FORUM 2018 Educational Tours and Mobile Workshops

Downtown Architecture Tours
July 18, 1-3 PM (Group 1) 3-5 PM (Group 2)

Intended to be your introduction to Iowa’s capital city, enjoy a walking tour of downtown led by Iowa Architectural Foundation’s knowledgeable design professionals. Guides will discuss a variety of historic and contemporary buildings in Des Moines’ commercial core. Learn about the local and world-renown architects who have left their mark on Des Moines. The tour covers approximately 14 city blocks and comfortable shoes are recommended.

Iowa Architectural Foundation design professionals

Price: $15

Des Moines Rehabbers Club Dine-Around Tour
July 18, 5:30 PM – 8 PM

Hosted by the Des Moines Rehabbers Club, get an inside tour of some of Des Moines’ favorite restaurants and watering holes that just happen to be great preservation projects too! This event is a perfect way to meet other conference attendees and connect with Des Moines’ preservation community. Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes as this tour will include some walking.

Kelli Lydon, Des Moines Rehabbers Club

Cost: Registrants will be required to pay for their own meals and beverages on-site.

Frank Lloyd Wright and Prairie School Architecture in Mason City
July 19, 7:30 AM-5 PM

In 2013, Condé Nast named Mason City, Iowa one of the world’s 20 best cities for architecture lovers. This all-day bus tour to Mason City will highlight the work of Frank Lloyd Wright and his
disciples. Our first stop will be the restored Historic Park Inn, the only remaining hotel in the world designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Following lunch in one of the hotel’s historic spaces with the architects who planned the restoration, participants will travel to the Rock Crest - Rock Glen residential neighborhood designed by Wright’s former employees Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin. We will tour Wright’s Stockman House and the Architectural Interpretive Center. Our last stop will be an exclusive tour of two private houses designed in the Prairie School style by Griffin and Wright associate William Drummond.

Paula Mohr, Iowa SHPO
Tina Rhodes, Iowa Architectural Foundation
Steve Stimmel, AIA, Iowa Architectural Foundation

Cost: $75

Preservation in Rural America: Winterset and Greenfield
July 19, 8 AM-4 PM

Some of the most impactful preservation work in Iowa is being done in the state’s rural communities. This tour will highlight the preservation efforts underway in two county seats near Des Moines. Greenfield boasts the recently rehabilitated Greenfield Hotel and Warren Opera House (2013 National Preservation Honor Award). Nearby Winterset received national exposure in 1992 with the publication of the book *The Bridges of Madison County* and the movie of the same name in 1995. Here participants will visit the courthouse square and have a panel discussion on rural preservation at a recently rehabilitated movie theatre. After lunch, participants can chose to visit either the John Wayne Birthplace & Museum or The Iowa Quilt Museum. The last stop will be one of Madison County’s iconic covered bridges and a rural school.

Steve King, AIA, Iowa SHPO

Cost: $70

Home Federal Savings and Loan/Meredith Hall
July 19, 9 AM-12 PM

Des Moines, notable for its modern architecture, has two buildings designed by Mies van der Rohe near the end of his life. Home Federal Savings and Loan (1962), which the Catholic Diocese is rehabilitating for its pastoral center, will be nearing completion this summer. The second Mies building is Meredith Hall (1965) on the campus of Drake University. This tour, led by the designers involved in their rehabilitation, will be an opportunity to discuss the technical challenges associated with mid-century buildings.

Chery Peterson, AIA, Iowa SHPO

Cost: $30
Valley Junction vs. East Village: Two Approaches to Downtown Revitalization
July 19, 1 PM-4 PM

These two vibrant commercial areas represent different approaches to downtown revitalization. Valley Junction follows the Main Street approach and has an ambitious schedule of creative events that fill the downtown streets each year. The East Village has marketed itself as a district hip shopping and nightlife complemented with infill housing. Tour leaders will discuss what has worked and why as well as their recent efforts to list these two districts on the National Register.

Sam Erickson, Historic East Village Neighborhood Association
Jim Miller, Valley Junction Main Street

Cost: $30

Public Art and Architecture Bike Tour
July 20, 8:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Des Moines has a long tradition of using public art to enhance buildings and public spaces. This practice began in the 1870s with the carving of the pediment sculpture on the state capitol to the most recent installation by Pumpkin by Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. Join us for this tour of Des Moines’ downtown architecture and public art. Highlights include the Iowa State Capitol grounds and the Pappajohn Sculpture Park with stops in between. Bicycles and helmets will be available. Attendees who can bring their own bikes and helmets are encouraged to do so.

Tim Bungert, AIA, Iowa Architectural Foundation

Cost: $25

Public/Private Partnership for Preservation: Two Case Studies
July 20, 8:30 AM – 11:45 AM

This tour will explore the city of Des Moines’ successful partnerships to preserve and give new life to two city-owned historic properties. Through this initiative, the city’s public library (1903) has been converted into the World Food Prize Headquarters and Fire Station #1 (1938) has been adapted as the Des Moines Social Club. Participants will learn how these partnerships were developed and funded, how they have worked and how these two buildings were sensitively rehabilitated for new uses.

Erin Olson-Douglas, City of Des Moines
Ryan Moffatt, City of Des Moines

Cost: $30
Historic Tax Credit Tour  
**July 20, 1 PM – 4:15 PM**

In the past two decades, downtown Des Moines had been transformed to a business district that emptied out at 5 o’clock to one where 10,000 people live and 80,000 employees work. Much of this renewal is due to the exceptional preservation work accomplished through the historic tax credit programs. This tour, led by SHPO staff and the architects who designed the rehabilitations, will take participants to several projects to highlight a variety of building types, adaptive uses and rehabilitation challenges.

Steve King, AIA, Iowa SHPO  
Lori Unick, Iowa SHPO  
Cost: $30

**North of Grand Neighborhood Bike Tour**  
**July 21, 7 AM – 9 AM**

Get exercise and learn something too! Neighborhood experts will lead a two-wheeled tour through this late nineteenth and early twentieth century neighborhood. Guides will discuss the historical development made possible by the streetcar line, the variety of architectural styles as well as their efforts to educate residents and document and preserve the neighborhood’s historic housing stock. Bicycles and helmets will be available. Attendees who can bring their own bikes and helmets are encouraged to do so.

Colleen Kinney, North of Grand Neighborhood Association  
Tom Wollan, AIA, North of Grand Neighborhood Association  
Peter Tubbs, North of Grand Neighborhood Association  
Cost: $25

**Sherman Hill: A Preservation Success Story**  
**July 21, 8:30 AM – 11:45 AM**

Sherman Hill, a beautiful Victorian neighborhood established in the 1870s, was the city’s first local historic district. After decades of decline, residents began a revitalization of the neighborhood in the early 1970s and the transformation has been dramatic. Residents have reduced the number of houses tagged for demolition, lowered crime and increased property values using historic preservation and other tools. Join some of the neighborhood’s preservation leaders for this tour and roundtable discussion where they will share some of the strategies employed over the past four decades.

Jason Van Essen, City of Des Moines  
Jack Porter, Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association
Judy McClure, Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association

Cost: $30

6th Avenue and River Bend: Diversity and Preservation
July 21, 1 PM – 4:15 PM

6th Avenue and River Bend form one of the city’s historic streetcar suburbs that today is home to residents who are younger, more racially diverse and less affluent that the rest of the city. This neighborhood also boasts one of the city’s most active neighborhood associations and the Sixth Avenue Corridor Urban Main Street program, both of which have worked together to strengthen this historic neighborhood. This tour will focus on sympathetic infill housing, projects with a social justice focus and the neighborhood’s efforts to strike a balance between preservation, affordability and diversity.

Breann Bye, 6th Avenue Corridor Urban Main Street

Cost: $30

Terrace Hill and Salisbury House
July 22, 9 AM – 12 PM

This tour will give participants an opportunity to see two of Des Moines’ most important historic houses. Terrace Hill (NHL), designed in the French Second Empire style, was built by land speculator and banker B.F. Allen. Restored with period furnishings in the 1970s, Terrace Hill is now is the Governor’s Residence. Salisbury House, a Tudor Revival mansion was built by the Weeks family who made their fortune in cosmetics. Modeled after King’s House in Salisbury England, the architects enhanced the sense of age and authenticity by importing historic materials from England including roofing tile from Lord Nelson’s estate in Wiltshire. Salisbury House also has an important collection of fine art, rare books and Native American artifacts.

Laura Sadowsky, Iowa SHPO

Cost: $25