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**Ferner Nuhn with Ruth Suckow**

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# Ruth Suckow Memorial Association (RSMA)

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**Ruth Suckow, 1931**

“Suckow is Iowa’s Willa Cather. Her fiction explores with moving realism and rich detail the life in Midwestern communities.”

Barbara Lounsberry, RSMA President,  
Professor Emerita of English, University  
of Northern Iowa.



## Our Association

The Ruth Suckow Memorial Association is a non-profit educational and cultural organization formed to preserve materials about writer Ruth Suckow's life and times and to show the meaning of her work for Iowa and the world.

Ruth Suckow was born in Hawarden, Iowa, in 1892. The daughter of Congregational minister William Suckow and his wife Caroline, Ruth lived in many Iowa communities: Hawarden, Algona, Paulina, Le Mars, McGregor, Manchester, Earlville, Grinnell, Fort Dodge, Cedar Falls, Des Moines, and Davenport.

The Ruth Suckow Park & Ruth Suckow Memorial Library are located in Earlville, Iowa.

The city's public library and Ruth's birth home in Hawarden both have a number of Suckow memorabilia.

Ruth is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls. There is a sculpture honoring her and husband Ferner Nuhn at the Hearst Center's Sculpture Garden. Ferner painted Ruth, below.



## Our Goals

1. To preserve and exhibit a collection of literature and historical items relating to the life, times, and work of Ruth Suckow.
2. To identify and preserve, or mark in a suitable way, geographical sites connected with Ruth Suckow's literary career.
3. To show the significance of Ruth Suckow's work for Iowa and the world.

## Our History

The Ruth Suckow Memorial Association first met in 1962, with a number of representatives of civic organizations participating. It became a legal non-profit organization on May 19, 1966. On June 27 of that year, the Association accepted the property known as the "Ruth Suckow Cottage" in Earlville, offered by Ferner Nuhn, Suckow's husband.

Ruth lived in the cottage during the summers of 1925 and 1926. She wrote a number of short stories there and much of her second novel, *The Odyssey of a Nice Girl*. Ruth loved the cottage, which she furnished herself. Not far from the house is the Plum Creek area where Ruth liked to walk. Today it is a county park.

Each year the members gather for their annual meeting in early June, generally at the Cedar Falls Public Library.

You can help bring deserved recognition to Ruth Suckow's life and work:

- By becoming a member (see the form, this page). Your \$15 annual membership brings you the annual newsletter and regular email communications regarding Suckow matters.
- By making a gift to the RSMA to support dissemination of Ruth's works.
- By reading and sharing her work (available online).

## Join us!

Please send this form and checks for membership (made out to "RSMA") to RSMA Treasurer Mary Brammer  
P. O. Box 114  
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

Category of membership	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> General Membership	15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining membership	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation for (specify)	0.00
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR ASSOCIATION, AND IN RUTH SUCKOW'S LIFE AND WORK.**

Our Next Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, June 15 at the Hearst Center for the Arts in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

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