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# Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.



"Let your heritage not be lost, but bequeath it as a memory,  
treasure, and blessing, and preserve it for your children."

— Christian Metz, 1846

## A Little Something for Every Interest!

For our October meeting, we'll tour the home and garden of DeEtta and Wayne Montgomery as well as the Church House of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Davenport. Meet at the Montgomerys at 6:30pm at 2 Temple Lane just north of the Outing Club. St. Paul's is located just south of Vander Veer Park at 2136 Brady Street.

It is suggested to park in the parking lot south of the church (enter either from Brady or Main), and then walk across Brady to the Montgomery home. Please don't park in the Outing Club parking lot. After touring the Montgomery home, we'll walk across Brady again to the pillared east main entrance (facing Brady) of the Georgian church house. Jan Seiz, art instructor at Blackhawk College, will tell us about the history of the house based on

research she has done for a graduate course. After that, Scott Bengfort, the architect for the latest sympathetic addition to St. Paul's, will talk about the challenges of a sympathetic addition to significant historical buildings.

If you can't make it for the first part of the evening, feel free to join us for the second part at the church house which should begin about 7:30pm.



## October 2002 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting  
Oct. 10, 2002 • 6:30pm  
2 Temple Lane

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## What a Deal!

Your Board of Directors again decided to raise funds by selling Quad Cities Dining Tour books. (The earnings from last year's drive were the clincher in purchasing the beautiful 8'L x 6'T cabinet for our gift shop.) The coupons not only save money (2 meals for the price of 1), they also make nice gifts (share your coupons or buy a whole book). They allow you to try new restaurants. The book contains 182 coupons that are valid until November 1<sup>st</sup> 2003. There are coupons for fine dining (The Lodge, Circa 21, Tiramisu, etc.), casual dining (Bennigan's, Buffet King, Happy Joe's, etc), and fun foods (Domino's, Krispy Cream, Taco John, etc). The books cost \$30, of which SCHPS can keep \$10. Call Frank, 386-1969.

## Out and About...

The September 15<sup>th</sup> festival at VanderVeer Park was a huge success! For the first time, trolley rides with information about the illustrious history of Vander Veer were offered! SCHPS members Roberta Shadensack and Ella Hartmann acted as guides and had a great time!

## Hello Laura Kauth!

Board member Laura Kauth has always enjoyed learning about the architecture of older homes. She thinks that Iowa and the Midwest are especially interesting. She regrets that so many older homes are gone, and when she moved to Davenport she wanted to learn about our city and how to preserve our history and architecture. Her own home at 2003 E. 14th Street is a former carriage house and was redone in the 1940's. The first floor is set up like a house & the second floor is distinctly barnlike. She is presently working on fixing up the open spaces.



## The Barn by Rex Grove

One of our SCHPS members has written a wonderful story in the fall issue of the "Iowa Barn Foundation Magazine." Rex's piece of literature tells a tale about growing up on a Central Iowa farm and the sentimental value an old barn can have. The following is an excerpt.

"Having just struggled through the depression, my father knew the difference between needs and wants. He found the farm for sale in 1936. He turned off the gravel road and drove up the long lane. The barn, a monstrous thing with weathered siding, a sagging roofline, and doors hanging at an angle, loomed over the farmstead.

The farm became his. The barn was a part of it. Together would get on. Neighbors thought he would build a new one when better times came. But that was not his plan. Buildings were replaced only when they no longer served their purpose."

## Save the Date!

### Seminar Providing Planned Gift Giving Basics

Thursday, October 17, 2002, 9:00am - 3:30pm

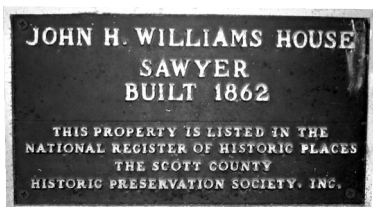
Whether you plan on being a potential donor or are interested in securing planned gifts, Nancy Perazelli's seminar is for you. The Seminar is FREE (usually \$175-\$275) don't miss this educational opportunity. Nancy is a nationally-recognized and respected speaker, attendees have said her information was concise, complete, and the overall pace during the day was fantastic!

For more info call Cynthia Nieb @ 515-281-8754.

## An Outstanding Meeting!

SCHPS members will remember Karen Anderson's slide presentation about Davenport's Gordon Van Tine Company's pioneering marketing of pre-cut homes. We know that many of these homes were sold in our area; So it was a pleasure for us to have the opportunity to tour a Bettendorf neighborhood populated by Van Tine Homes. Many were easily identifiable and some modified beyond recognition.

Melita & Scott Tunnicliff, who live in a lovely and very livable Van Tine home at 718 Holmes Street, were our guides and hosts at the September meeting. After the tour we had an opportunity to see Gordon Van Tine catalogs and memorabilia. Best of all, the Tunnicliffs have joined SCHPS. Thank you Melita & Scott for the tour and hospitality. Welcome to SCHPS!



## Be Proud of Your Historic Home!

After a hiatus of 5 years, plaques will be available again for ordering. Included on the plaque will be the name of the first owner (or architect), his occupation and the year of construction. Following that will say: "THIS PROPERTY IS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES" below this will read: "THE SCOTT COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY." They are available in Aluminum (\$70) and bronze (\$85), To order call Ella or Frank (441-0698/386-1969).