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# FOR THE LOVE OF IOWA WINTERS

A photographic celebration of the cold season

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This century-old metal-sided barn, located in Woodbury County, absorbs the sun's heat on a winter morning when deep frost covered the trees and Loess Hills landscape.

As lifelong and longtime Iowans know, winter provides ample opportunity for trouble, especially as it relates to driving on roads coated with ice or walking on slick sidewalks or driveways. The cold temperatures and accompanying winds rarely earn praise at the dinner table, and the early sunsets have no fan clubs.

All those things considered, it's fair to wonder why many of us choose to love winter. Perhaps it's the snow crunching under our boots amidst a quiet snowfall, or maybe it's those crystal-clear sunny days that only appear when it's extra cold outside.

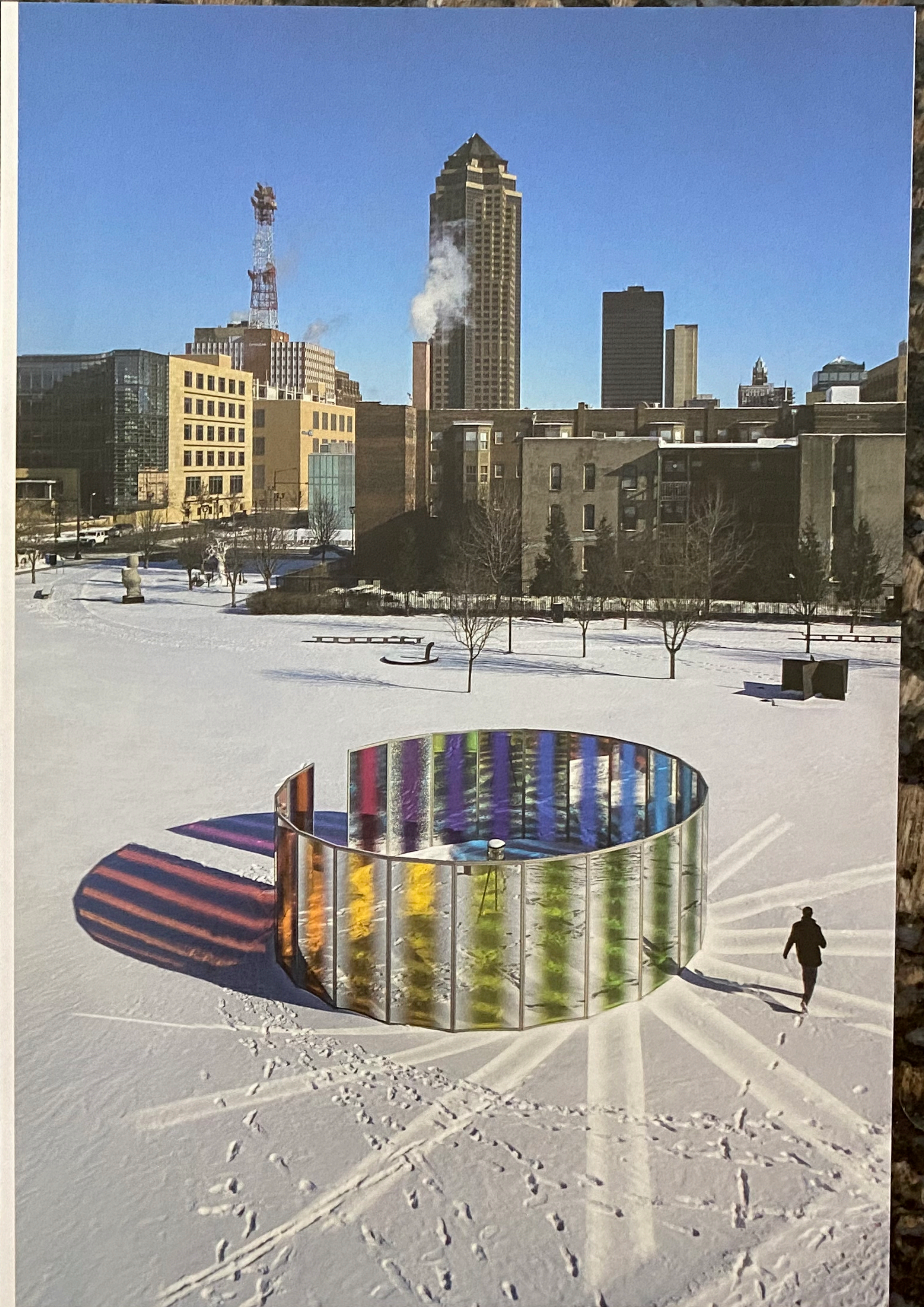
We mustn't also forget how much *fun* our winters can be. Many of us have already been digging through our garages and basements in search of carefully packed away sleds, cross-country skis, ice augers, skates, and hockey sticks. When you add in the end-of-year holidays we celebrate, we truly have a season worth celebrating.

While winter may not carry the optimism and new growth associated with spring, nor the relaxed, sun-soaked feeling of summer, or the colorful beauty we attribute autumn, our cold season will always provide us with enough beauty and enjoyment to get us through those stretches of days when the roads are impassable, or the electricity (and internet) is out, or the neighbors have blown their snow into your freshly-shoveled driveway.

Stay warm, and enjoy the season!



Top: Manning is one of Iowa's small towns that still displays its Christmas tree in center of an intersection of streets.  
 Above: The Bennett log cabin wears a fresh layer of snow at Winterset City Park in Winterset.



The brilliant colors of the "Panoramic awareness pavilion" (2013) by Olafur Eliasson reflect onto snow at the John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park in Des Moines.

Kids climb the hill for another sledding run near the "Shattering Silence" sculpture at the state capitol grounds in Des Moines.



**Right:** Ice skaters glide under the lights at the Brenton Skating Plaza in Des Moines, which usually opens Thanksgiving weekend.

**Opposite top:** A windmill in Monona County, east of Mapleton, is coated with a deep winter frost.

**Opposite bottom:** During the holidays, whiskey barrels are stacked into a pyramid and decorated at the Templeton Rye Distillery in Templeton.

**Below:** Fresh snow blankets trees in Pammel State Park near Winterset. The Middle River Ford, built in the 1920s, is the only means of vehicle access to the west side of the park.





Friends gather for a photo opportunity while the kids play under the kites at the Color the Wind Kite Festival, typically held every February in Clear Lake.