

Back in Bloom

May 6, 7 & 8, 2021

86th Annual Tulip Festival

Flowers and Where to See Them!

Tulip Avenue in Central Park and Sunken Gardens Park

The City of Pella plants tens of thousands of tulips throughout these two parks in celebration of Pella's Dutch heritage. Especially vibrant and colorful is the Tulip Avenue in Central Park which runs from the North fountain to the center of the park. An immense variety of tulips are showcased along this sidewalk.

Scholte House Gardens

Corner of Main and Broadway Streets

Behind the Historic Scholte House Museum are the beautiful Scholte Gardens. Featuring over 25,000 tulips, the gardens are free and open to the public. At one time, this land was under the care of Maria Scholte, the wife of Pella's founder Dominie Hendrik P. Scholte. Here you'll find benches to rest on, art sculptures to admire, a gazebo for shade, and many varieties of tulips.

Fair Haven Memorial Garden

Corner of East 3rd and Union Streets

This popular garden was originally planted in 1947 with tulip bulbs donated by The Netherlands in gratitude for war-relief aid sent by the citizens of Pella after World War II. Today these gardens feature over 13,000 tulips planted in 17 beds. The Garden also features two monuments listing more than 800 local veterans who served in WWII. This beautiful site is located five blocks southeast of the downtown square. The public is invited to visit this lovely attraction. Admission is free.

Central College

812 University, 3-4 blocks south of the Tulip Toren

Nearly 15,000 tulips will bloom on Central College's beautiful campus. The main tulip beds are located in the plaza by Graham Conference Center, the east and north sides of Central Hall, Jordan Plaza, Peace Mall, and Weller Flag Garden with various other small beds and at the campus cornerstones. Approximately 30 different varieties will bloom throughout the spring.

58th Annual Tulip Bulb Sales and Flower Show

9 am – 6 pm | Scholte House (East Entrance) | 728 Washington St. - New Location!

See beautiful arrangements using tulips in the historical home of Pella's founder Dominie Scholte. Order your tulip bulbs here! Masks required. Sponsored by the Pella Garden Club.

Special Events to the 86th Annual Tulip Festival!

Join us for a WALKING PARADE in the downtown area. Ten floats will be on display, and several will offer an opportunity for you to step on and take your photos. Visit the floats from 8:30-9:30 pm for a special lighted float display! These floats will be located on Main Street between Liberty and Washington and on Franklin Street near the Vermeer Windmill.

Grandstand Shows

Grandstand shows begin at 1 pm each day. Bleacher tickets will be limited and seating will be socially distanced. Park tickets are available providing some shaded seating and an excellent option for guests in wheelchairs and walker seats. The afternoon Grandstand show features Dutch dancing and singing, Parade of Provinces (Dutch costume style show), presentation of the Queen and her Court, the famous street scrubbing and more. Grandstand seats are free for the evening show thanks to the generous support of Central College!

Feesthouden

Our evening Feesthouden show features special entertainment each night on the Tulip Toren stage. Feesthouden begins at 6:30 pm each night. Special thank you to Central College for sponsoring these evening shows!

THURSDAY EVENING

LIVING WORD FELLOWSHIP WORSHIP TEAM

The mission of the Living Word Fellowship Church, based in Knoxville, Iowa, is "To declare and demonstrate the goodness of God." They share that commitment with us tonight through song. Join us as the community of Pella celebrates the faith that first brought its founders to America.

FRIDAY EVENING

PELLA HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ 1 AND AcaPELLA

Pella High School's Jazz 1 has a very long tradition of success. The band has earned 39 consecutive Division I ratings at the Iowa High School Music Association's state contest, placed high annually at multiple contests throughout Iowa and has earned the state title 18 times in the 44 year existence of the Iowa Jazz Championships. AcaPella is the varsity show choir at Pella High School. Their show this year, Frozen Heart, tells a story of heartbreak and the subsequent thawing of a frozen heart where love is allowed to flourish. They include 47 singers, 14 instrumentalists, and 3 crew members. Their director is Samantha Robilliard.

SATURDAY EVENING

TYLER RICHTON AND THE HIGH BANK BOYS

Join us at 6:30 pm for this high-energy, crowd-pleasing, danceable band who play iconic country cover tunes along with their own original award-winning songs. They come to us from Deep River, Iowa, and are entertaining for people of all ages. Their youthful energy, combined with years of experience, will encourage the whole crowd to sing along. Once they get going, their music will bring even the most reluctant folks out of the stands to dance in front of Pella's Tulip Toren!

A special treat for everyone in the downtown area is the fireworks display on Friday night. Sponsored by Pella Corporation, this fireworks show is visible from the downtown area.

Pop Ups? Yes!

The following groups will be performing and doing meet-and-greets throughout the three days of Tulip Time in four different locations: the Tulip Toren, the Vermeer Windmill, the Molengracht, and the South Picnic Table Lot.

Dutch Family Singers

Listen and watch Dutch songs and traditional dances performed by an energetic group of families in Dutch costume.

Dutchesses

A group of high school women sing traditional Dutch songs and perform Dutch dances in Dutch costume, complete with wooden shoes!

Pella High School Orchestra Strolling Strings (Thurs. and Fri. only)

Members of the Pella Community High School Orchestra perform Dutch songs and classical music on violin, viola, cello and bass. Weather permitting.

Meet-and-Greets

Visit and take photos with Dominie Scholte - Pella's founder, Sinterklaas – the Dutch Santa, the Burgemeister – the Dutch mayor, and Pella's 2021 Tulip Queen and Court!

And MARCHING BANDS! Keep your eyes open! There may be a special procession EVERY DAY, weather permitting!

Museums, Displays, and Performances

Dutch Masters Antique Auto Display

8:30 am – 7:30 pm | Main Street between Liberty and Franklin | Thurs – Sat
Car buffs will love these antique cars on display.

Red Rock Threshers Antique Implement Display

9 am – 7 pm | Franklin St. west of the square & West 2nd St. between Franklin & Liberty |
Thurs – Sat
Antique tractors and equipment on display.

Quilt Show

10 am – 6 pm, Wed. – Sat. | \$5 | Pella Community Center - 712 Union St., located on the 2nd floor, 1.5 blocks south of square.

Enter on north side or use ramp and/or elevator at the southeast corner. Over 100 quilts, raffle quilt and gift boutique items, all created by Pella Area Quilt Guild members. Masks and social distancing required.

Klokkenspel

625 Franklin St.

Enjoy the 147-bell carillon as you watch figures tell of Pella's early history or see a series of popular Tulip Time figures. The five bronze bells at the top were cast in Holland. Performance times are every 30 minutes each day during Tulip Time.

Pella Historical Village Museum & Vermeer Windmill Tour

507 Franklin St. | 90 minutes | \$20 adult | \$15 youth (5-18) | 4 and under free | 9 am – 6 pm,
Thurs – Sat

The Vermeer Windmill, at 126 feet, anchors this 23 building complex. The mill is the largest working windmill in the United States. **All windmill tours are assigned a specific time; be sure to pick up your "Fast Pass," included in the price of admission, at the North Gate.** The Historical Village and Vermeer Windmill ticket includes a guided tour of the Vermeer Windmill (including the grinding and observation level) as well as the Wyatt Earp House, the Werkplaats, Van Spanckeren's General Store, Beason – Blommers Grist Mill, Dutch bakery, and more than 60,000 tulips planted throughout the Village! Craft demonstrations throughout the day include: Woodworking; Needlework; Blacksmithing; Hindeloopen painting; Quilting; Wooden shoe production; Rug braiding; and Dutch letter baking. Miffy, a favorite rabbit "mascot" of the Netherlands, will be at the Village on Saturday from 11am to 4pm to greet visitors! **New this year: "The Wyatt Earp Experience," a journey through the life of Wyatt Earp in his boyhood home, included in the price of admission.** Masks required.

Scholte House Museum

728 Washington St. | 30 minutes | \$12 adult | \$7 youth (5-18) | 4 and under free | 9 am – 6 pm,
Thurs – Sat

The original home of Dominie H.P. Scholte, the founder of Pella. Scholte had promised his wife Maria he would build her a house like the elegant Dutch home they left behind in the Netherlands. He kept his promise and built this lovely mansion for her. The house features the personal belongings of the Scholte family and just reopened after a 2 1/2 year renovation. Located behind the house are the Scholte Formal Gardens featuring two life-sized bronze statues among almost 25,000 tulips. Masks required.

Pella City Tour

640 Franklin St. | 1 hour | \$8 adult | \$5 youth 8:30 am – 6 pm, Thurs – Sat

Tuttle Cabin

608 Lincoln Street | Thurs – Sat | \$

The Thomas F. and Nancy Tuttle Log House is the oldest building in Pella. This “birthplace of Pella” is the cabin where Dominie Scholte purchased the land that became the heart of Pella. The cabin is a wood, 1.5 story ‘single-pen’ (one room dwelling), originally constructed in 1843 with walls made of square hewn, walnut logs about 6 x 6 inches. **NEW THIS YEAR, the Tuttle Learning Walk shares the early history of the county as well as the story of Dominie Scholte and the exodus of the Dutch from the Netherlands to the prairie of Iowa as well as information about modern-day Pella and the annual Tulip Time celebration.** For more information, visit HistoricPellaTrust.org.

Fire House Museum

614 Main St. | Noon – 2 pm & 4 – 8 pm, Thurs – Sat

The reconstructed 1882 building houses an antique fire engine, antique fire-fighting equipment and fire-fighting memorabilia, as well as a cold, desolate jail. Masks required.

Veteran’s Museum

Memorial Building | 829 Broadway | 10 am – 2 pm, Thurs – Sat

Sponsored by the VFW/American Legion, discover artifacts from the Civil War through The Global War on Terror with most items donated by Pella citizens.

Dutch Craft Market

West Market Park | 1009 Liberty St. | 9 am – 7 pm, Thurs – Sat

Stroll through West Market Park and enjoy 80+ socially distanced booths filled with a wide variety of shopping delights.

Fly-In Breakfast

7 - 10 am | Saturday | \$8 Adult | \$6 Children | Pella Municipal Airport

Antique, classic, experimental and corporate aircraft on display. Breakfast served by Pella United Methodist Church.

The Reluctant Pioneer – The Story of Maria Scholte

Pella Opera House | 611 Franklin St. | Great Hall | 10 am on Thursday & Friday | 11 am on Saturday | 40 min | \$5

The Opera House’s Great Hall is transformed into Maria Scholte’s living room for this unique experience. The Reluctant Pioneer is a must-see! A thoroughly enjoyable one-woman live production by Beverly Graves, bringing to life Pella's "first lady." Catch an exciting glimpse of this important figure from Pella's pioneer days. Masks and social distancing required. Tickets available at www.pellaoperahouse.org.

Carpenters Once More

Pella Opera House | 611 Franklin St. | Historic Theatre | 3 pm on Thursday and Friday only | 90 min | \$20 adult or \$12 youth

Come celebrate one unforgettable voice and one unforgettable duo with the sounds of Carpenters Once More. Branson's 2016 Tribute show of the Year, and Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence Winner vocalist Diana Lynn portrays pop star Karen Carpenter like none other. From the birth of this dynamic brother/sister duo to the last of their public performances, the heartwarming production highlights hits like Yesterday Once More, Top Of The World, Close To You, We've Only Just Begun, Mr. Postman and many more. Masks and social distancing required. Tickets available at www.pellaoperahouse.org

Tiptoe Through the Tulips with Davis Folkerts on the Barton Theatre Organ

Pella Opera House | 611 Franklin St. | Historic Theatre | 10 am Saturday only | 30 min | \$5
Delight to the sounds of the Barton Theatre Organ, brought to life in a 30-minute program of music. Performed by Pella's very own Davis Folkerts, an accomplished organist and Professor Emeritus from the Music Department of Central College. Masks and social distancing required. Tickets available at www.pellaoperahouse.org

Central College Flying Pans Steel Band

Pella Opera House | 611 Franklin St. | Historic Theatre | 3 pm on Saturday only
The Flying Pans will perform energetic and soothing sounds of the steel drum featuring calypso, soca, Latin, jazz and rock. Don't miss this upbeat music group at the Pella Opera House! Masks and social distancing required. Tickets available at www.pellaoperahouse.org

Vincent

Pella Community Center | 712 Union St. | Joan Kuyper Farver Auditorium | 4:30 pm Thursday-Saturday | \$10

A one-person play of the life of Dutchman and gifted artist Vincent Van Gogh through the eyes of his brother Theo and the letters and correspondence they had throughout Vincent's tortured life. Tickets available at www.unionstreetplayers.com.

Organ Concert with Davis Folkerts at Second Reformed Church

Second Reformed Church | 612 Broadway St. | Noon, Friday-Saturday | 1 hour | Free
Davis Folkerts, Pella organist, will be performing a casual, hour-long concert at noon on the Friday and Saturday of Tulip Time. Listen to the sounds of the organ fill the sanctuary while you relax and enjoy this low-key musical experience. Masks are required, and please practice social distancing.

Amenities

Immanuel Reformed Fellowship will be offering the Family Rest Stop, located behind Franklin Street Clothing (612 Franklin St). The entrance faces the alley behind the store. Perfect for a private area for nursing mothers, free popcorn, coffee, water, and a single stall bathroom for those who just need a few minutes to rest.

Second Reformed Church will be hosting a baby changing/nursery station inside the “Gathering Space” of the church building, located on the corner of Broadway and Liberty Streets, next to the Pella Public Library. Available 1:00-7:00pm. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing as much as possible.

Sunday Worship

Thanksgiving and Praise Service | Central Park Tulip Toren | Sunday | 11 am
Join us for worship, music and praise!

Parking

We encourage you to take advantage of our designated pay parking lots on the west side of town (Exit 40 from Hwy 163) on Friday and Saturday, and on the southeast side of town (Exit 44 from Hwy. 163) on Saturday only. Cost is \$8 per vehicle and includes a free shuttle into the downtown area. View maps online at www.pellahistorical.com/parking. A limited amount of handicap parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Pella Public Library parking lot with access from Liberty Street. Walking is a large part of the festival! Plan accordingly and be sure to wear comfortable shoes!

Streets around the town square are closed to vehicle traffic during the festival. Most events and activities at our Tulip Time Festival are within walking distance of a four-block radius of the town square. Golf cart shuttles are available for your convenience for \$2 per ride or \$5 per day. Day passes may be pre-ordered or purchased the day of the festival from a golf cart shuttle driver or at the ticket booth. Masks are required on the shuttles. Golf carts pick up and drop off passengers at designated sites only. Shuttle hours are 10 am – 8 pm. A schedule of events and locator map will be available during the festival from the information centers.

Grandstand tickets may be purchased at the ticket booth at the corner of Franklin and Main Streets during the festival. Tickets are \$10 for bleachers and \$5 for park seats. Due to the nature of outdoor festivals, tickets will not be refunded or exchanged once purchased. Tickets to Vincent available at www.unionstreetplayers.com. Tickets to Pella Opera House events available at www.pellaoperahouse.org. We look forward to seeing you at Tulip Time 2021 - May 6, 7, & 8, 2021.