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**Waukeee Public Library Plans Sculpture Dedication and Art Celebration Day**

**Waukeee, Iowa** — The Waukeee Public Library will host a sculpture dedication and art celebration day on Saturday, May 14 as a way to celebrate the recent exterior installation at the library of the *American Gothic*-inspired sculpture *Iowa – Past and Present – Living Fence*. The sculptor, John Brommel, will kick off the day's event with a dedication speech at 10 a.m.

"I have always found libraries to be places of inspiration," said Brommel. "I can only hope that when people visit the Waukeee Public Library and see my homage to Grant Wood, that they look within themselves and wonder, 'of what might I be capable?'"

Following Brommel's 10 a.m. speech, members of the public are welcome to stay for a full day of celebrating art. A special activity will be provided by the Waukeee Area Arts Council until noon, and library staff members will lead various art-making activities throughout the day, wrapping up around 3 p.m. Refreshments will also be provided.

"It was important to have this dedication event to honor the sculptor and to celebrate the piece's return to view for the community," said Waukeee Public Library Director Kristine Larson. "We think a fun-filled day of art for Waukeee children and families will serve in fully engaging them in art and this piece in particular."

*Iowa – Past and Present – Living Fence* was donated to the library in 2015 as part of parkland dedication.

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