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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

¡Hola, Mi Casa Es Su Casa!

Have you ever driven by a local home with a tile roof and felt that you've seen it somewhere else—perhaps in Florida or New Mexico? The origin of these homes reflect the Spanish heritage of these states. Join our interior and exterior tour to



learn about four of these distinctive Spanish style houses in East Davenport. We'll begin at the home of John Brooke at 129 Ridgewood. From there we'll tour the home of John and Paula Hart, which has a commanding view at McClellan and Hillcrest. Then on to Jersey Ridge and East St., a home that's FOR SALE by the Jarrets. We'll then cross to the North side of Locust to see the home of Thomas and Marti Hempel at 2747 E. High St., there we'll have refreshments.



One word of caution. A Bix at Six practice run will be going on. A good way to get to the Brooke home is to turn from E. Locust onto Kenwood by McKinley School, turn right on Middle Road, follow it down hill and take a left where McClellan Blvd. and Ridgewood come in. Take



Ridgewood south and follow it to the Brooke house. Any questions call Ella, 441-0698 or Rex 355-8727.

July 2003 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting
July 10, 2003 • 7pm
129 Ridgewood, East Davenport

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Starting with top left going down and then to right: 129 Ridgewood, McClellan & Hillcrest, Jersey Ridge & East, 2747 E. High St.

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Bettendorf Centennial Celebration Continues

Throughout May and June both indoor and outdoor events have been held celebrating 100 years of Bettendorf's history. If you've missed these events, you can still see the Smithsonian Institution's Traveling Exhibit of photographs from the National Archives celebrating the past 100 years of American life at the Family Museum of Arts and Science until August 3. You can attend the Bix Jazz concert at Middle Park Band Shell July 25 at 7:00 PM and 8:30 PM.

If you want to learn about Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley early history, you can purchase for \$1.00 at the Bettendorf Public Library the Voelliger-Lage history. Dorothy Lage, now 96, is a former SCHPS member. For \$35. you can purchase "Bettendorf: The First Century", a special publication with more than 50 chapters and 300 pages of photos and illustrations! The book can be purchased at the Family Museum of Arts and Science, Bettendorf Public Library Information Center, Davenport Border's, Cumberland Bookshelf, and through several local service groups in Bettendorf. This hard-covered book, commissioned to celebrate the City's Centennial, is the result of three years of planning, research, and production. The book divides the story of Bettendorf's first 100 years into four sections. 1st- Before Bettendorf begins before people lived here along the river before delving into pioneer times and investing such local questions as whether Dred Scott ever lived here, and the long debate over whether the settlement was called Gilbert or Lillienthal. 2nd - Deals with the rich history of the Bettendorf Co., the men who ran the fabled firm, the mansions they built, and their legacy. 3rd - Recounts early city government, building the bridge across the Mississippi, and the City's important role in early aviation. 4th - Is devoted to the City's institutions, including the fire department, local churches, the Iowa Dairy, and education.

At the Library, you can buy a commemorative calendar or a chance on the raffle quilt displayed behind the check out desk. But best of all you can view the remarkable Centennial garden at Middle Park which has over 1,000 perennial plants represented in ten beds. If you're interested in a particular plant for your own garden, you can pick up a guide available near the entry. This garden is one you will want to return to again and again throughout the growing season!!!



Annual Meeting

What a great annual meeting! First a chance to see Paul and Beverly Goulet's Richardson Romanesque house complete w/suit of armor on the porch and then to tour the Kahl mansion across the street. We then proceeded to the 4th floor dining room of the Kahl Home with its fantastic river view, elected officers (see sidebar), approved the treasurer's yearly report and approved next year's budget. Alice Nielsen rejoined our group and Paul and Tammy Flynn joined on the spot! Refreshments and socializing followed. Great evening!

Schuetzen Park Fundraising Update

Thanks to many generous gifts from members of SCHPS, we are much closer to our goal to raise \$85,000.00 to acquire and preserve the woodlands around the Schuetzen Park Historic Site. Though we still have about \$17,000.00 left to raise, the generosity of the community has been very gratifying thus far. Opportunities for memorials and donations in honor of friends and loved ones are still available for this project. You can contact Schuetzen Park by calling (563) 323-4225.

SCHPS 2003-2004 Annual Dues Now Due



If your newsletter contains an envelope addressed to our PO box, you haven't paid your dues. We need your continuing support to bring you programming relevant to local history, to have a voice in the community for preservation, to help each other with preservation projects and to have our awards ceremony in May. Thanks a lot!

Welcome New Members!

Paul and Tammy Flynn of Blue Grass came to our June 12th meeting with Paul's mother, long time SCHPS member Vonnie Flynn and both joined! Alice Nielsen, rejoined our group. We're happy to greet you and hope you find SCHPS membership rewarding!!!

Historical Marker Honoring Annie Wittenmyer

Vern Wriedt, our member who specializes in local historical markers, has informed us that on July 29th 70 ladies from the United Women's Christian Temperance Union will arrive at the Annie Wittenmyer complex on Eastern Avenue at 11:00 AM to dedicate a historical marker for Annie Wittenmyer. Bet you didn't know that Annie was the first president (1874-1879) of the WCTU. Your president will give a short presentation about the past and present uses of the buildings at Annie Wittenmyer. You're all invited.