



FRIENDS OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION



RSVP for the 50th Today!

Use the QR code above, or email Friends of Historic Preservation at info@ic-fhp.org to RSVP.

Event is free to attend and all are welcome!

Celebrate 50 Years with Friends on November 1st!

Saturday, November 1

5:30 p.m.

Old Brick

26 E Market St., Iowa City

FHP has been fortunate to have the steadfast support of a dedicated community of preservation-minded friends across Johnson County. For five decades, your donations of money and time have strengthened our mission and efforts.

Now, at the place where it all began in 1975, we invite you to reminisce about our past and celebrate what's ahead!

The event will feature live music from Iowa City's Old Cap String Band, a special performance of Grant Wood: Prairie Rebel, by Iowa native and actor Tom Milligan, a silent auction, a 50th Year Presentation by the FHP board, refreshments and cash bar.

Friends of Historic Preservation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. We work to save historic buildings and neighborhoods and build awareness of the cultural, environmental, and economic benefits of preservation. Board of Directors: David Woodruff, Rachael Carlson, Heather Blatt, Louis Tassinary, Marty Boller, and Kay Ireland. Administrator: Meg George. Interested in historic preservation? We have a Board position open. Please email info@ic-fhp.org for details.

Nominate a Local Preservation All-Star

We need your help recognizing the property owners, architects, contractors, painters, and craftspeople who, through a project, contributed to maintaining Iowa City's richly preserved aesthetic in 2025. The Historic Preservation Awards are held annually to honor individuals' contributions in categories like painting and exterior finishes, residential, commercial or institutional rehabilitation, additions and new construction, and stewardship.

To submit a nomination, please send the property address and a brief description of the project and/or person to the Iowa City Historic Preservation Commission staff person, Jessica Bristow, at jbristow@iowa-city.org by Monday, November 17.

And save the date: March 25, 2026, for the 42nd Historic Preservation Awards, hosted by the Johnson County and Iowa City Historic Preservation Commissions, and Friends of Historic Preservation. More details to come.



Above: A 2024 Preservation Award Winner (left: before, and right: after).

Historic Window Repair Now Available

We're thrilled to announce that three more local contractors, Willy Oxley, and Mark Westerhoff and Ted Knights from Martin Construction, recently completed "old house expert," Bob Yapp's Window Restoration Workshop and earned their certifications. Their contact information is listed below:

Willy Oxley
willyoxley@gmail.com
319-855-0128

Martin Construction
info@icmartin.com
319-248-0561

The full list of certified contractors can be found on our website at ic-fhp.org.

FHP is proud to support these educational opportunities, but please note, we do not make contractor endorsements.

MEET THE FHP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT David Woodruff lives in Penn Twp. with his wife, Lea, an architect; their two dogs, Rigsby and Sebastian; and chickens in a backyard coop with windows from The Salvage Barn. A political strategist, David consults across the country, but prefers to volunteer here at home, where, in addition to Friends of Historic Preservation, he serves on the County Fair Board (best known for organizing the pie-baking competition), is an Iowa City Climate Ambassador, and is a Greater IC Community Leadership Program alumni.

VICE PRESIDENT Rachael Carlson has served on the board for several years and is the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature Director of Operations. In addition to her programming and administrative work, she leads historical literary walking tours, showcasing the homes and haunts of Iowa City's celebrated writers.

TREASURER Lou Tassinary grew up in Connecticut, attended college in Florida, and pursued graduate studies in New Hampshire, plus an extended postdoc at the University of Iowa. He received a law degree in Massachusetts and spent 30 years as a professor and administrator at Texas A&M University. Lou is married and has two children, two grandchildren, and three dogs with a large extended family in the Iowa City area. Always fascinated with provenance, Lou enjoys serving on the board and hopes to give back to the local community.

SECRETARY Heather Blatt lives in Iowa City and is the Associate Professor and Director of the Literature and Film Program in the Department of English at Florida International University. She received her Ph.D. in English from Fordham University, her M.A. from the University of Virginia, and her B.A. from Cornell University. She enjoys serving on the FHP board, which allows her to give back to the community while also learning about its history and ways to preserve it.

BOARD MEMBER Marty Boller was born in Mt. Pleasant, IA, with roots tracing back to the Washington Township of Johnson County, IA in 1853. Boller graduated from Iowa City High and the University of Iowa and had a 40+ year career in church work, planting and pastoring two churches: Iowa City (1987-1989) and Cedar Rapids (1997-2020). He lives in Iowa City with his wife of over 50 years, Sandy Unrue Boller, and serves on the board of the Johnson County Historical Society (JCHS) and is the head historian for the historical website, Our Iowa Heritage.

BOARD MEMBER Kay Ireland earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting and drawing from the University of Iowa and enjoyed a career as an illustrator and graphic artist, and as a decorative painter and muralist. Kay's art is in the permanent collections at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and at the Iowa City Public Library, where it can be borrowed with a library card. Kay served on the Historic Preservation Commission and lived in the Brown Street Historic District.

BOARD OPENING!

We welcome a variety of skills and experience on our Board. Interested in preservation, history, architecture, or sustainability? Email info@ic-fhp.org to apply.



Salvage Barn News

The Salvage Barn continues to benefit from interesting, generous donations. During the months of August and September, such donations included a 1940s Maddox secretary, a mid-century modern cobalt blue glass bar table, and an antique McAvoy Chicago Brewery malt extract crate. These items sold quickly, but there's always something new! The most unique items usually sell fast! For Salvage Barn updates, please follow the Salvage Barn Facebook page. We regularly stock antique furniture, unique pieces, collectors' items, plus flooring, doors, and much more. The Salvage Barn is open Wednesday-Saturday, 9a.m.-5p.m. and is located at 2401 Scott Blvd. in Iowa City. Discount for FHP Members the first Saturday of the month!



Left: A walnut blue glass-topped table was built in the 1930s.

Center: This crate once held products from Chicago's McAvoy Brewery, which operated from 1865-1920.

Right: Made from rich mahogany, the Maddox Furniture Company built this secretary in the 1940s.

Become a FHP Member

Members enjoy many benefits, including free and unlimited access to the Salvage Barn's expansive Tool Library.

Annual membership is only \$50.

To join or learn more, use the QR code or visit ic-fhp.org.



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