

The Key to Our Future

Your membership contributes directly to the implementation and expansion of our efforts: education and rehabilitation programs that encourage the preservation of our historical, cultural and architectural heritage. Members receive:

- ⇒ Opportunities to meet like-minded friends
- ⇒ Discounts to programs and events sponsored by the Friends of Muscatine Historic Preservation
- ⇒ Newsletter updates about activities of the group

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Membership dues: Suggested minimum tax deductible donation -\$20

Please send check or money order to:
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Welch Apartments, restored 2005

Meetings are held at the First National Bank
Walnut Room, the second Tuesday of each
month at 7:00 pm



Friends of Muscatine Historic Preservation

Preserving Our Past—the Key to Our Future

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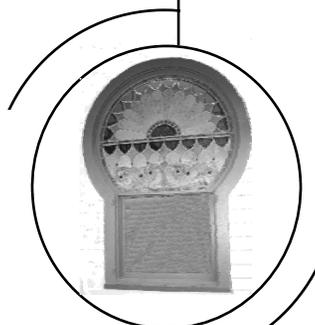
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*Footing for 1891 High Bridge
(replaced 1972)*

Friends of Muscatine Historic Preservation



Preserving Our Past

Muscatine, Iowa

Preserving our Past

Recently, a group of committed citizens formed an organization called Friends of Muscatine Historic Preservation. The purpose of the association is to “promote historic preservation in the city of Muscatine and surrounding areas”. We are comprised of members who are passionate about our city and the living history found in our neighborhoods and structures. Preservation of our historical, cultural and architectural heritage strengthens our economy and makes Muscatine and Muscatine County a more desirable place to live, work and visit.



Mark Twain House (from historic marker on Mulberry Ave. & Mississippi Dr.) demolished 1940s

Already we have lost some of our local treasures: The Mark Twain House, The Boston Cinema, the original library and high school buildings. This list is only a sample. Unfortunately, many more historic resources could be lost. We think there are alternatives to demolition of our living past. Friends of Muscatine Historic Preservation hopes will work to partner with local owners, businesses and government to rehabilitate, relocate, or reuse these historic resources.



Reuse: Sinnett Octagon House (New Hope Foundation)

Many homes have been documented for their historical value and listed with the National Register of Historic Places. Preservation of our town lays the groundwork for increased heritage tourism. The development of our Downtown Historic District on 2nd St. between Pine and Mulberry is one example of the positive effect historic preservation can have on economic development and improvement. The entire community benefits from an increase in the value of the rehabilitated buildings.



Reuse: Old Post Office (Muscatine County Community Services and Lutheran Social Services)

Enriching our Present

By joining FMHP, you will be joining advocates for historic preservation. By working with local industry and government bodies to enact policies, procedures and guidelines that protect historic properties and neighborhoods. We will support the Historic Preservation Commission in its designation of local historic and conservation districts, listing landmarks on the National Historical Registry and encouraging infill construction that is compatible with historic areas and neighborhoods.



The Gables, built in 1854 by J.P. Walton for Dr. James Weed

We will also help educate our community and home owners by providing information and resources on historic preservation. This will include donations of books and journals to the local libraries, historic neighborhood walking tour programs, newsletters, and workshops or presentations on preservation topics.