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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Dubuque Receives Four Statewide “Preservation At Its Best” Awards

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- The Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance (IHPA) has announced the 2009 “Preservation At Its Best” Awards.

Each year, in partnership with the Iowa Gaming Association, the IHPA seeks to honor individuals, organizations, projects, and programs whose work demonstrates a commitment to excellence in historic preservation. In doing so, the IHPA hopes to inspire others to take action to preserve, protect, and promote historic resources.

The IHPA presented eight “Preservation At Its Best” Awards at the annual statewide preservation workshop on May 13, 2009. Four of those awards were for projects in Dubuque:

- **Washington Neighborhood Revitalize! Initiative/Washington Neighborhood Association, Community Effort Category** – For the Washington Neighborhood’s combined effort to improve historic buildings and revitalize their neighborhood.
- **Gronen Restoration & Mike Steele, Small Commercial Category** - 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, Large Commercial Category** - 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, Sustainability in Preservation Category** – 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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