



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

Party Time in The Village!



Forget the kitchen chores. It's the Holiday Season and we're going to have a party!! Join us for dinner-and an evening filled with holiday surprises at Mrs. McGregor's Cottage in the Village of East Davenport. Mrs. McGregor has been hard at work preparing a delectable Christmas feast, featuring her finest dinner quiche, sliced ham, finger sandwiches, fresh fruit, shortbread and three desserts. It will be a festive evening of candle light, white linen tablecloths and lace curtains framing a lamp lit Victorian Village Christmas scene. Dinner is 6:30-8:30 P.M., \$10.00 per person. Seating is limited to 27, so please make your reservation early by calling Ella Hartmann at 441-0698.

Following dinner, the adventuresome at heart can continue the evening's merriment by climbing aboard the Village's antiques fire truck. A uniformed driver will tuck us beneath lap robes and wind his magic vehicle through the hills of McClellan Heights and Prospect Terrace for a breath taking tree top view of holiday light displays. We'll ride in style down the streets of downtown Davenport before making a stop at the animated Christmas windows at the



The Tea Room at Mrs. McGregor's Cottage is open Tues-Sat, 11am till 4pm.

old Petersen Department store building. The ride in this venerable old fire truck is guaranteed to be the next best thing to a holiday aboard a double-decker English tour bus! It is a view you'll never forget. Christmas light tour: 8:30 P.M., \$4.25 per person. Seating is limited to 14, so please let Ella know early.) More surprises in store!!

December 2002 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting
Dec. 12, 2002 • 6:30pm
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1120 Jersey Ridge RD

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Seasons Greetings



President's Message

Thank you for your support and encouragement this year. We've gained new members, had an outstanding awards ceremony, and stimulating meetings! We forged ties with other Quad City preservation groups. We are seeing a new respect for preservation in downtown Davenport with the work at the J.H.C. Petersen's building, the German American Center, the Ranzow Paint Building and the Woeber Carriage Works. Make sure to let our elected officials know that we approve!

At the November 21st board meeting a major topic of discussion was programming for the winter months. Do you have any good ideas? Is there an unexplored preservation topic? Need practical 'how to do it' help on something? Do you like joint programming with groups such as the German American Heritage Center? What gets you out on a cold winter night? Let us know!

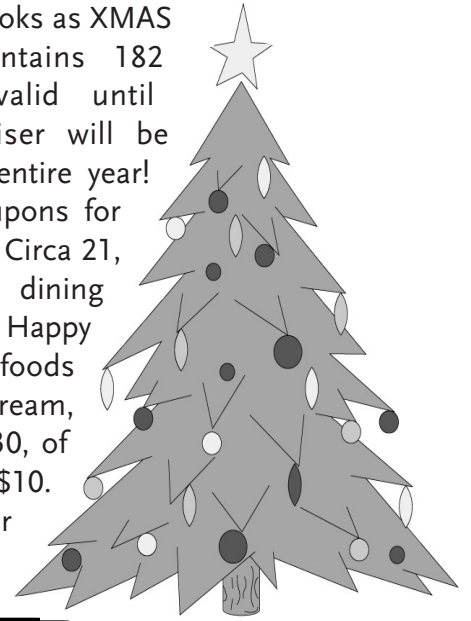


Hello Anne Hailey!

Anne works for the Vanderveer Botanical Park, she researches the history of the Park and from there the history of Davenport. She did a great job compiling information about Vanderveer Park and its place in Davenport's history for the trolley tours, a new feature at this year's Vanderveer Fall Festival! Anne just finished restoring her home to the original wood siding. She also completed a two year project of adding back the original front porch to her 1890's style Victorian.

Year-Round Gift Giving!

Dinner Tour Coupon Books as XMAS Gifts? The book contains 182 coupons that are valid until 11/1/03. This fundraiser will be useable for nearly an entire year! The book contains 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, etc). The books cost \$30, of which SCHPS can keep \$10. Call Frank, 386-1969 or Ella, 441-0698.



Great November Meeting!

Fifty plus members took advantage of the opportunity to see the newly renovated St. Katharine's school and to learn about the early history of the site and the development of Cambria place, the Renwich mansion and St. Katharine's school. Gay Foster-Pray, a St. Katharine's alum, reminisced of her school days. Chris Ales of signature development corp. was our host and showed us both mansions, Cambria place, the chapel-community room and a sample apartment.

Chris is applying for funding from the Iowa finance authority for a similar project for elderly housing at Marycrest. We can help him by contacting the authority between 11/25/02 and 3/5/03 in support of the Marycrest project. Contacts are Mike Tramontina, exec. dir., Donna Davis, deputy dir. and Tim Waddell, tax credit program admin. Karen Anderson and Ella Hartmann have all ready sent letters of support.



Simply state that you were impressed with the renovation of St. Katharine's, that there is a great need locally for low income elderly housing and Signature has proven they do a great job!

Save the Date!

SCHPS Christmas Party

Mrs. McGregor's Cottage & Village Fire Truck Ride.
Call Ella, 441-0698 for reservations-limited space.
December 12th, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Walking Tour in The Village of East Davenport

Traditional scenes in store windows.
December 6th & 7th, 6pm-9pm

Holiday Walk in LeClaire Iowa

See the Ramsay Building at 117-1/2 S. Cody RD with an ice sculpture, the old city hall at 201-1/2 Jones ST and two homes on N. Cody RD., the Thompson home at 201-1/2 dated 1860 and the Davis family home at 424 N. Cody, an 1852 colonial style home.
December 6th & 7th, 10am-8pm

German-American Heritage Center Musical Holiday Performance

Featuring the Holy Lutheran Cross Bell Choir & Zithers.
December 7th, 2pm