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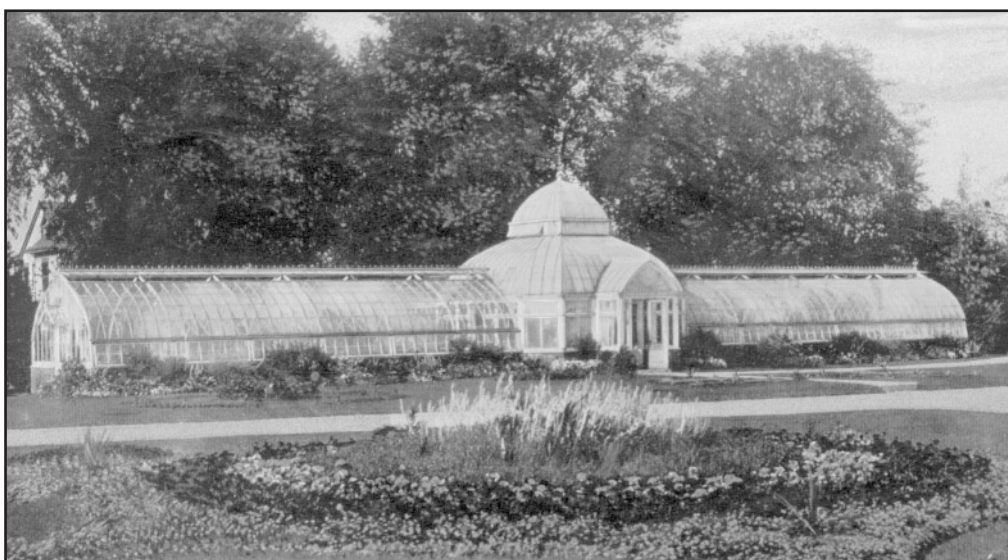
"Let your heritage not be lost, but bequeath it as a memory, treasure, and blessing, and preserve it for your children."

— Christian Metz, 1846

Vander Veer Has an Illustrious Past!

Are we in for a treat! Our February meeting will be at the conservatory at Vander Veer Botanical Park, with new member Anne Hailey leading the meeting. We'll be out of the cold in the conservatory where we can admire the plants and think of spring. Learn about the history of this public park which has been operated by the City of Davenport since 1885! The park was named Central Park after the Famous New York Park. At one time county fairs and concerts were held there. In the days before the automobile it was a popular and fashionable gathering place, a spot where the horse and carriages could cruise the scenic pathways.

Since 1991 The Friends of Vander Veer and the City of Davenport have made many additions and more are in the planning stage. Much of Vander Veer's history can be seen through lithograph postcards both in Vander Veer's collection and Karen Anderson's collection. Don't miss this!



A lithograph postcard of the Vander Veer Greenhouse from Karen Anderson's Collection.

February 2003 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting
Feb. 13, 2002 • 7pm
Vander Veer Park Conservatory
Enter off W. Central Park Ave

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News We Love to Print!

Have you driven down River Drive lately and noticed all the activity surrounding a historic Gothic Revival house located between Mississippi Ave and Esplanade? The house was a 3 plex and now, thanks to Bob Yapp, is being returned to its former glory. The house was hidden, but the hedge has been cut down. The aluminum siding has been torn off and the fire escapes removed to reveal the framework of a fashionable Gothic house which was pictured in the Village of East Davenport Revitalization Study Book.

The house was built in 1869 by William Foster. In 1886 the owner was Morris Richardson, the son of the owner of Der Demokrat. Bob is building a reproduction 3 car garage as part of the project. Cheers!!

Happy Valentine's Day!

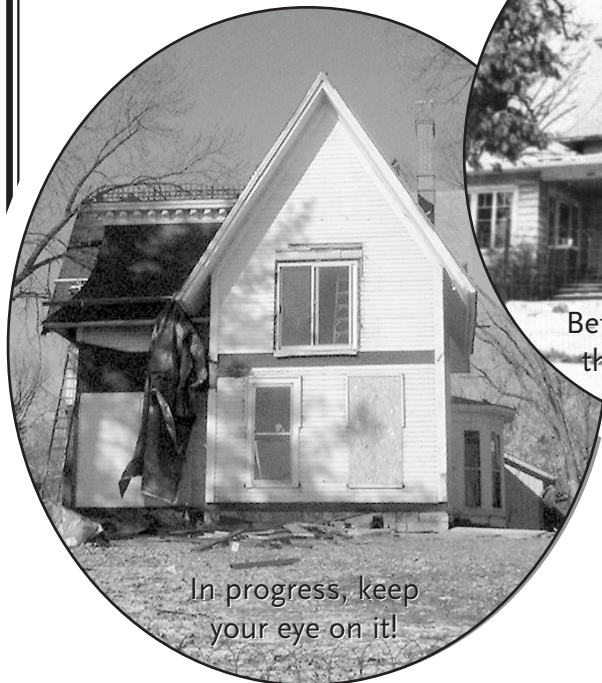
A Very Merry December Meeting!

Our Christmas party at Mrs. McGregor's in the Village of East Davenport was enjoyed by all in attendance. It was followed by a ride on the Village fire truck from the Firefighters' Museum nearby. Happily, the weather was clear and not too cold. We saw the Christmas lights in McClellan Heights and at Petersen's downtown. The evening was capped off by a visit to the museum. We heartily recommend it for visits by family and friends!

SCHPS Items For Sale.

BRRRRRR! One cold winter's day recently your president decided to go to the crawl space in her house. She has many SCHPS items stored just waiting to be transferred to the LeClaire House. The Object—to get a warm 'Port of Davenport' sweatshirt from our collection of sweats and t-shirts. She has been happily warm ever since!!

Rex Grove will bring 2 red and 2 blue sweat shirts to the February meeting and you too can be warm and happy for only \$10 a shirt! Like our note cards, proceeds from sweatshirt sales benefit the LeClaire House!



Thank You Janet Corcoran!

Janet alerted us to a program on Sunday, January 19th from 2-3 PM at the downtown Davenport Public Library. It showed restored panoramic photographs of Quad City people and places going back to World War I. Since we don't publish a newsletter in January, we tried to contact SCHPS members via e-mail and telephone. Of the 16 people in attendance, 10 were SCHPS members! Amy Groskopf of the Special Collections Staff will be continuing to restore these photographs and developing her slide show, we hope to see them at a general SCHPS meeting sometime next year!!!

Please call Ella at 441-0698 if you know of any prospective members. We'll see to it they receive 3 copies of our newsletter, so they can learn what we're all about! We are also getting requests for information from our website.

You can view the website at www.scottcountyiowa.com/schps.html

SUPER SAVINGS!

You may be interested in the new Habitat for Humanity Restore Store near Dahl Ford. They sell quality used and new building materials to the public at deep discounts, 50% to 75% off retail. Proceeds from the Restore support construction of Habitat for Humanity homes, locally and abroad. There are bargains available on doors, flooring, cabinets, windows, plumbing, paint, lumber, hardware, etc. They also gladly accept donations of gently used items, often at hours other than their published hours.

HOURS:

Thurs & Fri 10 to 5
Sat 9 to 2
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