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## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Most Endangered Historic Places**

Look around, what historic resources can you find? Does your community have a historic site or building that is threatened?

The Kansas Preservation Alliance is asking for nominations for the 2010 "Most Endangered Historic Places" in Kansas. Since 1993, the Kansas Preservation Alliance has publicized an endangered historic places list to raise awareness about the importance of preserving the unique architectural heritage of Kansas and to recognize those people who are diligently trying to save historic places.

Nominations are currently being accepted by the Kansas Preservation Alliance for threatened historic resources. The nomination form is available on-line at [www.kpalliance.org](http://www.kpalliance.org); nominations will be accepted until December 15, 2009. One of the listed historic resources will be awarded a \$500 grant to help in preservation efforts.

Last year's award winner was the Parker House Hotel in Minneapolis, Kansas. Originally constructed in 1887 as a business building on the corner of Main Street in Minneapolis, the building was converted into a 26-room hotel by widow Isabelle Parker in 1889. The Italianate hotel served as the primary meeting place for women suffragettes in the early 1900s and as a home to many travelers looking for the finest accommodations. Neglect, deterioration, and water damage threaten the Parker House Hotel. The City of Minneapolis has threatened to order the building demolished unless the owner undertakes rehabilitation. The property has been listed on the Kansas Register of Historic Places and a local committee is investigating options for the building's preservation.

Questions regarding the nomination form or procedure should be sent to [info@kpalliance.org](mailto:info@kpalliance.org). Announcement of the 2010 "Most Endangered Historic Places" and awards will take place in Topeka on February 23, 2010 at 5:00 PM.

Founded in 1979, the Kansas Preservation alliance is the statewide advocacy organization for historic preservation acting on the belief that historic preservation is essential to the vitality and development of Kansas Communities.

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