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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

## An Evening of Mississippi River Views!

What treats we have in store for you at our September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Park on Mississippi Avenue or Prospect Terrace and proceed to 204 Prospect, the Carl Liebscher home. This stately Greek Revival home was built in 1896, is an outstanding example of Georgian/Federal Revival style and has a sweeping river view.

From there we'll proceed to the outstanding renovation of the year - the Gothic Revival house at 1412 East River that has been Bob Yapp's latest project. Perhaps you missed the open house August 31<sup>st</sup>. If so, you'll have a chance to marvel at the changes that have been made to bring this home into the 21<sup>st</sup> century while retaining the aura of the past. If you were on the tour, you'll have a chance to hear Bob's stories about the process and the promise.



204 Prospect Terrace

Refreshments will be served at 1412 E. River. If you have a friend or acquaintance who is a prospective member, bring them so they can see what SCHPS is all about!



1412 East River Dr.

## Sept. 2003 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting  
Sept. 11, 2003 • 7pm  
204 Prospect Terrace, Davenport

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## Schuetzenpark Park Update

Seven years ago the Schuetzenpark Gilde began on a mission to “preserve and maintain the historical, cultural and natural vestiges of Schuetzen Park”. With the successful completion of 10 months of fundraising, the Gilde repurchased on August 20th, 2003 7 1/2 acres of original Schuetzen Park woodlands. With this purchase, a major milestone in the Park’s preservation was reached.

In 1996 the Gilde, in partnership with the Davenport Good Samaritan Center, began on its “crusade” to save the remnants of Davenport’s famous “shooting park” by renovating it’s historic streetcar pavilion and rehabilitating trails on 6 acres of original Schuetzen Park land owned by the Good Samaritan Center. In 2001 the Gilde purchased an additional 3+ acres of woodlands next to the site and in 2002 the Scott County Board of Supervisors gave the Park another 3+ acres of land. Today, the Park’s acreage totals nearly what it did from 1870-1923, when the Park was in operation. Future plans call for the preservation of the Park’s natural elements while allowing the public to access the site for study and limited recreation.

On Thursday, October 9, 2003, the Schuetzen Park will be rededicated in a ceremony on the Park’s grounds, 700 Waverly Rd. The 5:00pm ceremony will be followed by a celebration that will include traditional Germany food and drink, as well as performance by a live band from Germany. In attendance at the ceremony will be the German Consul General as well as the National President of the German American National Congress. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information call: (563) 323-4225  
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## July Meeting Best Ever!

Rex Grove has long had an interest in the Spanish style homes in McClellan Heights and together with Ella Hartmann put together our July 10<sup>th</sup> tour. We started at the Brooke home at Hillcrest and Ridgewood and proceeded to the Hart home at McClellan and Hillcrest. We then visited the Jarret home at Jersey Ridge and East. The fourth home on the tour was the Hempel home at 2747 E. High St. This home is equally attractive from the front and the alley. Tom Hempel, a well known local artist, actually converted an existing home into the Spanish style home of his dreams and has created a really unique residence. Members attending learned about Spanish Revival architecture from member Alice Nielsen before the tour. Thank you Alice for giving us style notes on Spanish Revival architecture - they were most helpful.



## YES, She Was Surprised!!

Newsletter editor Sarah Graham alerted President Hartmann to the fact that Karen Anderson was to receive an award from Delta Sigma Chi fraternity on August 9<sup>th</sup> for her assistance in writing grants to the Riverboat Development Authority which obtained \$40,000 towards their roof restoration project. If you haven't seen the results, stop at 12th and Main and marvel. We called or emailed the membership and thirteen showed up to tour the Ficke mansion, socialize with the active and alums present and to applaud when Karen received her unexpected award!

Delta Sigma Chi members will be continuing restoration work on the interior of their mansion and deserve much credit for their devotion to historic preservation.

## SCHPS 2003-2004 Annual Dues Now Due



If your newsletter contains an envelope addressed to our PO box, you haven't paid your \$15. dues. We need your continuing support to bring you programming relevant to local history, to have a voice in the community for preservation projects and to have our awards ceremony in May. We will send you one more newsletter and then, with great regret, drop your name from our list.

## Historical Marker Honoring Annie Wittenmyer Dedicated July 29th

Before proceeding to their national convention in Des Moines, WCTU members from east and west gathered at the Annie Wittenmyer Center to dedicate a plaque to Annie's memory. Our member Vern Wriedt was instrumental in obtaining the plaque. At a luncheon meeting at the Unitarian Church, delegates learned about the history of the complex on Eastern Avenue, about Annie Wittenmyer and about the success of the City of Davenport in converting the property to its present day uses.