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**PAINT IOWA BEAUTIFUL**

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Des Moines--Diamond Vogel Paint and Keep Iowa Beautiful announced the grant awards for the "Paint Iowa Beautiful" program. The program provides free paint to a wide variety of public service projects throughout the State. The program is administered through Keep Iowa Beautiful with the paint provided by the Diamond Vogel Paint Company.

"This six-year partnership with Keep Iowa Beautiful allows Diamond Vogel Paint to assist and work with the many local volunteers that help build pride in their communities where they live and work," said Doug Vogel, Vice-President, Trade Marketing, of the Iowa based company. "These projects definitely improve the beauty of Iowa, its countryside and its communities."

Gerald Schnepf, Executive Director of Keep Iowa Beautiful added, "The Paint Iowa Beautiful program helps us increase our assistance to neighborhoods, communities, historic projects and other public service organizations in improving the attractiveness and beauty of our home areas. We appreciate Diamond Vogel's generous contribution of paint and commitment to improving and enhancing the appearance of our state."

Keep Iowa Beautiful's Paint Iowa Beautiful program has provided over 3,260 gallons of Diamond Vogel paint to 158 projects around Iowa.

Keep Iowa Beautiful is a non-profit organization affiliated with Keep America Beautiful. Program efforts include litter reduction, public nuisance abatement and beautification programs. Iowan's support the organizations work through donations, the State Keep Iowa Beautiful Income Tax Check-off and in establishing local affiliate organizations.

Diamond Vogel is an Iowa based, family owned company started in 1926 by Andrew Vogel. It serves 13 states with seven manufacturing facilities and over 80 service center outlets providing Architectural Finishes, Industrial and Original Equipment Finishes and Home Decorating Products.

## 2008 AWARD WINNERS

The following is a listing of the 23 statewide award winners for the 2008 allocation of paint from the Diamond Vogel Paint Company.

<b>Community/Org.</b>	<b>Type of Project</b>	<b>Name of Contact</b>
Ames ACCESS-Assult Care Center	Shelter Home	Jean Clawson
Bedford	Garland Hotel	Kay Lucas
Carlisle Carlisle Historical Society	Randleman Historic House	Melody Kirk
Cedar Rapids Ushers Ferry Historic Village	Church Building Exterior	Ann Cejka
Cherokee Hanover Historical Society	Historic Village	Arlin Hinkeldey
Clarion Heartland Museum	Museum exterior & floor	Melanie Maasdam
Clinton Clinton Trees Forever	Repaint rock	John Mulholland
Corydon Cambria Betterment Assoc.	Community Center	Sharon Perkins
Des Moines Camp Sunnyside	Year-round buildings	Angela Hilbert
Des Moines Greenwood Elementary PTA	Dumpster Painting	Katie Gillette
Eldora Hardin Co. Historical Society	Wisner/Albrook Victorian Home	Arlin Hinkeldey
Fairfield Fairfield Beautification Committee	Elderly residents homes	Nancy Horras

Galva Galva Library Board	Galva Library and sign	Rae Soellner
Goldfield Wright County Barn Quilts	Guilt block designs	Jodi Kraft
Green Mountain Green Mountain Beautification Committee	Exterior of two houses	Jean Clawson
Grundy Center Grundy County Barn Quilts	10 barn quilts	Kelly Rishedahl
Lake Mills Lake Mills Historical Society	Victorian House	Mildred Nicholson
Larrabee Cherokee Retired School Personnel Association	One room school house	Pat Friedrichson
Mason City North Iowa Fair Association	Little Farm Buildings	Katy Elson
Sac City MainStreet	Chautauque Building	Jessica Schramm
Stanton Volunteer Fireman EMT	Fire Station bay doors	Zeb McFarland
Wellman City of Wellman	Band Shell	Dave Ross
Woodward Envision Woodward	Historic inter-urban railroad depot	Greg Krichel