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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

Historic Style: Handmade Antique Wallpaper

Duane Timm is a new member of the Davenport Historic Preservation Commission and our newest SCHPS member. Duane lives in the Gold Coast at 630 West 5th Street. He runs a business in his home of reproducing by hand antique wallpapers. His papers are absolutely fabulous! He's bringing them to the Antoine LeClaire House May 8th for our monthly meeting! When you see these papers, you'll want to run out and buy an older home just to use these reproductions ... or just integrate them into your existing home!

You'll also have an opportunity to see the ongoing work at the LeClaire House. It's really gratifying to be able to use the house for meetings and to see our dreams of restoration coming to fruition. Plan on attending and bring friends!



Current photo of the Antoine LeClaire House. Renovations coming right along!

May 2003 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting
May 8, 2003 • 7pm
The LeClaire House

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Did You Know?

Davenport Historic Preservation Commission Meetings can be seen on CH. 18? The commission meets at 5:00 PM on the Tuesday between regular council meetings. The last meeting was held April 8. Jennifer Nahra, who tapes council and commission meetings for the City of Davenport, ran the tape of the meeting 4 times on both April 9 and April 10. She can't predict exactly when the meetings will be shown because of the unpredictability of the length of commission meetings. However, for those of you who are interested, this is an opportunity to view the workings of the commission. Six of the nine members of the commission are SCHPS members and SCHPS worked very actively in 1991 for the formation of the commission.



The Perfect Mother's Day Gift!

Our notecards have lovely new packaging and come in sets of 12 for \$8.50. There are 2 cards each of 6 notable historic buildings in the Davenport area. They include The Ficke Mansion, LeClaire House, St. Anthony Church, Abner Davison House, Bishop's House and Fulton's Landing. All cards are beautifully illustrated by our very own Ward Olsen. What a lovely gift to give when visiting a friend's home over the holiday season! Call Sarah now at 326-3411, there is a very limited quantity.

April Meeting Overview

Really, an hour and a half is hardly enough at the B.J. Palmer House. You get an idea of how the Palmers lived and are bowled over by the immensity and diversity of his collections. Our student guides were very well versed in the history of the mansion, Palmer's contributions to Chiropractic, his pioneering in broadcasting and his contributions to the city of Davenport. The restorations at the Palmer House will be continuing under the careful wing of the Palmer Foundation for Chiropractic History.

Excerpt from the Des Moines Register

Visitors to historic site have a new way to plan trips. The National Register of Historic Places just launched a database that can be accessed for free through its Website (www.cr.nps.gov/nr). The site is divided into four sections: research, travel, education and publications. Visitors can search the database by name, subject or geographic location. Trip planning tools include "Discover Our Shared Heritage": travel itineraries that spotlight different communities and themes across the country. Each itinerary includes tourist information for each site, interactive maps, vintage and color photographs and links to related tourism Web sites.

Your president accessed the site and thinks it's great! Of particular interest is the information about events planned this year around the 200th anniversary events commemorating the Lewis and Clark expedition!

Cram Field Dedication

SCHPS members Vern Wriedt and Sarah Graham had active roles in designing the new plaque at the former Cram Field, 3400 N. Division St., now a playground. Vern, along with John Willard of the Quad City Times, did basic research about the history of Cram Field and Sarah designed the airplane at the top of the marker. Ella, Rex and Vern attended the event April 22 and would heartily recommend that you stop by, admire the marker and learn about the history of this early airfield.

Save the Date!

Mother's Day Tour

Sponsored by Broadway Historic District in Rock Island. 5 homes from the 1860's to 1920's will be open. Starts at 20th St. and 8th Avenue.

Date: May 11th

Time: 11 AM to 5 P.M.

Cost: \$10. at the door

Tickets may be purchased in advance at Eagle stores or go to the website www.broadwaydistrict.org

Tour of the Newly Renovated Redstone Building

Begins with lunch at the Scott Community College Urban Center located at 627 W. 2nd St., favorites from Petersen's Lunch Room will be served.

Tour to follow lunch.

Date: May 14th

Time: 11:30 am till 2:00 pm

Cost: \$9. payable a week in advance.

Call 326-5319 and ask for class 125158T

1st Annual "Fruhlings Fruhstuck"

...or translated as spring breakfast at Schuetzen Park. Menu will be breakfast casserole, grilled sausage, fresh fruit, coffee & juice.

Date: May 31st

Time: 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Cost: \$5.00 per person.

Rain or shine under the tents.

R.S.V.P. by 28 May. Call 322-5489, 323-4225 or

E-mail: SchuetzenPark@aol.com.