



**NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM & AQUARIUM**  
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**46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
PRESENTED BY  
THE DUBUQUE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Dubuque County Historical Society's 46<sup>th</sup> annual Ice Cream Social is Sunday, July 4, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Mathias Ham House Historic Site. The Mathias Ham House is located in the downtown district at 2241 Lincoln Avenue.

This event is free and open to the public, donations are encouraged. All proceeds will benefit the Mathias Ham House Historic Site, a property of the Dubuque County Historical Society.

The Ice Cream Social is a community tradition and one of the tri-state area's most treasured events. Throughout the grounds are many ongoing activities including Ham House tours, children's games and prizes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Light Artillery presenting a Civil War presentation, Terry Sorchy Echoes of the Past presenting military clothing and a colonial cooking presentation, Stone Boat horse demonstration, Victorian era games and activities, Great River Fiber Artists, the Cable Car Quilters Guild and live music by the Fever River String Band.

New this year is a Historic Clothing Contest, guests of all ages are encouraged to visit the Ham House in period clothing (1770-1870) Categories: formal, every day and military categories. Each participant will receive a certificate and prizes will be given in categories including: Under 3, child, youth, adult.

This time honored holiday celebration also offers a variety of picnic food including brats, hot dogs, pulled pork, chips, soda, lemonade, and of course the traditional cake and ice cream treats available for purchase on the Mathias Ham House grounds.

The 46<sup>th</sup> annual Ice Cream Social is sponsored by US Bank. Additional sponsors are Kohl's, Queen B Radio, Burger King, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Dubuque By Carriage, Hy-Vee, Schoep's Ice Cream and Arctic Glacier Ice.

For more information regarding the Mathias Ham House 4<sup>th</sup> of July Ice Cream Social, please contact Jan Feltes 563-557-9545 ext. 207, [www.rivermuseum.com](http://www.rivermuseum.com).

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