CALL FOR SESSION PRESENTERS
2017 Preserve Iowa Summit

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs/State Historic Preservation Office and the Fort Dodge Historic Preservation Commission will present the fifth annual Preserve Iowa Summit June 8-10, 2017 in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

The Preserve Iowa Summit is the state’s premier conference for professionals and volunteers involved in historic preservation in Iowa. Information about the 2016 Preserve Iowa Summit is available on the City of Davenport’s website.

General sessions, concurrent breakout sessions and hands-on educational training will occur throughout the Summit -- as well as informational tours, networking opportunities and an exhibit hall. Two special workshops on Iowa’s agricultural history and gravestone repair are planned for Saturday, June 10.

We would like to hear from you! Do you have a high-quality presentation that would be appropriate for historic preservation professionals, property owners and volunteers? Have you heard someone present at a conference you think would be a great speaker for the Summit?

We hope that a number of successes, ideas and expertise from across the Midwest and beyond will be part of the 2017 Preserve Iowa Summit and urge you to consider submitting a session proposal. Please pass this message along to anyone you know that could provide training at the Summit.

Session proposals are due Monday, January 9, 2017.

Session topics:

Possible session ideas include Iowa’s agricultural history, rural preservation, sustainability, advocacy, problem solving, establishing a non-profit organization, disaster mitigation, design review, historic craftsmanship, survey work, preservation success stories, heritage tourism, preservation tools, etc. If the proposed session is focused on historic preservation or sustainability, the material presented must be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation.

Proposed breakout sessions should have no more than three presenters (including the moderator) and should be approximately 70 minutes in length to allow for 15-20 minutes for questions and
Individual presentations of twenty to thirty minutes may be proposed for an “open session” or a thematic session of related topics. Proposals for “hands-on” training could be three hours in duration.

The Preserve Iowa Summit will provide audio visual equipment (LCD projectors, laptops and microphones). Additional equipment is also available upon request. If your session is accepted, we will confirm your audio-visual and facility needs. Costs of preparation and delivery of the proposal are the responsibility of the applicant.

Some sessions will be submitted to the American Institute of Architects for Continuing Education Credits.

**Timeline:**
- January 9, 2017  Proposals due
- Early February 2017  Notification of selection
- June 8-10, 2017  Preserve Iowa Summit in Fort Dodge, Iowa

**Application instructions:**
- All fields in the application must be completed.
- Provide a concise three to four sentence description of your presentation (if your presentation is selected, this description will be published in the Summit program; 100 word limit)
- Provide contact information, a brief biography of 75-100 words and photo (jpg) for each presenter.
- Submit the application form to Paula Mohr at paula.mohr@iowa.gov (preferred!) or mail to Paula Mohr, 600 East Locust, Des Moines, Iowa 50319

**Compensation:**
The success of the Preserve Iowa Summit depends on the expertise offered to attendees by volunteer presenters. Presenters will receive a complimentary registration. Upon request and submission of receipts, additional compensation will include: one night’s lodging at the approved conference rate, roundtrip mileage reimbursement ($.39/mile) and meal reimbursement incurred ($5/breakfast; $8/lunch; $15/evening meal) on the day of the presentation.

**Questions?:**
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