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We're marking #IowaMuseumWeek with a new special display at the State Historical Museum of Iowa, celebrating the life of Donna Reed. Five of her dresses and one romper are on display, courtesy of the Donna Reed Foundation for the Performing Arts in Denison. We also thank her daughter, Mary Owen, for allowing us to reproduce some of her family's photos in the display.

Here's an overview of the dresses and romper:

Blue Plaid Dress, Maker Unknown, About 1964: Donna wore this dress in a Singer sewing machine commercial in the mid-1960s.

Navy and White Romper with Initials, Maker Unknown, 1941: Donna wore this romper in promotional stills for the movie "The Return of the Thin Man" (1941).

Pink Dress with White Collar/Cuffs, Maker Unknown, About 1962: Donna wore this dress in a number of promotional photos including one with her daughter, Mary, one for Kenmore washing machines and another for a Denison barbecue festival.

Gown, Feathered bodice, Academy Awards, 1964: Donna Reed wore this classic gown with a feathered bust as a presenter at the 1964 Academy Awards.

Black Skirt and Jacket, Saks Fifth Avenue, About 1955: Straight-cut suits became popular in the mid-1950s.

Yellow Gown with White Flowers, Maker Unknown, About 1970: Flowing skirts and floral prints characterized dresses of the late 1960s and early 1970s.

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