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| |  | | --- | | New program at Wallace Farm connects history and agriculture  Based on historic issues of Wallaces’ Farmer magazine, History Lesson Lunches will prompt reminiscences and lively discussions about farm life. Letters from readers and excerpts from editorials focus on interesting topics covered in the magazine during the Wallace family’s time as editors, 1895-1933.  “The readings selected for the program show the influence that the Wallace Family had as an essential resource for farming knowledge in rural areas across Iowa and the Midwest,” explained Caroline Schoonover, Programs Manager. “These “history lessons” will connect visitors to Iowa’s agriculture stories.” Dates and topics include:  April 13: Improvements on the Farm  May 11: Bees & Clover  October 12: to be announced  November 16: to be announced  Before the Wallaces launched their now-famous agriculture journal in 1895, Henry Wallace owned 160 acres in Adair County, including the 40 acres of what is now the Wallace Farm. His son, Henry C. farmed the land from 1887 to 1892 and Henry A. Wallace was born on the property in 1888.  Schoonover added, “This program makes the connection between that farm and their work of helping farm families be successful through the pages of Wallaces’ Farmer.”  The 90-minute program begins at 11:30 am. Cost is $25 per person and includes a farm-to-table lunch created from fruits and vegetables grown and harvested on the Wallace Farm. Other ingredients are locally sourced whenever possible. Groups are welcome. Contact Lisa at 641.337.5019 for reservations or book online at [www.wallace.org](http://www.wallace.org). Please mention any dietary restrictions and accessibility needs in advance.  The Wallace Centers of Iowa’s two locations include the Wallace Farm in rural Orient and the Wallace House in Des Moines. Together, the two historic sites provide educational programs and community services, produce sustainably-grown fruits and vegetables, and offer locally-sourced meals. More information about the non-profit can be found at [www.wallace.org](http://www.wallace.org).  ### | |