



Annual Preservation at its Best Awards **2024 Nomination Instructions**

Email Deadline: April 15, 2024 to jim@coachdavies.net

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***. In doing so, we hope to inspire others to take action to preserve, protect, and promote Iowa's historic resources. An independent jury selects award recipients based on nominations. Awards will be presented at the 2024 Preserve Iowa Summit to be held on June 6-8, 2024 in Mount Pleasant.

Eligibility: To be considered for a PAIB Award, a project must meet these eligibility requirements:

- Demonstrate outstanding achievement in the field of historic preservation.
- Be located in Iowa and be completed between January 2022 and March 2024.
- Construction projects (rehabilitation, restoration, adaptive reuse, etc.) must comply with 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/Mixed-Use Award recognizes: Conversion of a historic structure for a new or compatible use or mixed use while retaining its architectural integrity.

Commercial Award honors: Rehabilitation or restoration of a historic commercial structure.

Community Effort Award honors: A community's concerted effort to save a historic structure, district, or cultural resource.

Martha Hayes Preservationist of the Year Award honors: An individual or group that has championed historic preservation planning, policy, or activities in Iowa.

Maurice Losely Sacred Place Award honors: Rehabilitation, restoration, or reuse of a sacred or holy site, ground, space, place, structure, etc.

Paula Mohr Certified Local Government (CLG) of the Year Award honors: Invaluable contributions by an individual or organization to Iowa's CLG Program and to historic preservation locally, statewide, regionally, and nationally.

Public / Non-Profit Structure Award recognizes: Rehabilitation or restoration of a publicly, government, or non-profit owned structure.

Residential Award honors: Rehabilitation or restoration and continued use of a residential structure.

Rural Preservation Award recognizes: Preservation or restoration in a rural cultural landscape, heritage, or built environment.

Special Projects Award recognizes: Films, books, websites, podcasts, plays, etc. that tell Iowa's stories and promote the preservation of Iowa's historic resources.

Sustainability in Preservation Award recognizes: Incorporation of sustainable practices into the rehabilitation or restoration of a historic structure.

Completing the Nomination

The 2024 PAIB Nomination Form has six parts that must be completed and submitted together:

Part 1. Project Information

Part 2. Project Narrative (limited to 1,000 words)

Part 3. Project Budget

Part 4. Project Photos (limited to twenty (20) photos and up to ten (10) pages)

Part 5. Project Team Members

Part 6. Local Media Contacts

Each part of the Nomination Form includes specific instructions. Additional tips are listed below.

There is no fee to submit a PAIB nomination.

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

Submit your completed nomination via email named: "YOUR Project's Name_2024 PAIB Nomination"

Our preference is to receive your completed nomination as one email with a nomination zip file labeled with YOUR Project's Name. Alternatively, the nomination may be sent via several emails with attachments labeled with YOUR Project's Name.

EMAIL DEADLINE: Monday, April 15, 2024 to jim@coachdavies.net

Any questions, please contact Jim Davies, Preservation Iowa Board member, at jim@coachdavies.net or by phone or text at 641.425.4707.

Receipt of all nominations will be via email. **If you do not receive confirmation within 48 hours**, please contact Jim Davies.

Submission of a nomination gives Preservation Iowa permission to use the submitted information in our programming and media releases.

Submission of a nomination does not guarantee a project will be selected for an award.