



INAUGURAL GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER DAY

**WEDNESDAY,
FEB. 1, 2023**

In June 2022, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds declared February 1 as George Washington Carver Day. On this day we are all encouraged to remember the scientific accomplishments, as well as the humanitarian achievements of this great human being.

Indianola and Simpson College are especially proud to have been a part of Dr. Carver's life. After being rejected by a college in Kansas because of the color of his skin, Carver applied at Simpson. He was accepted and embraced as a member of our community.

Years later and upon reflection, he said he had a vision while attending Simpson. When asked what it was, he answered: "the kind of people there made me believe I was a human being."

**Join us as we celebrate Carver's life,
work and connection to Indianola.**

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IN INDIANOLA AND SIMPSON COLLEGE

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10:30 – 12:00 Guided Tour of Carver-related sites

Circle Back in Time, a guided tour around the Square, where actors will be inside Local Vine, Treasures, Uncommon Grounds and Corner Sundry, to tell the story of local businesses from the time of George Washington Carver.

Shuttle to Warren County Historical Society and Museum to visit their collection of artifacts related to Carver's life and experiences in Indianola. Transportation available at Rudolf Insurance, Indianola Square's west side.

12:00 – 12:45 Reception, featuring an invocation and proclamation reading at 12:30 p.m., Lekberg Hall at Simpson College Amy Robertson Music Building

1:00 – 1:45 Presentation: George Washington Carver in Iowa, Lekberg Hall, Simpson College

Linda Griffith Smith, of Madison County Historical Society, will discuss the remarkable story of George Washington Carver and his time in Iowa. Born into slavery in Missouri, George moved multiple times before coming to Iowa in 1888 at 24 years of age.

2:00 – 3:00 Performance: Listening to the Still Small Voice: The Story of George Washington Carver, Lekberg Hall, Simpson College

Performed by Paxton Williams. This is the story of one of the most inspiring and enigmatic renaissance men of the 20th century. As you travel from Civil War-era Missouri, to Carver's Laboratory, to the halls of Congress, you will see the trials, tribulations, and ultimate triumph of the scientist/educator/artist known as the "Wizard of Tuskegee."

3:00 – 4:00 Simpson College Self-Guided Tour.

Visit six historical landmarks on campus that relate to Carver. Tour stops will be marked and information will be available at Lekberg Hall and the Matthew Simpson Room in College Hall.

4:00 – 6:00 West Hill Brewing Company (219 W Salem Ave.)

Enjoy the roll out of "Peanut Genius," a locally brewed beer with notes of peanuts – produced by Simpson College alums Doug Gaumer '05 and Heather Norris Gaumer '05. (costs apply)

5:30 – 5:45 Join in a formal toast to George Washington Carver's Life, accomplishments, and his time at Simpson and in Indianola.



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