

**Inaugural George Washington Carver Day in the State  
of Iowa  
February 1, 2023**



In June 2022, Governor Kim Reynolds signed a bill that issued the following proclamation designating February 1 as George Washington Carver Day in the state of Iowa:

*"The governor of this state is hereby authorized and requested to issue annually a proclamation designating the first day of February as George Washington Carver Day and to encourage all governmental entities, civic organizations, schools, and institutions of higher education in the state to observe the day in a manner that emphasizes the meaning and importance of the scientific and agricultural accomplishments and global humanitarian achievements of professor Carver and to acknowledge the Iowa educational institutions, Simpson College and Iowa State University, that allowed George Washington Carver to persevere through racial barriers and fulfill his potential as a human being."*

In observance of the inaugural George Washington Carver Day, the Indianola Community and Simpson College will host educational activities pertaining to the life of George Washington Carver. We encourage you to attend these events that are free and open to the public.

**George Washington Carver Day - February 1, 2023**

**10:30 - 12 | "Circle Back In Time Tour"** - Guides inside the Local Vine (north), Corner Sundry (west), Uncommon Grounds (south), and Treasures (east) will provide history for their side of The Square in 1890 when Carver arrived to Indianola.

**10:30 - 12 | Warren County Historical Society** - Carver Museum open with guides available.

*\*Shuttle bus between the Indianola Square and Warren County Historical Society provided.*

**12:15 - 12:45 | Reception** - Amy Robertson Music Center Lobby, Simpson College, with hot tea and canapes created in remembrance of Dr. Carver.

**12:45 - 1 | Invocation and Reading of Proclamations** - Lekberg Hall, Amy Robertson Music Center, Simpson College

**1 - 1:45 | Presentation: George Washington Carver in Iowa** - 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, Carver moved multiple times before coming to Iowa in 1888 at 24 years of age. - Lekberg Hall, Amy Robertson Music Center, Simpson College

**2 - 3 | Performance: Listening to the Still Small Voice: The Story of George Washington Carver** - 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." - Lekberg Hall, Amy Robertson Music Center, Simpson College

**3 - 4:30 | Simpson College Self-Guided Tour** - Visit historical landmarks on the campus that relate to Carver's life as an art student at Simpson.

**4 - 6 | West Hill Brewing Company features "Peanut Genius"** in honor of George Washington Carver Day. Special toast at 5:30 p.m. - 219 West Salem Ave

No pre-registration required.