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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

Explore a Beautiful Historic Home! It's for Sale!

Come with us and explore Davenport's East 14th Street Historic District, we'll start at Mike and Lynne Thompson's residence at 421 East 14th Street. Mike, a former SCHPS president, and Lynne have spent eleven years converting their home from a duplex to its present elegant status!

This 1880's home is listed on the National Historic Registry. It has a wonderful wrap around porch, an elegant foyer, two splendid circular staircases, fine plaster work, five wonderful fireplaces, a built-in curved glass china closet in the dining room, lots of ornate woodwork and much, much more. A must see for all restoration buffs!

Unhappily, Mike and Lynne have put the house on the market because it's presently more than they can cope with! Let's hope that a sympathetic buyer who really appreciates fine historic homes comes along soon.

From 421 East 14th we'll proceed east and view more of the varied architectural styles in this historic district. As a bonus, we'll see the tropical plants at 614 East 14th St at Mike Tague's home. Don't miss this meeting! Remember, East 14th is a one way going east and since our meeting is held on Thursday, Bix at 6 night, allow yourself extra time if approaching from Locust Street. If possible, come from below 14th Street and miss Bix at 6.



ABOVE: 421 East 14th Street—One of several historic homes we will visit on July 8th.

July 2004 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting
July 8, 2004 • 7pm
421 E. 14th St., Davenport

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Education Committee Report (Or How Does She Do It?)

June 10: Karen was interviewed on the Bruce Carter show on WVIK discussing many aspects of historic preservation.

June 11: Karen showed Hap Volz, a trustee of the Murray Foundation and supporter of the LeClaire House restoration, around the house. A \$1,000 donation was received from the trust.

June 15: 11AM, The American Legion Auxiliary held a ceremony on the front lawn of the LeClaire House to dedicate a flag from the U.S. Capital. 12PM-3PM, Putnam Museum bus tour (high school history teachers)

June 16: Karen and Charlie Heston, working on a hot and humid day, cleaned out the LeClaire House attic. When they were done, the attic was clean but dull.

June 17: 7AM to 12:30 PM. Worked on LeClaire House cleanup and at Corp of Engineers library selecting Henry Bosse river prints and wrote display captions for the prints.

LeClaire House Prominent Part of Grand Excursion.

Today, June 25, is the first day of Grand Excursion celebrating the coming of the first trains on the Rock Island Lines to the Mississippi River and the trip from Davenport to Minneapolis. You've probably read the historical background of the Grand Excursion in the local papers or perhaps have heard Roald Tweet's presentations on WVIK.

So you know that there's lots going on and that many out of town visitors are here. Both local and out of town guests came to the LeClaire House today. Many local people remembered the fact that the LeClaire House almost fell a victim to the wrecking ball and marveled at its present restored state. Both local and out of town guests were impressed with the post card display, the Bosse River prints, the button display and other visuals. They enjoyed presentations re: the Bosse River prints, railroad bridges on the Mississippi and Karen Anderson's slides. Many climbed to the cupola and enjoyed the river view.

The best thing, of course, is that permanent display material will be developed from the Grand Excursion material. Why not invite your club or get together a group of interested people to come to the house and see for themselves? Contact Karen Anderson, 324-0257, for more details. Let's get the word out about this success story!

Annual Meeting Held Despite Rain

Twenty-one of us arrived at Polly Taylor and Joe Kint's historic home at 7 PM in the midst of a downpour and Bix at 6! We gathered in their reconstructed carriage house, the winner of a SCHPS award in 2000, and conducted our business.

The treasurer's annual report was given. This year's auditor found the books to be in excellent order and included a short note praising our treasurer's fine work! The proposed slate of officers was as follows: Ella Hartmann, President, Janet Corcoran, Vice President, Rex Grove, Secretary, Frank Beiwel, Treasurer, Executive Director, Karen Anderson, Board Members, Suzie Rynn, Fred Vogt and new members Beverly Buerkens and Judith Belfer. Sarah Graham and Laura Kauth are retiring from the board. We wish to thank Sarah and Laura for their service. Sarah continues as newsletter editor.

We reviewed a very successful SCHPS year, the proposed budget and the proposed slate of officers were elected. We looked outside and the rain had stopped! Alice Nielsen led us on a tour of Kirkwood Boulevard and described for us the varied architectural styles found at First Christian Church, Scientist, Joe & Polly's home and their next door neighbor's, and several of the homes on the way to First Presbyterian Church. So cheers to the brave SCHPS members who braved the weather. They had their reward!

SCHPS 2004-2005 Annual Dues Now Due

If your newsletter contains an envelope, 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 and to help each other with preservation projects. Thank you!



Remember Our Summer Outings?

In the past, SCHPS members have travelled to such places as Taliesen West, Spring Green, Wisconsin and Bellevue, Iowa in the summer. We've missed these trips and would like to do one again.

Two members have suggested a trip to LaSalle, Illinois, to see the Hegeler-Carus mansion, one of the finest examples of Second Empire architecture in the United States. Much restoration work has been done at the home since 1996 and there is much to see! Much of the fine interior flooring remains. The original stairs, the built-in bookcases and many memories from the days the Hegelers raised their ten children in the house remain. Editorial offices of the Open Court publishing house were located on the first floor of the house.

After reading the multi-page description in the June 1996 National Trust for Historic Preservation. I was really enthused. Let's go and see for ourselves. Call Ella, 441-0698 before July 15 if interested and we'll organize a day trip!

