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**How Clinton Has Built and Fed the World Speaker Series**

The Sawmill Museum will be hosting a winter speaker series titled “How Clinton Has Built and Fed the World.” The series will take place at the museum, located at 2231 Grant Street in Clinton, Iowa. The series is on Thursdays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm and runs from January 12 to March 16. The series is free to the public due to a grant from Silos and Smokestacks. Free admission begins at 5:00pm on Thursday evenings for those attending that day’s session.

The series will cover a variety of topics about industry and agriculture in Clinton and Eastern Iowa in the past and present, as well as the influence of industry and agriculture both locally and globally. Themes covered will include changes in agriculture over the years, the relationship between local and global food streams, the role of family farms, and the relationship between the lumber and agriculture industries. Each week will feature a different speaker.

 Speakers will be provided by a variety of organizations, including Humanities Iowa, Iowa Cattlemen’s Association, and the Hawkeye Speakers Bureau. Check the museum’s website (<http://www.thesawmillmuseum.org/ag-speaker-series.html>) for details about individual speakers and presentations. Once again, this series is made possible by a grant from Silos and Smokestacks and is free and open to the public. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

The mission of The Sawmill Museum is to preserve, collect, interpret, and explore the history of America’s sawmill, lumber, and forestry industries. Centered around the story of Clinton, Iowa’s rich lumber history, the Museum features dynamic exhibits, programs, and events that explore the history of these industries, their current practices, and future opportunities and challenges. It is located at 2231 Grant Street, Clinton, IA, and is open Sundays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays, 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., and Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All programs are free with paid admission to the museum—adults are $4 and children (5-12) are 3. For information about volunteer opportunities, events, exhibits, and educational programs and trips, visit www.thesawmillmuseum.org.

SSNHA is one of 49 federally designated heritage areas in the nation and is an Affiliated Area of the National Park Service. The Heritage Area covers 37 counties in the northeast quadrant of Iowa. Interstate 80 borders it on the south and Interstate 35 borders it on the west. Through a network of sites, programs and events, SSNHA interprets farm life, agribusiness and rural communities – past and present. Silos’s website is http://www.silosandsmokestacks.org/.

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**How Clinton Has Built and Fed the World Speaker Series Schedule**

January 12: If Barns Could Talk

 Presented by Rich Tyler, Professor at the University of Iowa

 Funded by Humanities Iowa, a private, non-profit state affiliate

 of the National Endowment for the Humanities

January 19: History of Cattle Feed

Presented by Dr. Phil Reemtsma

January 26: Eastern Iowa Pork Production in the Past and Present

 Presented by Todd Wiley

February 2: Feeding Iowa, Feeding the World: The Confluence of Local and Global Food Streams

 Presented by Brandi Janssen, PhD

 Member of the Hawkeye Speaker’s Bureau

February 9: Family Farming from the 1960’s to 1980’s

Presented by Margo Hansen, Director of Programs at EICC’s Bickelhaupt Arboretum and author of Down on the Farm

February 16: How Clinton Feeds the World

 Presented by Brian Leech, professor at Augustana College

February 23: History of 4-H and Experiences of 4-H

March 2: Life as an Ag Engineer Presented by Bailley Richardson

March 9: 40 Years of Change in Clinton County Agriculture

Presented by Greg Brenneman, Iowa State University Ag Engineering Specialist

March 16: The History of the Confluences and Clashes of Agriculture and Forestry

 Presented by Matthew Parbs, Director of The Sawmill Museum

March 23: KCLN’s Spring Ag Roundtable