



FRIENDS OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

Volunteers Salvage 1920s Farmhouse

This winter, Friends traveled to Washington County, the longest distance that we have gone to salvage items. The house was built as a beautiful Craftsman Style bungalow in the early 1920s, but a remodeling in the 1970s severely damaged the character. It lost its front porch and was covered in aluminum siding. Although we do not like seeing historic houses destroyed, Friends was able to save the best oak and pine features of this house for reuse in other buildings.

Salvage Manager Mike Haverkamp and volunteer Matt Lage (shown at right) with flooring and woodwork saved from the Washington County farmhouse.

Thanks to our very hard-working salvage team, more items and building supplies will be re-used instead of hauled to the landfill!

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, visit ic-fhp.org.





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A Cozy Afternoon at Claude

One of Friends of Historic Preservation's key missions is supporting the creative reuse of historic architectural materials. Imagine our delight when one of Iowa City's newest businesses sourced their "new" floors from FHP's Salvage Barn.

Opening just this January, Claude - a beautiful French-inspired cocktail lounge - was a years-long labor of love for owners Adélaïde Subtil and Thomas Heine-man (shown above, with FHP member Anne Spencer).

Mike Haverkamp, Salvage Manager, describes the process of both removing and re-installing the flooring.



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.

Located at 215 N Linn St. Iowa City, the building was in rough shape when they first bought it more than two years ago. While renovating the second floor of the property, they quickly realized the original flooring was beyond repair and would need to be replaced. In order to keep the historic feeling of the space intact, they reached out to the Salvage Barn and were able to find the rescued flooring that was perfect for their envisioned space.

In early April Adélaïde and Thomas generously agreed to host a fundraiser and 35th Anniversary celebration for the Salvage Barn. It was a perfect opportunity to gather and admire the beautiful flooring in its new home.

Claude's website says, "We wanted to create a place where people can linger and feel at ease, surrounded by candlelight, jazz, and a cozy Parisian atmosphere reminiscent of the early 20th century."

The Salvage Barn, operated by Friends of Historic Preservation, promotes hands-on preservation and sustainability through salvage, sale, and restoration.



Friends Receives Roots Award

At the Annual Historic Preservation Awards on March 26, Friends of Historic Preservation was proud to receive the Roots Award from Greater Iowa City. Greater IC is a non-profit network of business and civic leaders serving Johnson County. The Roots Award honors businesses and organizations that have called our community home for 50 years or more.

Greater Iowa City stated, "Since 1975, Friends of Historic Preservation has worked to protect Iowa City's architectural heritage through advocacy, education, and hands-on preservation. Congratulations to Friends of Historic Preservation on 50 years of keeping our community's history alive and well!"

The Historic Preservation Awards, hosted by both FHP and the Iowa City Historic Preservation Commission, are held annually to honor individuals' contributions. Categories include painting and exterior finishes, residential, commercial or institutional rehabilitation, additions and new construction, and stewardship.

This year fourteen homes and businesses were honored including the City of Iowa City Senior Center, Emma J. Harvat and Mary E. Stach House at 332 East Davenport St. (home to Iowa City's First female mayor), and many private homes.

Old Brick Episcopal Corporation (formerly Old Brick) was honored in commercial rehabilitation. Fitting, as Old Brick was the first building saved by the Friends of Historic Preservation 50 years ago.

(Above) FHP Board President David Woodruff accepts the Roots Award from Greater Iowa City President and CEO Nancy Bird.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Salvage Barn Summer!

This year the Salvage Barn turns 35! Mark your calendars for May 9th (Mother's Day weekend) at Salvage Barn. Bring Mom and stop by anytime from 11am-3pm to enjoy live music, free food, and crafts for kids and adults alike. Find your newest treasure at the Salvage Barn!

While you're here, visit the Iowa City Repair Cafe at our neighboring Eastside Recycling Center. IC Repair holds quarterly volunteer-run repair events in Iowa City.

Does your lamp not light? Is your shirt missing a button or your backpack a zipper? Dull knives? Chairs

with wobbly legs? Bring them all down to the Iowa City Repair Cafe and their volunteers will help you get your stuff running again - and save it from the landfill!

**Salvage Barn Summer!
& Iowa City Repair Cafe**
Saturday, May 9th, 11am-3pm
2401 Scott Boulevard SE, Iowa City
Music • Food • Fun • Sustainability!



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ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, June 16, 6pm

Public Space 1 (Close Mansion)

538 S. Gilbert St.

appetizers & lively discussions



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