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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

Meet the Smiley's and Tour Their Historic Home—*The Severin Miller House!*

The Severin Miller house dates back to the 1860's to the early days of Davenport settlement when the city was a small river settlement surrounded by farms. Miller was an immigrant from Prussia and was a prominent metal worker. The house used local materials, a simple utilitarian form and is in the Greek Revival style.

The Smileys have done an outstanding job of preservation and restoration. Barry has done much work since we last visited and is anxious to show us what he's done and to show us the new antiques they have acquired. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The house is located at 2200 Telegraph Road in West Davenport. There is parking near the house, we'll see you at 7pm!



On top a hill in West Davenport lies the Severin Miller House.

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Next SCHPS meeting
October 14, 2003 • 7pm
2200 Telegraph Road, Davenport

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Last Chance To Pay Your Schps Dues!

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 and to help each other with preservation projects. Thank you!



Vanderveer Park September 19th Fall Festival

SCHPS member Anne Hailey wrote the script describing the history of VanderVeer Park since 1867 to the present time. The script was used by SCHPS members Roberta Shadensack & Ella Hartmann on the trolley tours around the park. Emphasis was placed not only on the illustrious past but on recently completed projects and on plans for the future.

Welcome To New And Renewed Members

Since our April meeting at Gay Foster-Pray's, Libby Platt, Mark and Sandra Davis, Randal and Debra Huyebner, Wendy Weeks, Nora and Joseph Riley, Lance & Juliana Buckelew, James & Jean O'Hare and Elaine Van Fossen have joined our group. Kathy Conway, Mary Ann Beck and Ty Cutkomp have renewed their memberships. Welcome all!



Great Grant News!

Before our epic exhibition and lectures at the LeClaire House during Grand Excursion, executive Director Karen Anderson applied for funding from several foundations. We received a grant from the Iowa Humanities Board and the Murray Foundation which we used for our postcard exhibits and our programs. The Hubbell/Waterman Foundation has given us a further grant which will be used for mounting exhibits at the Iowa Welcome Center and for a program at Hampton, Illinois and for easels and other equipment. Cheers!

September 9th Meeting At Three Gold Coast Homes!

We toured the Wiese home at 709 Brown Street, now the Postillion assisted living home, the newly redecorated Beiderbecke Inn, and the Harry Thoman home at 817 W. 7th Street and were greatly impressed with the "can-do" spirit in the Gold Coast.

We are indeed fortunate to be able to see ongoing progress in the city's oldest neighborhood.

Tour Of Gold Coast Homes

The day was perfect, the publicity was outstanding and the event was an resounding success. A variety of homes was shown from in process work to homes with interiors decorated with reproduction wallpapers and furnished with both antiques and modern appliances! An antique cars exhibit was held across from SCHPS member Steve Andrews' home. Concrete footings have been laid for a combination traffic barrier and railing and arch near the Western Avenue steps.

Near Steve's home was a sign reading "Architectural Reuse Warehouse." Gold Coast restorers can now use the Christian Jipp grocery store at 730 Warren as an exchange center. The building dates back to the 1860's and has a wonderful Mississippi River view. This landmark has been vacant for many years and was threatened with demolition.

Update On Bob Yapp

For the past three months Bob has been working in South Bend, Indiana as head of the Indiana Association of Historic Preservation Societies and the Historic Landmark Foundation of Indiana which is the largest preservation association in the United States and is funded by Eli Lilly. It oversees 10 offices outside of South Bend. To learn more, go to www.historiclandmarks.org

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.

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www.scottcountyiowa.com/schps.html