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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Sixth Annual Ken Kringle Historic Preservation Award**

Dubuque, Iowa -- The Ken Kringle Historic Preservation Award was created by the City of Dubuque Historic Preservation Commission to recognize excellence in historic preservation. Awards are announced annually during National Historic Preservation Month to the best rehabilitation projects located in the City of Dubuque.

The award is named after Ken Kringle for his dedication to historic preservation through his involvement as a member and past Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission, President of the Bluff Street Neighborhood Association, resident of the Cathedral Historic Preservation District and member of the Old House Enthusiasts Club.

The Historic Preservation Commission will present awards on May 21, 2009 to the following recipients in recognition of their outstanding preservation efforts in 2008:

Washington Neighborhood Revitalize! Initiative – For the Washington Neighborhood's combined effort to improve historic buildings and revitalize their neighborhood.

Gronen Restoration - For the rehabilitation of the former German Bank Building, 342 Main Street. The interior of the building was largely destroyed by fire. The rehabilitation effort is truly an amazing preservation success story. Through the efforts of many, the building was placed back into use and once again brings people downtown as home to the Silver Dollar Cantina.

Cottingham & Butler - For the rehabilitation of the Security Building, 800 Main Street. The iconic downtown building has been under an extensive interior and exterior rehabilitation effort since Cottingham & Butler acquired the building in 1994. It demonstrates an exceptional commitment in historic preservation and exemplifies how historic buildings can accommodate modern businesses.

The Durrant Group – For the rehabilitation and sustainable reuse of the former Adams Company manufacturing building, 400 Ice Harbor Drive into the company headquarters. There's an adage in the preservation and sustainability movement that the greenest building is the building that already exists. The Durrant corporate headquarters utilized the steel superstructure of this former foundry. The new offices also incorporated a holistic sustainable approach to designing the exterior and interior of the building. The project expanded the perception of what can be accomplished with old, industrial buildings, sustainable building materials and vision.

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Suzanne Guinn & Michael Lange - For the rehabilitation of the former John Bell Residence, 563 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street. The building sustained extensive fire damage. The property owners' continued commitment to historic preservation is evident in the current interior and exterior rehabilitation efforts of this home.

Dubuque Property Management, Greg Prehm – For the rehabilitation of 432, 434, & 436 Emmett Street. The project rehabilitated the interior and exterior of the previously vacant building. Historically appropriate porches replaced the dilapidated porches on the front and rear of the building. The building also received new wood windows throughout.

Nancy Leslein - For the rehabilitation of 1326 Elm Street. Ms. Leslein owns and resides in the single-family residence on Elm Street and is a spokeswoman for historic preservation and investment in her neighborhood. She utilized a Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan to construct a historically appropriate front porch, back on the home, replace windows, and restore much of the home's historic character and curb appeal.

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