Milligan said.

While starting with shows that feature small casts, they are ambitiously looking at all the possibilities for the future of TKM Productions, their theatre company, and for the APAC as a venue. They can envision so many possibilities for the space.

"We aren't trying to be something we aren't. We're TKM Theatrical Productions. What we are trying to do is create shows that work here and play to our strengths as artists and that means doing what we do best," Milligan said. "That really will showcase what this venue could be."

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### FEATHERS IN THE WIND

There never seemed to be enough electrical outlets in our apartment. It certainly isn't my father's who remodelled most of our home after the 1932 change. He even put in indirect lighting in the upstairs apartment, which I still miss now that we live downstairs.

The main point is when we were remodeling my grandparents' former apartment I tried to do as my father suggested and put an outlet in every six feet. That was NOT enough!

It seems we always have cords running across people's paths since we have so many electrical items.

It sure makes one think what it was like before electricity came to the Amana Colony.

There are whole articles about how houses were wired for electricity. Amana homes were fully electrified long before World War II. In fact some homes and businesses like the general stores in each town and one doctor's home in particular had been "wired."

That doctor was Dr. Charles Noe who lived in the house that is now the Amana Heritage museum in Amana (Western part)

It seems originally it was a kitchen house but then became Dr. Noe's kitchen (not to be confused with the other Noe Kitchen East of today's Ox Yoke) and then finally the doctor's office (it moved from across the street by the then pharmacy (now Painted Cupboard).

Dr. Noe was going through a sad period in his life at the time as his only daughter was dying of cancer.

There was nothing he could do to heal her, but just maybe he could bring some happiness to his grieving family. He went to the local powers and asked if his home could not be wired with electricity so his daughter could experience the wonderment of seeing all the light before she died. It was done and she did see the home illuminated before her death.

Years later I would see a room at my mother-in-law's be rewired some forty years later and would be astounded at how ingenious the electricians had become when wiring her home.

It seems that some of the men working at the refrigeration plant had learned how to wire for electricity so my in-laws hired one of these men.

This man used a wooden thread spool to wind the wire around. Frankly I was surprised the house had not caught on fire, but obviously he knew better than me who, upon wiring a parallel circuit in physics class forgot to unplug the wire and now has a scar to prove her stupidity.

Amana truly was ahead of it's time (compared with similar villages). Much of our "power grid" is in the ground, so now when the lights flicker as the power coming from the outside fails, the generation plant in Middle kicks in and we are once again "enlightened." Life is good.

B.S.H.

#### AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT (ACLUD) Notice of Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting and Tentative Agenda March 13, 2023 - 7:00 pm ACLUD office - 4304 220th Trail Amana And via ZOOM link (abridged)

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Set Agenda

III. Review/Approve February 13, 2023 BOT Meeting Minutes.

IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda.

V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in Historic Preservation Zoning Districts:

a. 2023-006. Dennis Zuber (Connie Baugh) / 4460 V St Homestead / HP-R / Tuck point east side of residence and replace bricks as needed. Remove grape arbor brackets. Stucco repair as needed.

b. 2023-007. Alan and Joyce Brower / 5209 E St East Amana / HP-R / Completely re-roof old shed and attached lean to. Shed dimensions 30' long x 16' wide x 11' to roofline. Lean to is 30' long x 8 1/2' wide x 9' to roofline. Remove all old shingles/roofing felt/flashing/edging, etc. Replace rotted and damaged sheathing plywood as needed. Install new roofing felt/drip edge/shingles and ridge cap shingles/flashing.

c. 2023-008. Dennis Kral / 5203 C St East Amana / HP-R / Replace quantity 28 old vinyl and wooden windows with new vinyl Energy Star double pane Lo-E/Argon windows per attached specifications. The photos received indicated a wide variety of windows styles in this house, it should be noted that the south side of the house is the "street side". From HPC: Conditions being that Window World should update its proposal to both change the windows on the south side to more historic-oriented double hungs, and that the grid pattern dimensions on all applicable double hungs should better align with the HP Design Guidelines.

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"There is a lot of opportunity to be creative here," Kennedy added.

"Marriage is Murder" by Nick Hall is about a pair of divorced murder mystery writers who have always collaborated closely. Now they get into a little more than they bargained for as the story they are writing together takes a hilarious turn. Will they figure it out before the worst befalls them?

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. Cash at the door or call ahead to 319-899-3799.

#### Amana Colony Easter Eggs

Yes, spring is springing hence we are seeing colony dyed Easter eggs.

Amana Colony Easter eggs are a longtime cultural tradition. These beautifully bright, glossy eggs have been part of Amana Colony Easters for generations. Starting shortly after the Amana Inspirationists arrived here in 1855, they began recreating some of the holiday time traditions of Germany and Switzerland. At first such things were thought frivolous and a waste of precious resources, but pioneer life had enough privations so a few of the beloved traditions from home were imported to Iowa. Baking sugar cookies cut in the shape of chicks and rabbits and dyeing Easter eggs were among those traditions they wanted to recreate here in Iowa for their children.

In old Amana Easter egg hunts were arranged at each communal kitchen house. The hunts were held on the Saturday before Easter. Each kitchen invited the children from the families that dined at that kitchen, plus the grandchildren, children, nieces, nephews, younger sisters and brothers of the women who worked at the kitchen house, so many Amana colony children went to two or more hunts, as they had sisters and aunts who worked in the kitchens. The kitchen house women baked sugar cookies they cut with cutters made by the village tinsmith. Sitting rabbits, leaping rabbits, chickens and hens, geese and fish were popular cookie cutters for Easter. The most prized cookie was the 8-inch long "running rabbit" cookie. These were given, one per child, and the name of the child was written on the cookie in white icing.

Eggs were dyed using the Amana "glue method." Now about a dozen years ago I was in Switzerland at Eastertide and found dyed eggs for sale in Swiss grocery stores that looked just like our Amana Colony eggs, so I feel fairly safe in reporting that this is a Swiss "thing." At any rate the colony method, while no secret per se, is a little hard to describe but it involves mixing food-safe dye with a crystalized glue or cooking gelatin. Then cooking it until it forms a thick, jelly-like consistency, then allowing that to cool and harden. Then you boil the eggs and roll or rub the hot hard-boiled eggs in the jelly-like dye. Eggs dyed bright blue, electric yellow, neon red, deep purple and stunning green are prized, but my favorite are the "end of day" eggs made when bits of two or more colors of dye are mixed together and the resulting eggs are a swirling, marbled, combination of colors.

This year the price of eggs has made the traditional Easter eggs a little more difficult to find, but you can find them for sale at the Amana Meat Shop and the Amana General Store. Ask the clerks if these eggs are for display purposes only.

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### OBITUARY

Suzanne Marie Schrodts died Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Taylor House Hospice in Des Moines, Iowa. A graveside service was held at Greenwood Cemetery in Canton, Illinois.

Suzanne was born January 18, 1941, in Canton, Illinois, the daughter of William Wallace and Vivian Lenore Dorman Davis. She attended Canton schools. Suzi married Lawrence Leroy Schrodts on June 28, 1959. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two brothers, William Davis and James Davis, a sister, Marcela Minor, and one grandson, Bart Downin.

Suzanne is survived by her children, Eleanor Hoehnle (Peter) of Homestead, IA, Martha Baker (Mike) of Hartsville, SC, Robert Schrodts (Theresa) of Des Moines, IA, and Steven Schrodts (Jennifer) of Lincoln, NE. She is also survived by nine grandchildren: David Riley (Carla), Kathy Davis (Lavelle), Rose Hoehnle, Josh Downin (Geri), Matthew Schrodts (Dana), Eric Schrodts (Melissa), Dexter Schrodts (Karman), Nicole Hochstein (Jordan), and Dillon Schrodts, and eight great-grandchildren: Colin Riley, Emersyn Riley, Shaelyn Davis, Jacob Davis, Chloe Schrodts, Kason Schrodts, Summer Schrodts, and Olivia Hochstein

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#### QUILT AMANA

Join us at Price Creek Event Center April 14-16, 2023 for QUILT AMANA. Offerings include quilts for show & sale, vendors, guests artists, and exhibits. Our "Found" exhibit returns, featuring an all new selection of rescued and reproduced quilts. Enjoy discovering the history and journey of these beautiful pieces, no longer lost to time.

Other vendors and demos include: fiber artist Sue Kluber; handcrafted hardwood quilt displays from Schanz Furniture; PGT Designs with primitive embroidery and wool applique; fabric rep swatch sale; traditional Amana Quilting demo; metal quilt block signs and unique quilted items for the home; Quilts of Valor information booth and meet and greet with Rita Moore, featuring her 100th Quilt of Valor; Tribute to Kalona quilter Sarah Miller; Safe Haven of Iowa County animal rescue raffle quilt.

Weekend pass \$8.

#### Amana Area Fellowship Night of Worship

Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, song and a message from the Bible.

**Thursday, March 9, 2023**

Amana Performing Arts Center

Potluck 6:00-6:30 Music and Message 6:45

**Continuing series: The Road to the Cross**

March 9th – It Is Finished

April 13th – Easter Message

visit us at [www.amanaareafellowship.org](http://www.amanaareafellowship.org)

#### AMANA HERITAGE SOCIETY

Please join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2023 beginning at 9am at the Amana Heritage Museum, 705 44th Ave, Amana! Space is limited and tickets need to be purchased in advance on [amanaheritage.org](http://amanaheritage.org). Please contact the museum with questions. 319-622-3567, [heritageprograms@southslope.net](mailto:heritageprograms@southslope.net)