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## Introducing Preservation Iowa

### Iowa's Statewide Nonprofit for the 21st Century

As reported in the last issue of *The Iowa Preservationist*, starting in January 2010 the Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance is officially doing business as Preservation Iowa. Although operating under a new name and logo, we still have the same mission: building partnerships that enhance our economic and cultural future through the preservation of Iowa's historic resources.

With the new name and logo, Preservation Iowa will be catching up with the 21st century with a simpler name, a cleaner image, and a new ability to reach a wider audience



*Preservation Iowa's new logo features an outline of the state, instantly identifying us as a statewide organization.*

through our upgraded website and presence on social networking sites. (Become a "fan" on Facebook®!)

The new logo, featuring our new name and an outline of the state, is designed for flexibility. It can be seen in the new masthead for *The Iowa Preservationist*, as well as in each of our

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## Most Endangered Properties of 2010

### Ten Historic Properties Iowa is in Danger of Losing

Preservation Iowa is designating ten historic resources as Iowa's Most Endangered Properties of 2010. These properties represent historic sites that Iowa is in danger of losing through decay, neglect, or natural disaster. This year's list includes recreational, agricultural, industrial, correctional, residential, and educational facilities dating from the mid-1800s to the 1930s.

The Most Endangered Property program began in 1995 to educate Iowans about the special buildings



and historic sites that are slipping away from us. The program provides a resource for media coverage and introduces property owners to preservation advocates and resources that can help preserve their property.

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## President's Corner

### News from Rod Scott

Well, here we are in the depths of winter, planning our construction season preservation projects. Many Iowans and other volunteers will again work hard this year to rehabilitate flood-damaged historic resources and regular, if there is such a project, rehabilitations. This issue is the first one in our new configuration as Preservation Iowa! I want to thank our board of directors and board advisors as well as our members who have communicated their excitement about the branding changes for our organization. Aligning ourselves with the "Preservation Nation" image of the National Trust, Preservation Iowa is born!

There are new exciting projects ahead of us like the micro-loan program soon to be rolled out. The education series we are continuing to offer in partnership with AIA-Iowa and the State Historic Preservation Office will make several stops this year across Iowa. It teaches vital skills to architects and creates a better understanding of the State and Federal Income Tax Credits programs. We will also cosponsor the SHPO masonry workshops and the Iowa Department of Economic Development's Downtown Summit. Next year, we look forward to being part of the National Main Streets Conference in Des Moines!

We are now in the 2010 Iowa General Assembly session. Big issues are still the focus as our elected leaders grapple with the budget. Below you see our legislative agenda for 2010. We have only asked the legislature to maintain our current historic preservation funding levels and have not requested any increases. Last year's success in increasing the historic tax credits has resulted in good rehabilitation projects across Iowa's communities, which in turn help keep our slow economy going locally. Over \$200 million in disaster recovery and other historic rehabilitation projects are now underway. We need your voices now to support your legislator's position of maintaining the state historic tax credits for rehabilitation, our HRDP/HSPG grants programs, and continued support for our seven State historic sites owned by you and me.

Other news in this edition includes the annual listing of Iowa's Most Endangered Properties. Every year we attempt to give others a glimpse into our most endangered resources in Iowa. These buildings hold the collective memories and experiences of our society and provide us a sense of place. Every one of us

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## 2010 Legislative Agenda

1. **Maintain State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits at \$50M, do not include a sunset or elimination of transferability.**
2. **Maintain Historic Site Preservation Grant (HSPG) at current level with portion dedicated to disaster recovery.**
3. **Support permanent funding for HRDP/REAP through constitutional amendment.**
4. **Maintain funding for state historic sites.**

## **Partner's Page**

### **Statewide Preservation Partners Hold 23rd Annual Retreat**

As has been the custom for over two decades, the State Historical Society of Iowa and the Iowa Downtown Resource Center held their joint program update and planning retreat on November 19th, 2009. Several years ago, the retreat was expanded to include all of Iowa's statewide preservation partners – Preservation Iowa, Iowa Advisors to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the National Trust program officer assigned to Iowa.

The day-long retreat was dedicated to discussing preservation issues, challenges, success, and new initiatives. Our initiatives this year will include: collaboration on the Statewide Preservation Plan, enhanced tax credit application training, collective "preservation in Iowa" PowerPoint presentation demonstrating the magnitude of preservation among all statewide partners, simultaneous Cultural and Entertainment District and Main Street Iowa annual reviews in communities who hold both designations, and collaboration on the National Main Streets Conference now scheduled for Des Moines in May 2011.

It promises to be a challenging year with increased requests for technical assistance and financial resources. This annual retreat of Iowa's preservation partners is the only one of its kind in the nation. All preservation partners believe by working together we accomplish significantly more than by working independent of each other.

### **National Main Streets Conference Coming to Iowa!!!!**

The National Trust Main Street Center informed the Iowa Department of Economic Development that Iowa was selected to host the May 2011 National Main Streets Conference in Des Moines. This is the nation's largest annual gathering of downtown and historic commercial district revitalization professionals. Anticipated attendance is 2,000 people from all 50 states. 2011 is Main Street Iowa's 25th Anniversary and is the opportune time to showcase the success of Main Street at work in our state!

The conference will feature upwards of sixty educational sessions and up to two dozen bus tours to Main Street communities. Main Street Iowa is regarded by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of the premier Main Street programs in the country. All Iowa statewide preservation partners will be actively involved in the planning and implementation of this important conference, including Preservation Iowa.

This is the first time ever that the National Trust for Historic Preservation will be holding one of their two annual conferences in Iowa. Additional information will be shared via all preservation partner newsletters as it is developed. Actual dates will be announced in the near future.

Preservation Iowa congratulates Main Street Iowa for being selected to host this amazing conference!

## **National Register Actions**

Christian Bloedel Wagon Works,  
McGregor, Clayton County.  
Listed September 23, 2009.

The Linograph Company  
Building, Davenport, Scott  
County. Listed September 23,  
2009.

East Park Band Shell, Mason  
City, Cerro Gordo County.  
Listed October 14, 2009.

"Lockkeeper's" House, near  
Eldon, Davis County. Listed  
October 14, 2009.

Marion Commercial Historic  
District, Marion, Linn County.  
Listed November 18, 2009.

Minnie Y. and Frank P. Mattes  
House, Des Moines, Polk  
County. Listed December 16,  
2009.

Adel Public Square Historic  
District, Adel, Dallas County.  
Listed December 18, 2009.

## Most Endangered Properties of 2010

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### Tipton Union High School, Tipton, Cedar County

The Tipton Union High School played an important role in early free school law and in the lives of pioneers associated with the Underground Railroad. Scholars came from as far as Springdale to board with Tipton families in order to attend the school. The Tipton Union High School building needs to be stabilized. Over time, some bricks under the stucco finish have broken due to moisture problems and the loss of mortar. The roof of the structure was modified when the school was converted into a tenement. It is now deteriorated due to moisture and animal infestation. The rotted windows and sills need to be replaced. Although a local nonprofit group has purchased the structure, they have limited financial means to fully restore the property and are in need of outside financial help. Preservation of this historic structure is an important step in telling early Cedar County and Iowa history.



*Tipton Union High School today (above) and in the 1880s (right).*



### William Salter House, Burlington, Des Moines County

Reverend Salter was a pastor in Burlington's First Congregational Church for 60 years. A leader in the community, he was an early and vocal abolitionist. His home, a 2-story, early Italianate house, was built in 1852 and currently sits on 1.5 acres overlooking the city. It has 5 fireplaces, large 6-over-6 windows, built-in wood furnishings, and parquet-style hardwood floor. According to a story published in *The Hawk Eye* in late May 2009, the house is in "livable but far from pristine condition." The house needs a new owner willing to take care of a number of cosmetic concerns and a couple of structural defects. Attempts to sell the property have failed and it now is in the hands of a bank, which may sell it to the top bidder at auction. The building would not be suitable for apartments, but the site itself might be desirable to a local homebuilder, so the historic structure could be demolished.



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## Mini-Wakan State Park, Spirit Lake, Dickinson County

In the winter of 1933 and spring of 1934, Camp SP-9, Company 778 of the Civilian Conservation Corps, constructed a stone shelter with 2,400 square feet of floor space, two latrines, a 4.5-foot by 40-foot-long stone bridge, stone benches, trails, and a parking area on 12.5 acres of land purchased by the Spirit Lake community and donated to the State of Iowa. The land was designated as Mini-Wakan State Park. Eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, the building is currently in a terrible state of repair: the roof has holes, windows and doors are gone, and the walls have cracks. As the integrity of the roof continues to fail, water is entering the interior. The concrete floor and



interior stone walls are exposed to freeze-thaw cycles. It is inevitable that without significant and timely effort, this beautiful building, with its notable history, will fall beyond repair and be lost forever.



## Cook Farm, Charles City, Floyd County

The Cook Farm is a four-acre complex, with some structures dating from 1850 to 1860. It was listed on the National Register on June 18, 1979. The farm's namesake, A.W. Cook, traveled to France in 1872 and returned with 12 Percheron stallions and 4 mares. It is said that the first Norman Percheron horse born in the United States was born on the Cook Farm. The farm was also an overnight stagecoach stop and is alleged to have been a stop on the Underground Railroad. The buildings are constructed of locally quarried limestone cut and dressed by hand. Although most of the buildings are in fair condition, several attempts have been made to stop the barn's structure from moving and buckling. Unless the north foundation is restrained from moving, it will continue to push the structure until the south wall fails. It is believed that such a failure could happen in the near future.

## Hardin County Jail, Eldora, Hardin County

The Hardin County Jail is a two-story brick building completed in September 1893 in the Queen Anne/Romanesque style. The jail was built during a period of new commercial development as the community transitioned from a railroad town to the county seat. The jail included prisoner's quarters as well as a residence for the sheriff and his family. The building was severely damaged in a severe summer 2009 storm that left the City of Eldora and surrounding area devastated from strong winds and hail. Almost all windows on the front of the building have been lost and there is significant damage to the roof. Due to the economy and the large amount of recent storm damage, neither the county nor the city has any money left in its reserves for repairs and renovation of its historic buildings. Not only is this once beautiful building now a "blighted" property on Eldora's square, the building is in danger of being demolished if funds are not obtained to save it.



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## Armory, Fort Madison, Lee County

The Armory is a significant part of Fort Madison history. It was built in 1888 as the Armory Hall and was the first headquarters of Company F, 2nd Regiment Iowa National Guard. The building was home to the National Guard until 1911 when the Guard moved to another location. A wide variety of businesses have occupied the building over the years, including various auto distributors, repair shops, and a farm implement, wagon, and buggy supply. The upper-story ballroom was divided into apartments during World War II. Today, the main floor is occupied by a screen-printing business and the upper story is vacant. A 121-year-old building, the Old Armory is now showing its years and is in poor condition. The outer stairways are starting to deteriorate, the interior stairwells have been removed, and the exterior needs to be repainted.



## Franklin Independent School, Franklin, Lee County

The Franklin Independent School was built in 1872 of native limestone cut and hauled in from a quarry one mile outside of the village of Franklin. The structure is a pure example of early Iowa architecture. The Franklin Independent School was designed for a capacity of up to 160 children. In its last year in use as a school, 1961, the building housed a total of 45 pupils. Closed due to consolidation, the building is currently used as the city hall for the village of Franklin. The building's foundation is

rapidly deteriorating and there is extensive water damage in the cupola and bell tower leaking all the way down to the main floor. A new roof is direly needed. A local group has begun the process of applying for the National Register of Historic Places and intend to apply for a Country School grant through the State Historical Society of Iowa. However, they are still seeking fiduciary help to prevent any further damage and to preserve the magnificent two-room schoolhouse.

## Cedar Valley Seminary, Osage, Mitchell County

In 1862, the citizens of Osage worked with the Baptist association to create a quality educational institute. Cedar Valley Seminary opened in January 1863 in an unused courthouse. In the fall of 1869, the seminary moved to the Cedar Valley Seminary building, where it remained until 1922. After the seminary closed, the building was turned over to the Osage Public Schools. Used for various classes until 1966, the Mitchell County Historical Society then leased the building for use as a museum. They will leave the building in 2010. The Seminary needs several major repairs. In addition to needing a new roof, several floor joists need to be replaced, the windows need restoration, and the walls needs stucco and masonry repairs. The school system would like to have the historic building removed or torn down, but they lack funds to do either. There is a group of local citizens interested in restoring the building and finding a new use.



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## Mills Seed Company, Washington, Washington County

The Mills Seed Company building was built in the 1900s for the Western Distribution Center. It has also been used for making Valentines cards, card tallies for card games, and cards for the Pearl Button Company out of Muscatine. Although not listed on the National Register, this is the only three-story, solid brick manufacturing building surviving in Washington. The building itself has seen better days. The rear northeastern corner of the interior is severely dilapidated with a partial roof collapse. There are sagging floor joists and support on the second and third levels below the roof. Woodwork has been exposed to the elements. Vandals have broken most of the window glass and some windows have damaged frames. There is a vertical crack along the front of the building from the roof to the first floor. The rear of the building is missing much of its mortar due to water damage. Various



other parts of the brick need repointing. The roof is also collapsing on an attached shed. The owner is unable to fix the necessary problems due to economic hardship and the city wants to demolish the building as soon as possible.

## Former Governor Jackson House, Des Moines, Polk County

A contributing structure in "The Oakland's" National Register Historic District, the Frank D. Jackson home was constructed in 1890 at an original cost of \$6,000. Frank Jackson was the fifteenth Governor of Iowa, serving one term from 1894 to 1896. Since Iowa did not provide a house for governors at the time, his house in the River Bend neighborhood was in effect the Iowa Governor's Mansion. The Jacksons lived there until the early 1920s when they moved to California. The building has passed through several owners in recent years. It is currently vacant and has been "mined" for some of the original architectural elements, including the trim and plumbing and electrical systems. Thankfully, the original staircase remains. This large home will require significant investment to restore. Because it is not currently inhabitable, it presents itself as a target for vandalism. In addition, the elements are beginning to take their toll on the structure, quickly making sensitive and historically accurate rehabilitation unlikely, even with the potential incentive of Historic Tax Credits.



**Additional information on each of Iowa's Most Endangered Properties can be found online at [www.PreservationIowa.org](http://www.PreservationIowa.org). All information and images online and in print were provided by individuals nominating the properties.**

## President's Corner (Continued from page 2)

reading this knows of, or will come in contact with, an endangered historic resource this year. Our friends in the media tell the story about endangered buildings throughout the year. My hope is that all of our members and readers get the fulfilling opportunity to help save a historic building in the years to come.

The annual roll call of our membership is impressive. We are experiencing record-setting renewal in numbers and rates of giving. The board of directors and I feel honored to volunteer to lead this organization. We continue to add to the board from a diverse group of preservation leaders from around the state. In February we will meet as a board to strategically plan the next five years as your statewide preservation non-profit organization. Make plans to join us for Cultural Advocacy Day in Des Moines on February 17, 2010. Go to [www.iowaculturalcoalition.org](http://www.iowaculturalcoalition.org) for more details.



## 2009 Donor List

The following is a list of the many members of the Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance who, from January 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010, have chosen to dedicate some of their resources to our organization by renewing their memberships or by becoming new supporters. Their efforts are much appreciated!

### Schoolhouse (\$1000+)

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### Front porch (\$50 to \$99)

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- ♦ Robert Wustrow, Keokuk

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## 2009 IHPA Year in Review

The year 2009 was a very busy year for the Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance. Most notably, the Board of Directors worked toward rebranding and renaming the organization. Below is a short list of our accomplishments. Be sure to check out the full year-end summary online at [www.PreservationIowa.org/about/index.php](http://www.PreservationIowa.org/about/index.php).



### Organizational Development

- ◆ Two new individuals joined the Board of Directors:  
Naura Godar and Laura Carstens.
- ◆ Annual meeting held on Monday, December 7, 2009.
- ◆ Participated in Iowa preservation partners retreat.
- ◆ Branding exercises facilitated through Grandview University Department of Marketing in April 2009.
- ◆ New name selected to streamline organization identity and more closely reflect the marketing efforts of the National Trust's Preservation Nation.
- ◆ Website becoming more active through news and calendar updates.
- ◆ Online membership now offered through partnership with National Trust for Historic Preservation.

### Advocacy

- ◆ Historic Tax Credits: Through our advocacy efforts and the work of IHPA's State Historic Preservation Tax Credit Coalition, historic preservation celebrated a huge success with the State Historic Tax Credit Program expanded to \$50 million.
- ◆ Executive Order 17: Partnership with Sioux Landmarks, IHPA, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Main Street Iowa (MSI) in drafting a new executive order that puts preference of State agencies and Regent universities to locate/retain facilities in downtown or historic districts.

### Disaster Recovery Efforts

- ◆ Continued working relationship with FEMA, Iowa Homeland Security, SHPO, MSI, and NTHP.
- ◆ Actively advocating for preservation of flooded properties and conducting onsite consulting.
- ◆ Partnership with AmeriCorps and VISTA program volunteers to salvage historic materials from four historic homes in Cedar Rapids.
- ◆ Partnership with Coe College for student outreach in flood-impacted Cedar Rapids.

### Education & Outreach Efforts

- ◆ Sponsored 10th Annual Country Schools Conference in Independence on October 2-3, 2009. The conference had its highest attendance yet (65) and proceeds will be used to further develop the Country School Initiative.
- ◆ Cosponsored, with the SHPO and MSI, "Preservation in Progress," a statewide preservation workshop in May.
- ◆ Cosponsored, with AIA-Iowa, "Foundations of Historic Rehabilitation" in August 2009.
- ◆ Attended the National Trust Conference in Nashville, supported by a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for a portion of the travel expenses. Rod Scott presented a session on historic barns and was invited to present a "Three-Minute Success Story" at the Preservation Partners Luncheon.
- ◆ Service provider booth at Downtown Summit, Ames.
- ◆ Spoke at Terrace Hill's 140th Celebration in October.

### Sacred Places Initiative

- ◆ Building a partnership with Partners for Sacred Places.
- ◆ Worked with college student, Zac Hingst to conduct full survey of disaster-affected Cedar Rapids sacred places (online at [www.PreservationIowa.org](http://www.PreservationIowa.org)).

### Sturdevant House

- ◆ Partnering with local volunteers to create local nonprofit to restore historic home in Waverly, Iowa.
- ◆ Applied for and received HRDP grant with local match coming from volunteers for stabilization of the home.

### Main Street Development Loan Program

- ◆ Partnership with National Trust, MSI, and Community Vitality Center to create loan program for small business assistance in historic downtowns buildings.
- ◆ Received \$200,000 grant through Iowa Department of Economic Development for creation of loan program.
- ◆ Newly created Main Street Development Committee, made up of representatives from participant communities, to manage loan program and process.

## Call for Nominations: Preservation at its Best Awards 2010

Each year, Preservation Iowa, in partnership with the Iowa Gaming Association, seeks to honor individuals, organizations, projects, and programs whose work demonstrates a commitment to excellence in historic preservation. In doing so, we hope to inspire others to take action to preserve, protect, and promote historic resources.

Awarded projects will be announced during National Historic Preservation Month in May. Winning projects will be announced during a luncheon presentation and awarded certificates/plaques from Preservation Iowa and highlighted in the summer edition of *The Iowa Preservationist* and on the Preservation Iowa website.

### Eligibility:

Nominated projects must have been completed within the geographic boundaries of Iowa and completed within the last two years. Uncompleted projects will not be considered. Nominations can be made by/for individual owners, corporations, developing groups, or organizations. Property owner(s) must be notified before submission of property/project.

### Categories:

- ◆ Adaptive Use
- ◆ Commercial (small and large)
- ◆ Community Effort
- ◆ Preservationist Award
- ◆ Public Structure
- ◆ Residential
- ◆ Rural Preservation
- ◆ Sustainability in Preservation

### Judging:

Preservation Iowa invites a jury of preservation experts to review nominations for our Preservation at its Best Awards. Projects are judged on the degree of historic preservation excellence, community impact, quality of work completed, and thoroughness of the nomination submitted. Multiple awards will be given in a category if there is more than one project worthy of recognition.

### Submittals:

Full entry guidelines and the nomination form are available online at [www.PreservationIowa.org](http://www.PreservationIowa.org). Three nomination packets should be submitted for jurors' review. Each packet must include all of the following items:

- ◆ Completed nomination form.
- ◆ A typed narrative, no longer than 750 words, describing the project.
- ◆ If the nomination is for an individual, please include a short biography.
- ◆ At least 4 photographs documenting the project, including before and after images.

There are no nomination fees. Three (3) copies of the nomination packet, in hard copy format, should be mailed to: Michael Wagler, 200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309. Digital images may be emailed to [michael.wagler@gmail.com](mailto:michael.wagler@gmail.com). Please denote in nomination packet if you intend to email images to ensure arrival. Submitted materials will not be returned. Submission to the Preservation at its Best Awards gives Preservation Iowa permission to use materials in the organization's promotional materials. Additional questions may be directed to Michael Wagler at 515.201.4941.



*The Frank Bredow Home in Davenport received the 2009 Residential Award.*



*Dr. Richard H. Thomas of Mount Vernon received the 2009 Preservationist Award.*

**POSTMARK DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2010**



## Calendar of Events

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### Ongoing Events

**Through Mar 31, 2010 • Exhibit: Lizards on the Loose!** National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, 350 E. 3rd Street in the Port of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa. For more information: [www.rivermuseum.com](http://www.rivermuseum.com).

**Through Jan 31, 2011 • Exhibit: Native American Artifacts.** State Historical Museum, 600 East Locust, Des Moines, Iowa. For more information: [www.iowahistory.org](http://www.iowahistory.org).

### February 2010

**Feb 6 (1:00 pm - 2:00 pm) • Informational Meeting: Brucemore's "The Trust from Shore to Shore."** Brucemore Visitor Center, 2160 Linden Drive SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. For more information: [www.brucemore.org](http://www.brucemore.org).

**Feb 17 • Cultural Advocacy Day.** For more information: [www.iowaculturalcoalition.org](http://www.iowaculturalcoalition.org).

### March 2010

**Mar 8-10 • Workshop: Preservation of Historic Iron and Steel Bridges.** Lansing Community College, Lansing, Michigan. For more information: [www.lcc.edu/tet/welding/](http://www.lcc.edu/tet/welding/).

**Mar 26-27 • Workshop: Mortar Matters.** The workshop will be held in Ames on Friday, March 26 and in Mount Vernon on Saturday, March 27. For more information: [www.iowahistory.org](http://www.iowahistory.org).

### April 2010

**Apr 21-25 • Society of Architectural Historians Annual Meeting.** For more information: [www.sah.org](http://www.sah.org).

**Apr 21 (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) • Training: Advanced Section 106 Seminar.** Magnolia Hotel, 1615 Howard Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska. For more information: [www.achp.gov/106advanced.html](http://www.achp.gov/106advanced.html).

### May 2010 • May is Preservation Month!

**May 2-5 • 2010 National Main Streets Conference.** Oklahoma City, OK. For more information: [www.preservationnation.org/main-street/](http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/).

**May 19-22 • Conference: Vernacular Architecture Forum 2010.** Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington (Rosslyn), Virginia. For more information: [www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/conferences/2010.html](http://www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/conferences/2010.html).

Submit your event to [events@preservationiowa.org](mailto:events@preservationiowa.org) for publication online and in *The Iowa Preservationist*.

## Introducing Preservation Iowa

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initiative logos (below). The “preservation” text maintains a connection to the Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance’s basic blue brand, but transforms into new colors for each initiative. (Be sure to check them out online for the full effect).

As part of our rebranding, we’ve also made Disaster Recovery and Sacred Places official Preservation Iowa initiatives, alongside our Country Schools, Movie Theaters, and Barns and Farmsteads initiatives. And, coming in early 2010, we will unveil the details of our new Main Street Development initiative, which will help businesses in select Main Street communities across the state.

Unveiled on February 1st, the new website ([www.PreservationIowa.org](http://www.PreservationIowa.org)) is restructured, but maintains popular items such as Preservation News and information on Preservation Iowa’s two statewide programs: Iowa’s Most Endangered Properties and Preservation at Its Best Awards. In addition to information on how you can Take Action! on preservation concerns in Iowa and the nation, the website now allows visitors to comment on news items and will soon have mapping features for events, endangered properties, and preservation award winners. In the coming months, we will also be unveiling a new search feature to allow visitors better access to all the online information.

As we begin a new era of preservation in Iowa, we would like to extend an invitation to you to join! If you haven’t renewed for 2010, fill out the membership form to the right or join online!



### Become a Member!

Help us preserve Iowa’s historic resources by renewing your membership to Preservation Iowa or by becoming a Preservation Iowa member for the first time. Simply fill out the information below and send it to us with your check today! Any amount over \$10 is deductible.

#### Membership Levels:

- ☐ \$20 – Door (*Students*)
- ☐ \$30 – Pendant (*Individuals*)
- ☐ \$50 – Front Porch (*Families & Organizations*)
- ☐ \$100 – Cornice (*Businesses & Consultants*)
- ☐ \$500 – Cornerstone
- ☐ \$1000 – Schoolhouse
- ☐ \$5000 – Skyscraper

#### I am interested in:

- ☐ Getting more involved with Preservation Iowa.
- ☐ Planned giving

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#### Return with check to:

P.O. Box 814

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641

Or, join online at  
[www.PreservationIowa.org](http://www.PreservationIowa.org)



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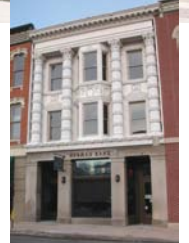
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## Take Action! Update

### Once Again, We Need Your Help to Protect Iowa's Historic Tax Credit Program

Governor Culver, department directors, and state legislators are currently assessing the State Historic Preservation and Cultural and Entertainment District Tax Credit Program, along with all other Iowa tax credit programs. During the 2010 legislative session, it is anticipated substantial changes will be made to Iowa's tax credit programs. A December 29, 2009, *Des Moines Register* article listed the historic preservation tax credit program as one of the five largest in the state. This means we need you to voice your support of the historic tax credits!

Please contact your State representative and senator and ask them to continue their support of the State Historic Preservation and Cultural and Entertainment District Tax Credit Program so we can continue to revitalize the older historic parts of our communities. This is especially important now that a slower economy has reduced the amount of new construction in our Iowa towns and cities. Rehabilitation projects provide good-paying construction jobs and the resulting buildings provide modernized, energy-efficient spaces for businesses and housing in a centralized part of the community.



*Four 2009 Preservation at its Best award-winning projects that used the State Historic Preservation and CED Tax Credit Program (clockwise, beginning in upper left): Security Building, Dubuque; City National Bank and Glass Block Buildings, Mason City; German Bank Building, Dubuque; and the Des Moines Western Freight House, Des Moines.*

Learn more and find out how you can contact your state representatives online at [www.PreservationIowa.org](http://www.PreservationIowa.org).