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2008's Storms Wreak Havoc on Historic Properties IHPA on the Ground Assisting Property Owners

The storms and floods of 2008 are by any measure the worst in Iowa's history. Over 80 of Iowa's 99 counties were given a Presidential disaster declaration. We survived tornadoes, strong winds, and floods—and we are still here. We are living in a historic moment that none of us would desire, but we all have to live through and recover from together. Historic preservation will be a valuable part of our state recovery, because it involves workforce employment and saving the architectural fabric that is so intertwined with who we are as a state. Also, we must remind everyone that rebuilding and rehabilitation is the most sustainable solution because the greenest building is the one already there.

The Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance and its state partners, the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) and the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) have been burning the candle at both ends for over two months now since the disasters started. IHPA assisted IDED and DCA with city and site damage assessments in order to try to get a handle on the breadth and depth of damage to historic properties and communities statewide.

IHPA also partnered with Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area to fund a timber frame structural assessment of three enormous mill structures that were affected by flooding. In New Hartford, where a historic cemetery was devastated by a gigantic F5 tornado in May, we assisted by facilitating free consulting services from ISU Professor and cemetery expert Heidi Hohmann. We also hosted David Via, a nationally renowned

cemetery preservation consultant, who also worked on the cemetery. And, in July the IHPA participated in a workshop on how to how to save and re-build your historic building. The workshop was presented twice in one day in Cedar Rapids and was organized by the Cedar Rapids Historic Preservation Commission, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the DCA's State Historic Preservation Office, and the Trust's only Iowa historic site, Bruce more.



IHPA Board member Rod Scott with Czech Village business and building owners. Photo courtesy Rod Scott.

The IHPA needed a presence in our most damaged and second largest city. The Board of Directors authorized mileage and a food allowance per trip for fellow board member and flood repair contractor, Rod Scott, to work directly with the citizens and City of Cedar Rapids to organize historic neighborhood associations and the historic commercial centers of New Bohemia and the Czech Village. The results of this five-week effort of

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News from the Co-Chairs

What a summer it was!! If we didn't get blown away, we were washed away, and a few communities were dealt with both forces of nature.

Several members of the IHPA have been very busy working with the disaster relief teams in the state. We have been very fortunate to partner with several other historic preservation organizations, cultural organizations, and even some corporations to make the best of a horrible situation.

We are finding the IHPA and other organizations are much stronger and have a clearer voice when we collaborate. We are having success working and teaming with agencies that may not have historic preservation as their primary charter. When groups of individuals with differing agendas all look at the same issue from different perspectives, it is amazing how we can affect change in much grander ways than we all could independently.

One last note: please plan on attending the Iowa Statewide Preservation Conference in Sioux City the 19th and 20th of September. There are great speakers scheduled and there will be great sessions on historic preservation.

Thank you again for being a member of the IHPA!

Contributed by George Wakeman



Flood recovery at the JG Cherry Building in the New Bohemia Commercial Historic District, Cedar Rapids (Photo courtesy Rod Scott)

A Note from the Communications Committee

Disaster Recovery Issue of *The Iowa Preservationist*

This issue of *The Iowa Preservationist* is full of information on IHPA's efforts to assist in disaster recovery throughout the state. Additional information can also be found online at the IHPA website: www.iowapreservation.org. If you have 2008 disaster recovery information to share, please submit it to news@iowapreservation.org.

Due to delays in getting this issue out to you, our next issue will be right on its heels. In the coming months, be sure to watch your mailbox for a recap of our annual meeting, the statewide historic preservation conference, and the country schools conference!

Spot on SHPO

News from the State Historic Preservation Office

For the last 15 years, every drop of rain that has fallen in Iowa has been compared to the Floods of '93. My memory of that disaster is limited to a single day: I was a student at Iowa State and I remember studying for a test, only to have it cancelled when the campus was closed. People around me with family in Iowa were affected; my friends working in Des Moines were affected; I now know historic buildings were affected, too. But I was an architecture student with no other connection to Iowa, and my preservation ethic was not yet well-defined, so none of it really meant much to me. Little did the naïve student know what such a disaster could do to lives, property, and community.

We're all still struggling to comprehend the "Floods of 2008." First, the "Floods of 2008" weren't just floods. The relentless rain from April through June and into July, the tornadoes, straight-line winds, storm sewer backups, and the river flooding are all discussed collectively as the "Floods of 2008" in the mainstream media. Historic properties across the state have been damaged by all of these things, not just flooding. Second, beginning with the first reports of damage to historic properties in April, the extent of damage continues to astound me today as we try to pull actual facts and figures together. While the damage to individual historic properties is extremely disheartening, damage to entire communities that revolve around the businesses and residences within historic properties seems to magnify that impact. Lastly, there are many historic properties—especially properties in rural areas and archaeological sites—about which we still have no information. How can we comprehend something that still has so many unknowns associated with it?

We've been told it will take Iowa ten years to recover from this disaster. Already, as we do each time a disaster of any magnitude occurs, we are picking each other up and beginning to rebuild. It is my sincere hope that "rebuilding" will include rehabilitation of historic properties rather than demolition. We've lost some historic properties already, but there are many more that can be saved if we are able to give them the technical and financial assistance they need. Our office is working closely with federal agencies to ensure the historic properties they are providing assistance to will be treated appropriately. And, in cases where demolition may be inevitable, hopefully we can capture the historic spirit of the property before it disappears.

One thing we should not lose sight of as Iowa recovers is how to better prepare for the next disaster. As our department responds to this disaster, we continually return to discussing ways to improve disaster preparedness and response for the future. If we are better prepared at all levels—from house museum to historic preservation commission to state historic preservation office—then more historic properties could be prevented from being damaged in the first place. Maybe with better planning up front, more historic communities can remain whole.

Before closing, I want to express a sincere "thank you" to everyone who has been helping the recovery effort. Within days of the national news picking up the tornado and flood stories, my office received phone calls from people across the country wanting to help our historic resources in any way they could. The National Trust for Historic Preservation's Midwest office, the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Offices, the American Institute of Conservation, the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy, and the Heritage Emergency National Task Force all offered their services. Most importantly, though, citizens and preservationists in Iowa began to help our department collect data and get technical assistance to those who needed it most. IHPA was a leader in this effort, along with Main Street Iowa, 1000 Friends of Iowa, Silos and Smokestacks and Certified Local Governments across the state. As many have already heard me say: Thank you for all that you do!

Contributed by Barbara A. Mitchell

Recent Actions on the National Register of Historic Places

Foster Park Historic District, Le Mars, Plymouth County. Listed 04/25/2008.

Grocers Wholesale Company Building, Des Moines, Polk County. Listed 04/25/2008.

Community Building, Princeton, Scott County. Listed 04/25/2008.

Simmons Hardware Company Warehouse, Sioux City, Woodbury County. Listed 04/25/2008.

West Hill Historic District, Muscatine, Muscatine County. Listed 04/30/2008.

Pioneer Implement Company, Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County. Listed 04/30/2008.

The Elgin Block, Elgin, Fayette County. Listed 05/08/2008.

Thos. D. Murphy Co. Factory and Power Plant, Red Oak, Montgomery County. Listed 05/19/2008.

Wahkonsa Hotel, Fort Dodge, Webster County. Listed 05/21/2008.

Sioux City Fire Station Number 3, Sioux City, Woodbury County. Listed 05/21/2008.

Hale Bridge, near Anamosa, Jones County. Re-listed in new location 06/04/2008.

Interstate Power Company Building, Dubuque, Dubuque County. Listed 06/26/2008.

2008's Storms Wreak Havoc on Historic Properties Statewide (continued from page 1)

once-a-week meetings has resulted in the historic neighborhoods organizing an association of their multiple neighborhoods into a group known as Obnova. Obnova is a Czech word for rebirth. This group is now working directly with the city on how to save as many of the over 3,000 flood-damaged homes as possible.

The real bright spot of our work in Cedar Rapids is the agreement of over two dozen buildings owners to work together to redevelop their historic commercial properties. The IHPA and the Trust's Bruce More site coordinated meetings with building owners in the National Register-listed Bohemian Commercial Historic District and the Czech Village to explain the financial incentives for redevelopment of historic structures. The building owners have all agreed to work together to access the historic tax credits programs and the really big news is that there is a company based in Iowa that has agreed to buy all the historic tax credits that are generated from the rebuilding in Cedar Rapids!

One of the most frustrating storm and flood damage assessment concerns is the rural agricultural sites. There has been absolutely no reporting from the state Department of Agriculture, the USDA, or FEMA on damaged farm structures. All of us have seen the flood photos of the barns and farmsteads under water, yet the DCA has received no reports to document these losses. Without knowledge of farm structure damage, how can we develop policies and funding



Dunkerton Round Barn, damaged by tornado in late May.
Photo courtesy Ken Starek.

streams to assist in their recovery? We just have to find a way to fix this communication gap before the next disaster hits.

More news will follow as we get further along. There are so many other historic structures in Iowa that need our help. Send us an e-mail at info@iowapreservation.org if you have questions about disaster recovery of your historic structure.

Contributed by Rod Scott

IHPA Meets with FEMA Cultural Resources Team

On Wednesday, July 30, the FEMA Cultural Resources Team invited board member Rod Scott to visit their state headquarters in West Des Moines. The team had heard about all of IHPA's work in Cedar Rapids and wanted to get to know our organization better. I dropped off our membership brochures and visited with the team. They seemed genuinely appreciative of IHPA's efforts and our willingness to come over to their offices and visit.

The team leader, Ken Sessa, presented the newly released FEMA document, P-467-2 on Federal flood insurance compliance for rebuilding flood-damaged historic structures. The discussion that followed made it obvious that Iowa is the pilot test for this newly released FEMA policy for historic structures.

Basically, any community that wishes to offer Federally backed flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program must comply with FEMA guidelines for flood damage mitigation. The good news is any



FEMA Cultural Resource Team with IHPA Board Member Rod Scott (L-R): Kathleen "KB" Bergeron, Harriette Hawkins, Ken Sessa, Rod Scott, and Mary Neustadter.

structure eligible for or listed on the National Register has special treatment in the amount of flood mitigation treatment required for a community to issue a rebuilding permit.

Cedar Rapids plans to adopt a historic structure exclusion for the elevating and flood-proofing requirements needed for obtaining a building permit in a flood plain.

The IHPA board is working with IDED and DCA to get this information out to all Iowans. The document can be downloaded from FEMA's website: www.fema.gov/library/index.jsp. We want to thank FEMA for getting us their best cultural resource team members to help us through the devastating storms and floods we have experienced this year.

Contributed by Rod Scott

Flooding Doesn't Spare Main Street Iowa Communities Eleven Main Street Communities in Iowa Affected

The floods of 2008 have affected many communities throughout the state and Mother Nature did not spare her wrath in many of Iowa's Main Street communities. Eleven of Iowa's forty Main Street communities were directly impacted by the floods. While most flooding was concentrated in residential districts, the cities of Charles City, Waverly, Waterloo, Elkader, and Burlington all received extensive flooding in their historic downtown commercial districts.

In all communities, stories of survival, volunteerism, recovery and loss started to be told as soon as the waters began to recede. Like Cedar Falls, where hundreds of volunteers descended to the downtown levees to save the historic downtown core as waters began to rise to the top of the existing levee system. Or in Bonaparte where, with help from the National Guard, the city constructed a temporary limestone and sandbag levee around their historic downtown.

In Waverly, the Cedar River raged out of its banks and engulfed nearly the entire downtown Main Street district. Water levels filled basements and in most buildings reached 18 to 24 inches on the first floor.

Charles City was dealt a hard loss with the Cedar River claiming the city's National Register-listed suspension bridge. Known as the "Swinging Bridge," this 270-foot pedestrian bridge has been a part of Charles City's landscape since 1906 and was a major pedestrian link from the other side of the river to the downtown.

The Turkey River spilled into the community of Elkader, a community of 1,465 in northeast Iowa, and flooded much of the southern portion of their Main Street district. The community's only grocery store was extensively damaged after receiving more than five feet of water. The owners, with the assistance of many community volunteers, worked to re-open the community's grocery store less

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Downtown Waverly flooded by Cedar River. Photo courtesy Waverly Democrat.

than ten days after the waters receded in order to serve the community during its recovery period.

The recovery process began days after the waters receded and it will take many years to fully recover from the destruction and economic loss. Main Street Iowa staff and volunteers assisted with local recovery efforts days after the water began to recede with everything from removing water-logged debris from basements, removing sandbags, surveying historic downtown districts, and assessing flood-impacted buildings and businesses.

Main Street Iowa partnered with IHPA, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and many other national and state-wide organizations to provide technical assistance, education, and communication to further Iowa's flood recovery process. The National Trust set up a donation website for the flood-impacted Main Street Iowa towns of Charles City, Waverly, Elkader, Waterloo, and Burlington. To make a donation go to: my.preservationnation.org/iowa.

Learn more about Main Street Iowa and Main Street communities statewide, visit www.mainstreetiowa.org.

Contributed by Michael Wagler

An Abbreviated List of Historic Resources Affected by Storms and Flooding

- Charles City Suspension Bridge
- Sutliff Bridge near Solon
- Wapsipinicon Mill in Independence
- Motor Mill near Elkader
- Potter's Mill in Bellevue
- Louis Sullivan's Peoples Savings Bank in Cedar Rapids
- Frank Lloyd Wright's Alvin Miller House in Charles City
- William Green House in Rochester
- The Santa Fe Depot and the CB&Q Passenger Depot in Fort Madison
- The CB&Q Depot, Memorial Auditorium, Port of Burlington Welcome Center, and the Burlington, Cedar Rapids, & Northern Freight House in Burlington
- The *George M. Verity* in Keokuk
- The Mill Race and Section House in the Amana Colonies
- Round Barn near Dunkerton
- Bohemian Commercial and Mays Island Historic Districts in Cedar Rapids
- Bonaparte Pottery
- Seminole Valley Farm and Usher's Ferry historical sites in Cedar Rapids

Preservation at Its Best

2008 Awards for Excellence in Preservation

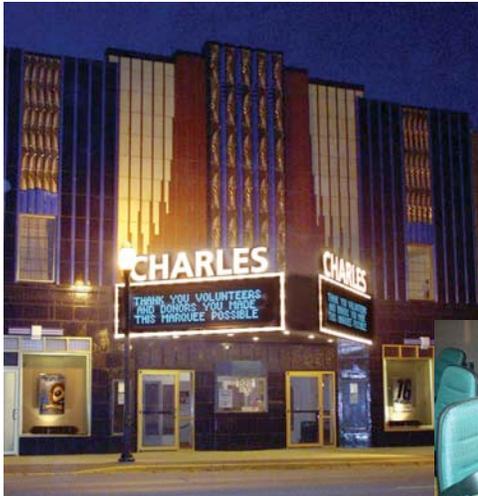
Each year, the Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance, in partnership with the Iowa Gaming Association, seeks to honor individuals, organizations, projects, and programs whose work demonstrates a commitment to excellence in historic preservation. In doing so, we hope to inspire others to take action to preserve, protect, and promote historic resources. This year's winners were honored May 19 at the Community History Day celebration at the State Historical Building in Des Moines. Congratulations to all those who help preserve Iowa's historic resources!



Single-family Residential Award:

Lee Vogel - Julie Schmidt House, Spencer

Julie Schmidt and Lee Vogel received the Single-family Residential Preservation at its Best Award for bringing this wonderful home back from serious neglect. Built in 1918, the structure was home to the Bernhagen family until 1943, when it was purchased by the Lawson family. By the time Julie and Lee purchased it, the house hadn't been painted in 28 years, ivy had taken over the exterior, and wood trim was rotten. The property as a whole had been overrun by vegetation, including several trees that were dead or dying. With a lot of hard work, Julie and Lee restored it to livable condition, including installing a high-efficiency hot water boiler, updating the electrical and plumbing systems, and insulating the attic. On the exterior, stucco was cleaned, scraped, and primed; wood trim was repaired, scraped, and primed; and 73 windows were restored!



Public Facility Award: Charles Theatre, Charles City

A showpiece in downtown Charles City, the Charles Theatre received the Public Facility Preservation at its Best Award. Built during the 1930s, the Charles Theatre is an outstanding example of Art Deco design. The Charles City Arts Council owns the



building, which is also home to the Stony Point Players, a volunteer community theatre group. Volunteers also show first-run

movies for a discounted price. As part of rehabilitation work, a new marquee was installed, the flooring was refinished, new seats were installed, a handicapped seating area was created, aisle lighting was installed, and the box office window was replaced.

Small Commercial Award: Bredeaux Pizza Building, Hampton

On July 13, 2007, Joel Orr, the owner of a historic building in downtown Hampton, began work to fix bowing vitrolite glass panels on his storefront. As he removed the panels from a support column, the column began to collapse. The windows in the building bowed, the metal cornice separated and twisted, and the brick facade cracked. Although a structural engineer thought the building was in eminent danger of collapse, Joel sought a second opinion and found that it could be saved. Supports were placed strategically to keep the building from falling



while the facade was partially deconstructed and then rebuilt from the ground up. Joel saved as much of the old facade as possible, matching new brick to the remaining historic materials, reusing the decorative stone window hoods, and repairing the metal cornice. New transom and storefront windows were installed. Inside, Joel saved the light fixtures and wood panels from the second floor office space and installed new sheetrock, flooring, and windows.

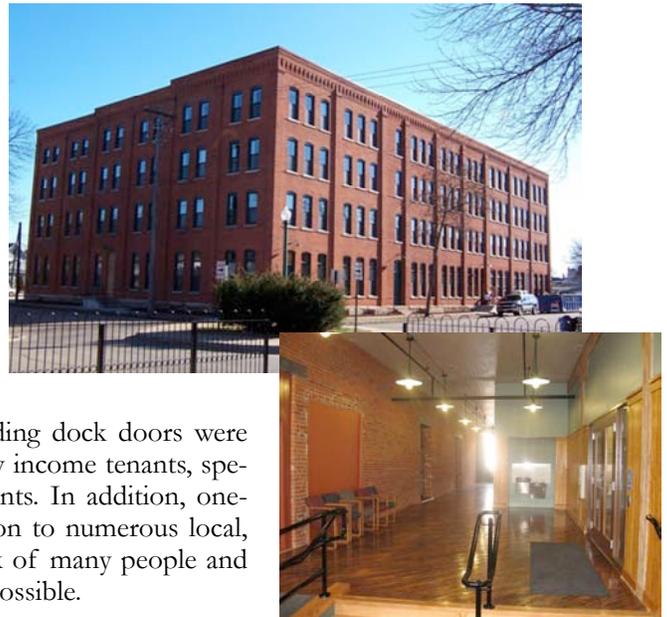
**Large Commercial Award:
Dubuque Star Brewery, Dubuque**

The Dubuque Star Brewery served as a brewery between 1899 and 1993 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The City of Dubuque acquired the building in 2001 for redevelopment into a business and entertainment complex. The City stabilized the building, including roof repairs, re-pointing, and some demolition and gutting of the interior. EPIC Construction began interior and exterior rehabilitation in December 2005. The work included new wood windows throughout to match the historic windows, restoration of the storefront, painting, and the general reconditioning of historic materials, such as the brick walls, cast iron columns, and arched brick ceilings. Rooftops were converted into outdoor patios and dining space. Even the original copper brewing kettle was cleaned and restored for use as a focal piece in the current Star Restaurant. In addition to City and private funding, the project was awarded Federal and State historic preservation tax credits.



**Mixed Use Award:
Crescent Community Health Center, Project Concern,
and Washington Court Apartments, Dubuque**

The Dubuque Casket Company was the most successful of three casket manufacturers in Dubuque, operating from 1877 to 1987. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2006. Gronen Restoration Inc. and Community Housing Initiatives partnered to convert 65,000 square feet of abandoned space into a facility that would benefit the neighborhood and community. With little demolition needed to convert the open warehouse into usable space, all historic features were preserved on the inside of the building and incorporated into the new design. Beams and columns exposed, masonry was cleaned and re-pointed, new windows were installed, and the historic loading dock doors were replicated. Because the building houses non-profit agencies and low income tenants, special attention was paid to keeping operating cost low for the tenants. In addition, one-quarter of the housing units are handicapped accessible. In addition to numerous local, state, and federal financial incentives, the generosity and hard work of many people and organizations made the rehabilitation and operation of this facility possible.



**2008 Most Endangered Call for Nominations
Nominations Due November 1, 2008**



IHPA's Best of Preservation Awards honor those who have given historic properties new life. There are many other properties throughout the state that have not yet been given that chance. Do you know of a historic property that could use some help? Whether it needs a little help or a lot, we want to hear from you. Download the 2008 Most Endangered Property nomination online at www.iowapreservation.org/endangered.php and submit it by November 1.

IHPA's Most Endangered Properties program provides an excellent resource for media coverage and introduces owners of endangered properties to preservation advocates and resources that can help preserve their historic property. To learn more about the program and see Most Endangered lists from the past few years, visit our website at www.iowapreservation.org.

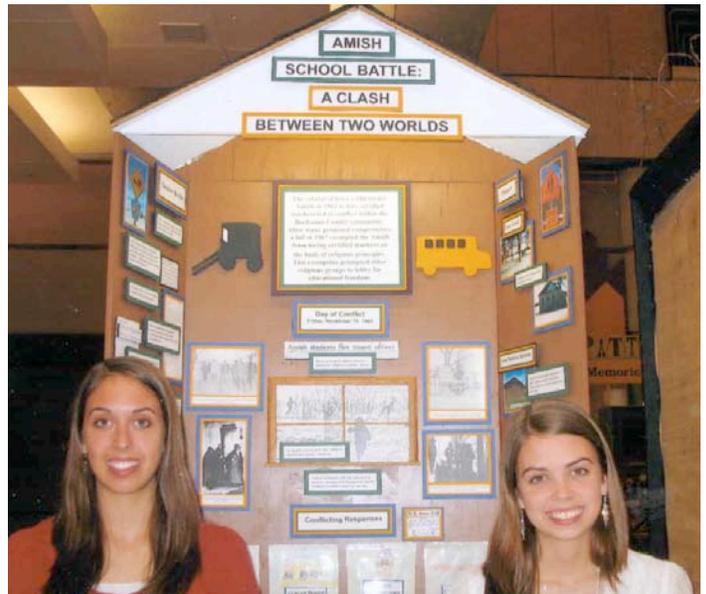
IHPA Honors One-Room School Exhibits at State History Day Competition Melissa and Holly Hassman's Exhibit Receives 3rd Place at National Competition

The IHPA presented two special awards for projects related to one-room schools in the annual Iowa History Day program in May. Pictured are Holly and Melissa Hassman, Marshalltown students who created an exhibit on the Amish school conflict in 1965. Their exhibit was selected to represent Iowa in the National History Day competition, where they received third place in the Senior Division Group Exhibit in June.

In their thank you letter to the IHPA, the Hassman sisters wrote: "We both agree that History Day has been a great experience. We have learned so much about researching, analyzing, and displaying history on an exhibit and hope to continue our involvement in the History Day program in future years. We are honored to be able to represent Iowa at the National competition this year. Thanks again for your support of the History Day program."

An IHPA award was also presented to Albert City-Truesdale junior high students for their work on a documentary dealing with school consolidation in Iowa.

IHPA extends congratulations to all History Day participants and is honored to support History Day activities by encouraging students to learn more about Iowa's educational history and our one-room country schools. Next year's theme is "The Individual in History: Actions and Legacies."



To learn more about our country school initiative, visit the IHPA website: www.iowapreservation.org. To learn more about History Day, visit the State Historical Society of Iowa's website at www.iowahistory.org/education/history_day/.

Contributed by Bill Sherman

Annual Country School Conference, Oct 10-11

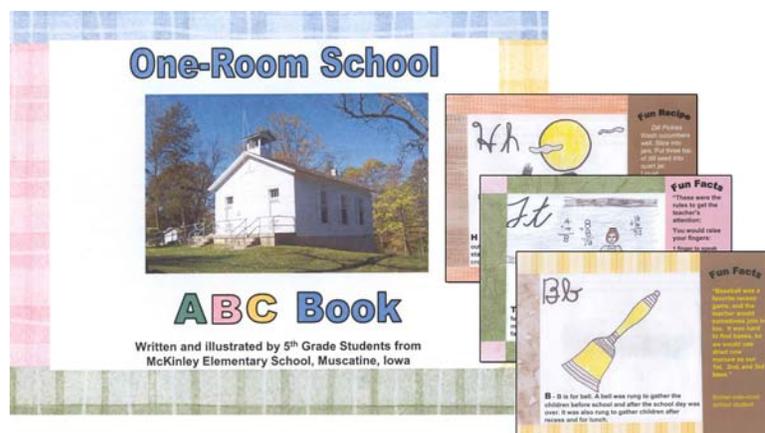
The ninth annual Iowa country school preservation conference will be held in Ames on October 10 and 11, 2008. This year's conference, *Perceptions of the Country School*, will feature Dr. Pamela Riney-Kehrberg, ISU Director of Graduate Education, Program in Agricultural History and Rural Studies. Attend educational sessions, tour the Lincoln Highway, and network with country school preservationists from across the state!

The conference registration is \$30 for the educational sessions on Friday and \$30 for the bus tour on Saturday (includes lunch both days). For more information read our Spring 2008 newsletter, download the brochure from the IHPA website, or contact Bill Sherman at 1-800-434-2039 or wsherman@networkiowa.com.

One-Room School ABC Booklet Available

Students at McKinley Elementary School in Muscatine created the *One-Room School ABC Book*. IHPA Board Member Bill Sherman made arrangements to have this booklet printed and sold to groups and individuals interested in country school history and preservation.

The booklet features four-color original student artwork for each letter of the alphabet, a maze game, and a word puzzle. Cost of the 32-page booklet ordered through the mail is \$9.95. To obtain a copy, please contact Bill Sherman at wsherman@networkiowa.com or call 1-800-434-2039.



Barn and Agricultural Preservation

The landscape of Iowa is often closely associated with the farm and agriculture life; this lifestyle, however, is quickly changing. One of the largest historic resources is the barn; it too is a rapidly diminishing resource. It is estimated that over 200,000 barns were built in Iowa and that there is somewhere around 60,000 left. It is also estimated that Iowa is losing around 1,000 barns per year and that number is accelerating. Several barn and agricultural reconnaissance surveys have been conducted during the past five years. Recent counties that have conducted these surveys include: Hardin, Palo Alto, and Clay Counties.

The surveys have been conducted using the National Barn Alliance form, which enables consistent information to be compiled about each farm. Upon completion, the information serves as documentation of local and state resources. These surveys will enable a better understanding of current historic resources in the state, as well as aid in better information dissemination, especially in disaster situations.

The success of these surveys is due to the partnerships that have been formed, which includes local funding sources such as community foundations, as well as ISU Extension Offices, and USDA/FSA Offices. In some situations, the partnership with local extension offices has proven to be the best resource, as it gives 4-H members an opportunity to learn and volunteer in their local community by taking photographs and completing research related to the survey.

The Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance has recognized the need to preserve our rural resources and actively promotes their preservation through our Historic Barn initiative. Additionally, the Iowa Barn Foundation, founded in 1997, is dedicated to preserving Iowa's rural buildings, which are symbols of Iowa's early heritage. For more information on IHPA's rural and barn preservation efforts, please visit our website at www.iowapreservation.org/barns.php. For more information on the Iowa Barn Foundation, please visit their website at www.iowabarnfoundation.org.

Contributed by Sheriffa Jones



Barn on Clay County Road M27. Photo courtesy Sheriffa Jones.

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September 2008

Sep 4 (5:30 pm) ■ Architecture @ Hand Walking Tour, Des Moines, Iowa. View additional information online at www.iowaarchfoundation.org.

Sep 4-5 ■ Iowa League of RC&Ds Meeting, King's Pointe Resort, 1520 E Lakeshore Drive, Storm Lake, Iowa. View additional information online at www.iowalakesrcd.org.

Sep 6 ■ Computer Genie's Cemetery Program, Cherokee, Iowa. Workshop on cemeteries and understanding the basics on how to preserve headstones and where to go with questions. For additional information, contact Linda Mohning at 712.786.2594.

Sep 18 (7:00 pm) ■ IHPA Annual Meeting, 1525 Douglas Street, Sioux City, Iowa. For more information, contact info@iowapreservation.org.

Sep 19-20 ■ Reddy for Preservation! Iowa Statewide Preservation Conference, Sioux City, Iowa. View additional information online at www.iowahistory.org/preservation/.

Sep 20-21 & 27-28 ■ Doors to the Past - Tour of Historic Sherman Hill, Des Moines, Iowa. Sponsored by the Sherman Hill Association. View additional information online at www.historicshermanhill.com.

Sep 20-21 ■ Iowa Barn Foundation's All-State Barn Tour, Iowa. For additional information, contact Roxanne Mehlisch at 641.487.7690, or view information online at www.iowabarnfoundation.org.

Sep 27-28 ■ Ft. Atkinson Rendezvous, Fort Atkinson, Iowa. Located at the military post grounds several blocks west off Highway 24. Sponsored by the Friends of Ft. Atkinson Rendezvous Committee & the Iowa DNR. For more information, contact Ron Franzen at 563.534.7514.

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Oct 3 (9:00 am - 4:00 pm) ■ National Register of Historic Places Workshop, Denison, Iowa. View additional information online at www.iowahistory.org/preservation/.

Oct 5 (1:00 pm) ■ 125th Anniversary Celebration of the Secrest Barn, Downey, Iowa. For additional information, contact Rich Tyler at rich-tyler@uiowa.edu or 319.337.2544.

Oct 9 (5:00 pm - 9:00 pm) ■ Tour de Loo, Waterloo, Iowa. Annual "behind the scenes" tour of downtown's newest rehabilitation projects. Sponsored by Main Street Waterloo. Please call 319.291.2038 for more information.

Oct 10-11 ■ Iowa Country Schools Conference, Ames, Iowa. For more information, contact Bill Sherman at wsherman@networkiowa.com or visit IHPA's website at www.iowapreservation.org/schools.php.

Oct 21-25 ■ National Preservation Conference 2008: Preservation in Progress, Tulsa, Oklahoma. View additional information online at www.nthpconference.org.

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Nov 1 ■ Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance's Most Endangered Properties of 2008 nomination deadline. For additional information, see page 7 or visit our website at www.iowapreservation.org.

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Notice of Annual Meeting for IHPA Membership

Sep. 18, 2008 ■ 7:00 p.m. ■ 1525 Douglas Street ■ Sioux City

The annual meeting of the IHPA membership will be held in conjunction with the Statewide Preservation Conference in Sioux City this September. Join us on the Thursday night before the conference begins to elect board members, meet other IHPA members, and to find out what we've been up to and how you can get more involved. We'll be meeting at IHPA Co-Chair George Wakeman's historic home in Sioux City. For more information, email info@iowapreservation.org.



Become a Member!

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

Membership Levels

- \$30 Pendant
- \$50 Front Porch
- \$100 Cornice
- \$500 Cornerstone
- \$1,000 Schoolhouse
- \$5,000 Skyscraper

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Iowa Statewide Preservation Conference

September 19-20, 2008 ■ Sioux City

Plan now to attend "Reddy for Preservation!" Iowa's Statewide Historic Preservation Conference in Sioux City! The conference is scheduled for September 19-20, 2008. This is a great opportunity to learn from Iowa's leading preservationists on a wide variety of topics including tax credits, rehabilitation, cemetery preservation, archaeology, preservation advocacy, cultural landscapes and more! In addition, Bob Yapp, nationally-known expert and former host of the PBS television series "About Your House with Bob Yapp" will give the opening keynote address. On Friday evening, Tim Samuelson, Cultural Historian for the City of Chicago, will deliver an entertaining keynote on the story of Alfonso Iannelli's artwork at the Woodbury County Courthouse.

Registration is only \$50 for the two-day conference. Pre-registrants will receive a free commemorative "Reddy Kilowatt" lapel pin! Send in your registration today! Information is available online at www.iowahistory.org/preservation or contact Paula Mohr at 515.281.6826.



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Take Action! Update

Help Still Needed for Historic Properties Affected by Storms of 2008

This space is typically reserved to update you on Take Action! items previously posted online at IHPA's website. This time we thought we would use this space to encourage all IHPA members to contact your elected representatives to let them know that historic properties are an important part of the fabric of our society. Historic properties affected by the storms need help now—before the snow flies!

Two pieces of federal legislation related to disaster recovery for historic properties are working their way through Congress. One is to adopt an increase in Federal Historic Tax Credits (from 20% to 26%) for the rehabilitation of flood-damaged historic commercial buildings. The second is a supplemental appropriation to provide \$35 million to State Historic Preservation Offices in affected states for rehabilitation grants for historic properties. An additional \$3 million is proposed for the SHPOs to handle the required reviews of federal undertakings, tax credit applications, and grants.

State legislation could also be proposed if a special session is called by the governor this fall. The only funding currently available for historic property rehabilitation is through the State Historical Society of Iowa's Historic Sites Preservation Grant (HSPG) program. A special appropriation, similar to that given after the 2006 tornadoes in Johnson County, could be run through the Historic Resource Development Program (HRDP) emergency grant process. In addition, leg-



ZCJB Building, Bohemia Historic Commercial District, Cedar Rapids. Photo courtesy Rod Scott.

islators could again consider revising the State Historic Tax Credit program to lift or remove the credit cap for rehabbing affected historic properties.

Take Action! now by contacting your state and federal representatives and asking them to support disaster recovery efforts that include specific line items for historic properties!