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IHPA Participates in Cultural Advocacy Day



Iowa's First Lady Christie Vilsack addresses the gathering at the State Historical Building

February 11 was Cultural Advocacy Day. The sessions began with addresses from Senator Bill Dotzler of Waterloo, Representative Clarence Hoffman of Charter Oak, and First Lady Christie Vilsack. The participants then marched to the Capitol where many visited with their legislators about support of Iowa's Cultural programs.

IHPA, along with several other organizations, had an information table set up at the Capitol. The display included photo collections of properties on Iowa's Most Endangered Properties and a group of Iowa barns.

IHPA representatives attending included: Jacky Adams, Mike Kramme, Tim Reinders, Rod Scott, Bill Sherman, and Tom Smull.

Nominations Sought for Iowa's Most Endangered Properties listing

Nominations are being sought for IHPA's annual list of Iowa's most endangered properties.

The list will be announced at the IHPA's annual conference which will be held in Monticello in July.

The IHPA has been sponsoring the endangered list since 1996. Seventy four properties have been listed since the beginning of the program.

Deadline for receiving nominations June 1, 2004. Any individual or organization may submit nominations.

A panel of judges, familiar with preservation projects, will select the properties they believe to be most significant. Nominations are judged on historical significance, nature of threat, variety of building type and geographic distribution.

The nomination form appears on page 4 of this newsletter. The form may be copied. It also may also be downloaded from our website: www.iowapreservation.org

Annual Conference Planned for Jones County

The IHPA Annual Conference will be held on July 30, 31 and August 1 in Jones County. IHPA board member Rose Rohr is in charge of making arrangements.

Tentative events include visits to Camp Courageous, the Anamosa Penitentiary Museum, Hardscrabble School, Stone City, and the Tabor Winery. A variety of presentations including the announcement of the annual Iowa's Most Endangered Properties will be included in the weekend events.

A detailed schedule and additional information will appear in the next newsletter.

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Awards Presentation

The IHPA and the State Historical Society of Iowa will team up again on May 10 (Monday of Preservation Week) to present the State Historical Society of Iowa awards, to recognize the newly named Iowa properties on the national Register of Historic Places and to present the IHPA Preservation at Its Best Awards. This year, the awards presentation will be held in the auditorium of the State Historical Building at 2:00 p.m., followed by a reception at Terrace Hill at 4:30 p.m. Invitations will be sent soon, but if you want to make sure you get an invitation, email or call Mike at the IHPA office iHPA@iowatelecom.net or 319-863-7141.

Reminders:

Best of Preservation Awards Nominations are due March 15.

Endangered Properties Nominations are due June 1



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President's Message

Save it now!

From my limited experience in preservation, I've learned a couple of things:

1) Preservation is local and 2) It's better to save it sooner than when it's too late. Here's why.

1) No one cares about a building, parcel of land or important piece of history more than the people close to it. On a state and national level, we can try to increase preservation awareness and influence policy, but when it comes to a specific building, for example, it takes local energy to protect and restore it. This includes everything from recognizing a valuable historic asset and working to get it recognized by a local historic commission or the National Register of Historic Places, to purchasing an asset and working to preserve it, to standing in front of the bulldozer if it comes to that.

2) It's usually too late to do much when you learn the wrecking ball or bulldozer has been asked to destroy a building. That's often the stage when IHPA gets a frantic phone call. We don't mind getting those calls at all, but if people would act sooner, it might not get to that stage. IHPA can best help at an earlier stage, including suggesting grants, trying to mediate a purchase or involving the National Trust. I was happy to get a proactive call recently regarding the Maplehurst House in Keota. A concerned person who had grown up near there has been working with the current owner who will eventually sell the property and acreage it is on. They want to find a way now to ensure the mansion is preserved as part of the sale rather than waiting until a future owner might decide it is not an asset on the land. I applaud the effort and we will do what we can. Toward that end, if anyone has any ideas on that, please email me at tsmull@inaneews.com or call 515-280-7234.

So please act now to recognize and preserve those things important to you and you'll have a better chance at success. Thank you for your membership in IHPA and for your support!

Tom Smull

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**The Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance
IOWA'S MOST ENDANGERED PROPERTIES 2004
NOMINATION FORM**

There is no charge for submitting nominations to Iowa's Most Endangered Properties List

PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTOGRAPH

Property Name:

Street Address:

National Register Status:

City/State/Zip:

When Built:

Telephone #:

(Please answer next three questions on a separate sheet of paper)

Historical Significance:

Present Condition:

Nature of Threat:

OWNER

Name:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone #:

Owner's position on property: (The Alliance recommends that the owner be contacted in advance about the nomination.)

NOMINATOR

Person or Organization:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone #:

DEADLINE for submission of nomination is June 1, 2004

PLEASE MAIL NOMINATION TO:

The Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance

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PLEASE JOIN US

Help us preserve Iowa's historic sites by becoming a member of the Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance. With your membership, you will also receive our quarterly newsletter and special announcements about our workshops, seminars, special events and annual meeting. You will also be able to participate in the selection of our Best Preservation Awards' recipients and the annual Endangered Properties list.

Membership categories:

- \$30.00 Regular membership
- \$50.00 Supporter membership
- \$100.00 and more, partner membership
- \$500.00 and more, sponsor membership
- \$1,000.00 and more, sustainer membership
- \$5,000.00 and more, patron membership

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Please send check to:

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Recent National Register Additions

MUSCATINE COUNTY

WEST LIBERTY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT, BOUNDED BY 4TH STREET, RAILROAD TRACKS, CLAY, AND SPENCER STREETS, WEST LIBERTY



The Historic District's significance lies in its representation of the central business district from the late 1860s to the present and its reflection of the many varied enterprises that evolved in the late 19th to early 20th centuries within this community. The architectural significance of the district lies in the retention and integrity of many of the historic buildings constructed between 1867 and 1948.

POLK COUNTY

FLEMING BUILDING, 218 6TH AVE, DES MOINES



The Fleming Building is locally significant under Criterion C, as a commercial office building of distinctive architectural and structural character designed by the nationally renowned architectural firm of D. H. Burnham and Company.

HOHBERGER BUILDING, 502-506 E. LOCUST STREET, DES MOINES



The Hohberger Building is significant as a good example of a cast-iron building in Des Moines.

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY

100 BLOCK OF WEST BROADWAY, COUNCIL BLUFFS



This historic commercial district is locally significant under criterion C. It was constructed between the mid-1850s to late 1920s. This block represents the only surviving section along the entirety of Broadway to retain so many of its historic buildings. The District is locally significant under Criterion A.

TAYLOR COUNTY

BEDFORD COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT, 200-500 BLOCKS MAIN STREET, 500-600 BLOCKS COURT, 600 BLOCK CENTRAL, BEDFORD



The Bedford Commercial District is historically significant in its representation of the central business district from the 1850s to the present and its reflection of the many varied enterprises that evolved in the late 19th and early 20th centuries within this community. The architectural significance lies in the retention and integrity of many of the historic buildings constructed between the 1850s and 1952.

VAN BUREN COUNTY

GOODIN BUILDING, 106 FRONT ST, FARMINGTON



The Goodin Building is locally significant under Criterion C. Constructed in 1875, it has the influence of Romanesque Revival. It is associated with the community's core of old surviving businesses.

VERNON SCHOOL, 26849 SOUTH STREET, VERNON



The Vernon School is significant as an outstanding example of a 19th century public school building and of the Italianate style in public architecture.

WOODBURY COUNTY

ROSE HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT, 1400 - 1700 BLOCKS OF DOUGLAS ST. GRANDVIEW BLVD. AND SUMMIT ST., SIOUX CITY

The Rose Hill District is locally significant under Criterion A for its association with an important era of population growth and intense residential development in Sioux City at the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. The architecture of the district represents a range of building type, style and form. Eight architects or firms have been identified with buildings in the district.

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Rod Scott is IHPA's Newest Board Member



**Board member Rod Scott visits with
Representative Mark Davitt of Indianola
at the IHPA table during Cultural Advoca-
cacy Day.**

Rod Scott, of Iowa Falls is the newest IHPA board member. His area of specialization is barns. His biography will appear in the next newsletter.

Membership Challenge

We at the Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance believe that people like you - who are interested in Historic Preservation know others who are also interested in Historic Preservation. So - we are asking that each one of our members - in the next month - ask at least one person to become a member of the Alliance.

Member contributions and grants are the primary sources of income that support the work of the Alliance.

Our goal is to increase our membership by 100 members. This is an ambitious goal - we need your help!

To be effective in our work we need a good strong membership base throughout the state. This is where you come in. Please take the time to talk with others about the work of the Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance. Share your newsletter with them and encourage them to become a member.

A membership form is on page three of this newsletter, and may also be downloaded on our website: www.iowapreservation.org.

Over 50% of the membership have already renewed in 2004. Have you? If you haven't, you can also use the form on page three.

Silent Auction Fundraiser Items Sought

IHPA is planning to sponsor a silent auction as a fundraiser for the organization. The auction will be held as part of the Annual Conference in July. Items will also be available for bidding on our web site.

Anyone having items to contribute is encouraged to contact Executive Director Mike Kramme at: ihpa@iowatelecom.net or at 319-863-7141 or at Iowa Historical Preservation Alliance, 205 E. Washington, Washington, IA 52353.