

Our Past



Friends of Historic Preservation (FHP) was organized in 1975 as Friends of Old Brick. This broad-based group initially came together over one single but important historic landmark: Iowa City's oldest surviving church, the First Presbyterian Church. Constructed between 1856 and 1865, this building came to be known as "Old Brick." Its impending demolition sparked a movement in Iowa City that has become a national model for community-based preservation action.

In 2007, FHP was recognized by the national Trust for Historic Preservation with a national Preservation Honor Award for the massive recovery effort made to protect the historic fabric of the community after the 2006 Tornado. In years prior, Friends invested in the community with both volunteer labor and funds to restore Iowa City's Englert Theatre, purchased endangered homes in historic neighborhoods to restore and return to the community as single family residences, and many times stood with other citizens and groups to save endangered structures.



Old Brick, saved

Our Present

Advocacy

FHP supports the efforts of the Iowa City Historic Preservation Commission. We also actively encourage the City Council, the University of Iowa and other government bodies to enact policies, procedures and guidelines that protect historic properties and neighborhoods. FHP advocates for:

- ◆ Designation of local historic and conservation districts.
- ◆ Designation of local landmarks.
- ◆ Listing of landmarks and historic districts on the National Register of Historic Places.
- ◆ Downzoning of older neighborhoods.
- ◆ Conducting historic and architectural surveys of older neighborhoods.
- ◆ Support for the UniverCity project.
- ◆ Construction of compatible infill, additions and other alterations that affect historic buildings in neighborhoods.



Englert Theatre, rehabilitated



City Hall, Iowa City, razed 1961



Carnegie Library, saved



Bluffwood Cottage, lost

Education

FHP is dedicated to fostering a greater appreciation of Iowa City's historic resources and a better understanding of historic buildings, their community value, maintenance, and rehabilitation. Preservation education efforts include:

- ◆ Conducting workshops on topics such as painting, winterizing your, home greening your home, and historic tax credits.
- ◆ Partnering with FEMA and the University of Iowa to present a symposium on historic preservation and disaster recovery.
- ◆ Offering tours of historic buildings and adaptive spaces.
- ◆ Co-sponsoring the annual Historic Preservation Awards.
- ◆ Assistance in grant and design review applications.
- ◆ Donation of educational material to libraries.
- ◆ Preservation Community and Information via the internet at www.ic-fhp.org and [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/icfhp).

Rehabilitation

Friends has supported the move and restoration of the Wetherby Cottage as well as the rehabilitation of a number of historic structures in Iowa City. Year round, Friends operates the Salvage Barn of architectural and historic building parts. The Barn provides a cost effective way for owners of older buildings to repair and restore structures in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.



412 Church Street, rehabilitated



512 Church Street, rehabilitated



Our Future

JOIN US!

Your tax deductible support contributes directly to the implementation and expansion of our advocacy, education and rehabilitation programs that encourage the preservation of our historic, cultural and architectural heritage. As a supporter you will receive:

- ◆ Preservation alerts by email about preservation issues.
- ◆ Invitations to participate in Salvage operations.
- ◆ Volunteer opportunities at the Salvage Barn, Historic Preservation Awards Program and special events.
- ◆ Invitations to events and discounts at the Salvage Barn
- ◆ Our quarterly newsletter, The Newel Post.

Yes, I would like to become a supporter of Friends of Historic Preservation!

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Supporter Levels

- Preservationist \$25
- Do-It-Yourselfer \$50
- Rehabber \$100
- Master Builder \$200
- Architect \$500
- Lifetime \$2000 or more
- Please send me information on volunteer opportunities.

Send check or money order with this application to:

Friends of Historic Preservation
P.O. Box 2001
Iowa City, IA 52244

The Salvage Barn

Architectural Salvage Warehouse

Year-round, FHP operates the Salvage Barn of architectural and historic building items that are at least 50 years old and no longer are sold commercially. The Salvage Barn serves as a centralized source for the owners of older homes or buildings to find historically appropriate materials for the repair and restoration of their property. In addition, FHP mission helps directly diverts priceless material that may otherwise end up in the landfill.


THE SALVAGE BARN HAS MOVED!

Eastside location: Take Highway 6 to Scott Boulevard and turn left. The East Side Recycling Center is located at 2401 Scott Boulevard SE.

Phone: 319-351-1875

Email: salvagebarn@ic-fhp.org

Website: ic-fhp.org

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Hours: 9am to 1pm every Saturday - March through November 15th. Winter hours - 9am to 1pm the first and third Saturday of the month, December through February.

Donations: Please call during operation hours to arrange for a donation. The Salvage Barn only accepts historic building materials that have been gently salvaged and are reusable. Your donation is tax deductible.

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