

## AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

On September 11 the annual Amana Church picnic will begin at the Middle Park with a worship service at 11:00 a.m. Sw. Elly Hoehnle will preside at the service and song sheets will be provided. The schedule for the day is as follows: Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

- Amana Church Trivia will be played to see which table goes through the food line first!
- Lunch Chicken and sides will be catered. As always you are most welcome to bring a dessert to share!

• Kids' activities and the Yummy Auction What's a yummy auction? Think a cake auction, but even better! Donate a cake, jars of pickled beets, homemade salsa, ribs, rolls, cookies, a local restaurant gift card, etc. and each item will be auctioned off to the highest bidder, with proceeds to benefit our Food Pantry.

- Hymn sing-along

All are welcome to join us.

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.

## COLORED PENCIL & WATERCOLOR CLASSES

Fall Amana Arts Guild/Art Iowa course registration is now open! Colored Pencil course Sept 24-25, Watercolor course Oct 22-23. More information and registration directions at [www.amanaartsguild.com/fall2022courses/](http://www.amanaartsguild.com/fall2022courses/)

## AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

## AMANA FARMS JOINS CARGILL IN BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Amana Farms is enrolling 3,300 acres of their 2022-23 crop fields into Cargill RegenConnect™ - a voluntary market-based regenerative agriculture program offering producers a simple, flexible, and transparent way to access the growing carbon marketplace.

Cargill RegenConnect offers one-crop-year contracts to producers' customers in fifteen Midwest states to sequester carbon through implementing new or expanded regenerative agriculture practices.

"Amana Farms has been involved in cover crops and reduced tillage practices for years. It's a way to leave our land, waters, and climate in better shape for future generations," said John McGrath, Amana Farms Manager. "Cargill RegenConnect provides us the resources and market access we need to monetize carbon credits and strengthen our commitment to regenerative agricultural."

"Amana Farms recently purchased a strip-till machine for reducing tillage in our newly enrolled '23 crop acres," said McGrath, "The majority of our reduced tillage acres this crop year will be in corn."

Carbon sequestration achieved through Cargill RegenConnect will contribute to Cargill's scope 3 climate commitment and help the company's downstream customers achieve their voluntary carbon reduction goals. Cargill aims to have 10 million acres enrolled in sustainable and regenerative farming programs by 2030. Farmers interested in enrolling their fields for the 2022-23 crop season can do so until September 16.

On September 7th, Cargill will host an in-person field day at the Amana RV Park for their customers with hands-on soil health demonstrations and panel discussions to provide resources to learn more about emerging carbon markets.

For more information about Cargill RegenConnect, growers can visit [www.cargillregenconnect.com](http://www.cargillregenconnect.com).

## AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

### Colony Folksingers to Perform Sunday

As Oktoberfest is just around the corner, the Amana Colony Folksingers and Schuhplattlers will perform a dress rehearsal at the Brau Haus, Amana, Sunday, Sept. 11 at 2 p.m. The community is welcome.

This will be an opportunity for local residents to see the Folksingers and dancers perform prior to the Amana Oktoberfest. Please bring a lawn chair just in case, should the Brau Haus deck become too crowded.

This year the group is again performing at the downtown Des Moines Oktoberfest on Friday, September 23, at 5p.m.

The Colony Folksingers includes dancers, singers and band members: Gloria Alexander, Terry Baugh, Robert Brost, Tim Fees, Rick Hergert, Nathan Kleinmeyer, Lyndsey McCarty, Ryan McCarty, Alex Momany, Gretchen Muhlenbruck, Roland Peterman, Kurt Reihmann, Heidi Sandersfeld, Allison Stockman, Tyler Stockman, Tricia Ward, Jake Wilding, Erin Wilding, Keven Witte, Liesl Yunek, DJ Yunek and John Zuber.

### CCA Fame Fruit Sale Starts Now

#### Yes, You can Order Fruit On line or by Phone

The highly popular annual Fame Fruit Sale at Clear Creek Amana High School is now online. The sale of fruit benefits the CCA Fine Arts and Music programs.

So now there are three ways to order. You can order by calling Mary Trimpe at 319-331-8178 or by emailing the CCA Fame group at [ccafame@gmail.com](mailto:ccafame@gmail.com).

Or you can order online at [www.ccafame.org/ccafame-fruit-sale](http://www.ccafame.org/ccafame-fruit-sale). Go to the website and follow prompts to place an order.

All shipments may be picked up at the Hummer Trucking office at 3391 Highway 6 Trail, on Saturday, December 3 from 8 a.m. until noon.

### 2022 is the 90th Anniversary of Amana's Great Change

#### Part 1

As of this year, it has been 90 years since Amana made what they called the "Great Change" ending the communal way of life and forming the Amana Society, Inc. thus setting in motion events that shape Amana today. We will explore this in several News and Notes articles. Here is part 1.

From 1855 to 1932 the seven villages were a communal society – meaning it was share and share alike. Members contributed their labor, their time, their talents and received their housing, food, fuel, medical care, and more. To make this work, all agreed to live by rules that made sharing possible. By 1920 the seven Amana villages, were one of America's largest utopian, religious communities and certainly one of its most successful by any measure. But by 1920 the ground began to shift underfoot as Amana's younger generation began to

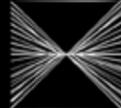
question the old way of doing things.

A communal way of life depends upon shared goals. The Amana communal member had few worries but likewise he could realize few aspirations. By the 1920's the younger generation was not content with what had become to them a stifling routine. They wanted to go to high school and even college. They wanted to play baseball, own cars and travel. Aspirations for higher education and greater freedom might have been enough to compel change but another undeniable force made it imperative - economics.

Both farm commodity prices and textile prices took a nosedive after World War I. Then in 1923 fire destroyed parts of the Amana Woolen Mill and the flour mill. The cost of rebuilding added to the community's financial burden. As the 1920s progressed Amana fell deeper into debt. By 1931 the community's debt was nearly \$500,000, according to a Statement of Assets and Liabilities compiled by William F. Moershel and published in 1934, as researched by Amana historian Peter Hoehnle. Hoehnle's work on the Great Change has been instrumental in our understanding of it.

As Hoehnle explained in his article Community in Transition, for the 2001 Winter Edition of The Annals of Iowa, "The Amana Society's reorganization

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**FEATHERS IN THE WIND**

The “dog days of Summer” are upon us - at least what I consider them to be.

Usually they begin when school starts and everyone has their new school clothes that seem to cling to the body from the heat. The “crispness” will soon disappear by the dampness of the bodies wishing for release of the classroom and the added heat generated by classmates

The hands on the wall clock seems never to move and the drone of the teacher’s voice is like that of a mosquito waiting to be brushed away

Now, all these years later, we have classrooms that are air conditioned. That alone should make for much rejoicing, but you know me well enough to know I will complain.

One of my complaints are the re-runs on television. They are endless. Why I keep watching them is a puzzlement... perhaps boredom. Even the news sounds repetitive.

I know this will soon end and that the sensible thing to do is to read more books, but I’ve even resorted to reading Bill O’Reilly and LIKING the book.

Poor Rhonda, at the library, is getting anxious when I blast my way through the doors seeking new books and whining if I don’t find anything “suitable” is not immediately there.

I’ve also taken to looking at my skin (Yes, you read that right - SKIN).

I know that as you age your skin dries up, but does it really have to look like crepe paper? I keep trying different creams to add moisture to my skin, but nothing seems to work.

I have ceased going to gala affairs (as if I were invited) for fear someone will take one look at me and crepe paper like skin and drape me around some chandelier or whatever.

Well they couldn’t do that because this is also the time of year you look at yourself and think a new wardrobe would be a good idea not because the season is changing, but your body has lost its firmness and is now sagging so much that a truss seems like a good idea. Whatever happened to girdles?

Suddenly the idea of covering mirrors, like Jewish, Irish Catholics, Polish, Russian, Chinese, Islamic, and some Buddhist people do during the time of mourning, sounds like a good idea. The trouble is eventually the veil has to be lifted and the youthful figure you once has been replace by the horror of the present.

I know the “dog days” will soon expire and that the beauty of fall will appear, but in the meantime please find me a good book to read, Charlemagne needs a respite.

B.S.H.

**Amana Arts Guild  
Woodcarving Club**

Mon, Sept 12th, 6-8 pm, High Amana  
\$5 at the Door / All Ages



Bring your Knife / Carving Kit  
Free Bear Roughout  
319-551-2800 (Bob Ward)

**HOSTED CRAFT PARTY AT FIRESIDE**

Fireside Winery, Marengo will host craft party on Saturday, September 10 @ 1:00 PM

Visit Fireside Winery on Facebook and go to “Upcoming Events” for the link to it all.

Please come and join us for a DIY leaning mini ladder or shiplap sign for your holiday decor. Your sign comes with 3 custom cut 3D tiles that are interchangeable so you can make more!

Choose from 20 fall and 21 Halloween tiles so they can be prepared for you. Everything you need for your project will be supplied.

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**MY AMANA EXPERIENCE**

This time I want to tell you about my visit to an ASI business that sometimes sort of flies under the radar, Cedar Rapids Millwork.

I was met by Kevin Clausen, Manager of Operations, who gave me a tour as well as a comprehensive history of the company. Kevin has been with ASI for about 30 years, however, I think he must have been just a wee lad when he started, as he seems too young to have been at any company for 30 years.

Although it’s situated in Hiawatha, Cedar Rapids Millwork began in 1928 as Schaller Lumberyard, and was located in Cedar Rapids proper. In 1945, it was purchased by Frank Olson, and renamed Olson Millwork. Millwork, shingles, sheetrock, and insulation were added to lumber, and in 1954 double-hung windows with insulated glass were introduced to a rather skeptical public. 1958 saw Cedar Rapids Millwork purchased by the Mulcahy family, who had the foresight in 1964 to buy a Clary Prehung Door machine and began to sell prehung doors.

Local contractors were initially unconvinced. Like the double-pane insulated windows though, prehung doors have become commonplace. In 1983, Mike Mulcahy bought the company from his father. Finally, in 1994 Cedar Rapids Millwork was acquired by Amana Society Incorporated, and in 1999, the Hiawatha facility was built.

CR Millwork sells mostly wholesale, with some retail and limited custom work. They specialize in “one step millwork” that they sell directly to contractors. There is a stain/paint department that will mix custom colors, and keeps a record of every customer’s purchase, as well as the recipe for every custom stain mixed.

This column will be in two parts, as I would like to tell you more about the individual staff members, so stay tuned and get ready to meet the people of Cedar Rapids Millwork next week!

Until next time, all my best,  
Amy Petta

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movement originated with a small group of professional men who began meeting during 1930. The group included Dr. Charles F. Noe, Peter Stuck, F. William Miller, Dr. Henry G. Moershel and William Ehrle, Jr.” All held positions of leadership within the community and all were convinced that bankruptcy and the dissolution of the community was inevitable unless the community restructured.

How best to restructure while keeping everyone fed and in their homes was the subject of intense discussion. Indeed from the moment discussion of change began, the goal was to maintain the Amana Church and the community life itself – with jobs enough so that community members might continue to live here, work here and worship together with a standard of living that promoted their well-being. Survival on these terms was the goal.

Survival was truly at stake. Amana’s leaders realized that should the community fail and bankruptcy be declared, the assets would be divided and sold, probably at very low prices since Iowa farms were being sold at rock bottom, Depression-driven, prices. And if the land was sold, what would happen to the jobs it provided? At this time the farms, timber, dairy barns and livestock operations provided most of the jobs in the villages. The second big employer was the woolen mill and that too was in trouble. If the Amanas were forced to financial dissolution (and there were no bankruptcy laws to speak of then), would the woolen mill be sold too or would it simply close and the machinery sold off? Again if it closed where would the textile workers be employed? No one had cars to drive anywhere so they would be forced to move away to find work.

So the leaders made a momentous decision. Next week, read what they decided to do.

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**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT  
Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting and Tentative  
Agenda, September 12, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.  
Amana Colonies Land Use District office – 4304  
220th Trail Amana And via ZOOM link**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Set Agenda
- III. Review/Approve August 8, 2022 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 a Historic Preservation Zoning District:
  - a. 2022-096. ASI dba Amana Furniture Shop / 724 48th Ave Amana / HP-C. 1) A vehicle was accidentally driven into side of building. Replace damaged window with a new double entrance door. Replaced damaged bricks in existing single doorway with same color bricks as currently used on building. (Conditional upon HPC meeting prior week).
  - b. 2022-094. Jon Childers and Steven Hergert / 2617 K St and 1012 27th Ave Middle Amana / HP-R. 1) Replace SOUTH stairs at 2617 K St using cedar tone treated lumber, but add a 48” x 48” landing to the new design. See photo 4A for design example. 2) On the EAST side of the 1012 27th Ave address repair a 5’ x 7’ area of the existing porch flooring using Trex composite in Amana color match. Also replace the existing stairs and hand rails with new construction of same using treated cedar - no change in appearance. 3) On both SOUTH and EAST side replace two existing screen doors with Larson white storm doors.
  - c. 2022-097. Louis and Jan Caspers / 621 45th Ave Amana / HP-C. Change of Use application to go from a Bed and Breakfast to quantity two rental apartments. (Conditional upon HPC meeting prior week).
- VI. Other Business.
  - a. Discussion/Action: Board of Trustees review of upcoming Special Election on Tuesday, October 4th .
  - b. Status of grant application for Dan and Elizabeth Wood.
  - c. Edge Consulting Engineers representing US Cellular wish to place more antennas on water tower that is outside of town in Middle Amana. ACLUD is entitled to be a consulting party.
- VII. Review/Approve September Disbursements Report.
- VIII. Review/Approve August Treasurer’s Report.
- IX. President’s Report.
- X. Administrator’s Report.
- XI. Adjourn.

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