



Annual Preservation at Its Best Awards **2023 Nomination Instructions**

Email Deadline: March 30, 2023 to lauracplan@gmail.com

Preservation Iowa, a statewide non-profit advocate for historic preservation, welcomes nominations to honor preservation success stories across the state through our ***Annual Preservation at its Best (PAIB) Awards***. An independent jury selects award recipients. Awards will be presented at the 2023 Preserve Iowa Summit to be held on June 1-3, 2023 in Sioux City. In doing so, we hope to inspire others to take action to preserve, protect, and promote Iowa's historic resources.

Eligibility: To qualify for a PAIB Award, a project must:

- Demonstrate outstanding achievement in the field of historic preservation.
- Be located in Iowa and be completed between January 1, 2021 and March 30, 2023.
- Construction projects (rehabilitation, restoration, adaptive reuse) should meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Award Categories: The types of eligible projects considered for an PAIB award are:

Adaptive Reuse – Conversion of a historic structure for a new or compatible use while retaining its architectural integrity. This category includes mixed-use projects.

Commercial (Small and Large) – Rehabilitation/restoration of a historic commercial structure both small (under 5,000 total square feet) and large (5,000 or more total square feet).

Institutional – Rehabilitation/restoration of an institutional/public/non-profit owned structure.

Residential (Single/Multi-Family) – Rehabilitation/restoration and continued use of single-family homes as well as multi-family structures.

Maurice Losey Sacred Place – Honors rehab/restoration/reuse of a sacred site or structure.

Sustainability in Preservation – Incorporation of sustainable practices into the reuse/rehabilitation/restoration of a historic structure. LEED certification not required.

Rural Preservation – Preservation/restoration of rural cultural landscape, heritage, or built environment.

Paula Mohr Certified Local Government – Honors invaluable contributions by a person or organization to Iowa's CLG Program and to historic preservation locally, statewide, regionally, and nationally.

Community Effort – A community's concerted effort to preserve, protect, and/or promote a historic structure, district, or cultural resource.

Martha Hayes Preservationist of the Year – Honors a person, group, or organization that has championed historic preservation planning, policy or activities in Iowa.

Special Projects – Films, Books, Websites, Podcasts, Plays, etc. that tell Iowa's stories and promote the preservation of Iowa's historic resources.

Completing the Nomination

The 2023 PAIB Nomination has three (3) parts that must be completed and submitted together:

- Part 1. Project Information (Microsoft Word document)
- Part 2. Project Team Contact Information (Microsoft Excel spreadsheet)
- Part 3. Project Photos (Microsoft PowerPoint slides)

Each part of the nomination includes specific instructions. The Project Narrative in Part 1 is limited to 1,000 words for all sections combined. You can submit up to twenty (20) photos and up to ten (10) slides for Part 3. Any questions, contact Laura Carstens, Preservation Iowa Board member, at lauracplan@gmail.com or by phone or text at 563-557-8855.

How can I make my nomination stand out to the jury?

Tell a compelling, succinct story that demonstrates the impact of your project. The PAIB Awards convey the value of historic preservation to a statewide audience. Successful nominations make a persuasive case for the importance of their project's story, encompassing its: historical context, specific goals and challenges, benefits to the people in the community and in Iowa, and lessons learned.

Describe the project's scope of work clearly and completely. If you are nominating a project with multiple components, please include an explanation of each of the project's elements. Remember to coordinate with other members of the project team, if needed.

Use a range of descriptive, high-quality photos. The photos in the nomination are often the only way that the jury can visualize a project. In addition to historic views and before/after shots, please include photos of the project in process and with people in them, as these will help bring the story to life.

Submission Instructions

YOUR Project's Name should be used in the names of your nomination files.

***Please do not label your folder "2023 Preservation Awards."*

Submit one (1) copy of your completed nomination consisting of the following three (3) parts:

- Part 1. Project Information file named "1_Project Information_YOUR Project's Name"
- Part 2. Project Team Contact Information file named "2_Project Team_YOUR Project's Name"
- Part 3. Project Photos file named "3_Project Photos_YOUR Project's Name"

Our preference is to receive your completed Nomination as one email with a nomination zip file labeled with YOUR Project's Name, or one email with the three (3) parts attached. If these options won't work for you, the nomination may be sent as three (3) emails with one (1) part attached.

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We confirm receipt of all nominations via email. **If you do not receive confirmation within 48 hours**, please contact Laura Carstens at lauracplan@gmail.com or by phone or text at 563-557-8855.

Submission of a nomination gives Preservation Iowa permission to use the information in our programming. Submission of a nomination does not guarantee a project will be selected for an award.