

Norman Borlaug



Heritage Farm





READY TO GET INVOLVED?

If your organization is interested in co-hosting a historical film screening or other programming opportunities, please email archives@iastate.edu.

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History at Home: Community Archival Film Screenings





OVERVIEW

The Iowa State University Library Special Collections and University Archives (SCUA) received \$6,286 from the Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area General Grant Program. The program funds projects dedicated to telling America's agricultural stories.

Together, the University Library's SCUA and Preservation departments preserved, digitized, restored and screened archival agricultural films from SCUA collections as a pilot project in the summer and fall of 2019.

In collaboration with local Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area partner sites, the University Library helped develop tailored events that shared homegrown stories via unique Iowa-centric film collections.

Our partners provided the programming and we brought the films.

THE PROCESS

The University Library sent each film to a vendor to scan at the preservation standard of 2K for each 16 mm film – our in-house audiovisual preservation lab did light restoration via software PFClean.

The work of film archivist Jane Paul (January 19, 1958-November 13, 2018) inspired this project. Paul spent her career collecting, curating and presenting film content tailored for regional and multicultural New Zealand audiences.



Photograph of Jane Paul (right) with a colleague.

EVENTS

Silos & Smokestacks strategically created events that would shed light on the richness of each site and the local area's contribution to Iowa. The University Library played an integral role by screening films at the following events:

DATE: June 12, 2019

EVENT: 20th Annual Great Eastern Iowa Tractorcade

LOCATION: Norman Borlaug Boyhood

Home and Birthplace Farms

SCREENED: *Norman Borlaug – Revolutionary* (1971), *Dimension 5: World Food and Hunger with Norman Borlaug*

DATE: June 20, 2019

EVENT: Film Screening

LOCATION: Amana Heritage Auditorium

SCREENED: *Landmarks in Iowa History #2: Amana* (originally aired February 3, 1959) and *Iowa Perspectives* (originally aired January 10, 1979)

PRESENTATION: This event was followed by "Just When You Thought You Had Seen It All"—a lecture by Peter Hoehnle.

DATE: September 12, 2019

EVENT: History Happy Hour

LOCATION: Living History Farms

SCREENED: *When We Farmed with Horses* (1979)

PRESENTATION: This event was followed by "When We Farmed with Horses...And Before"—a lecture by Tom Moraine.

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