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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

Visit Two Wonderful Georgian/Federal Revival Homes in the Oak Lane District!

The homes are located at 720 and 726 East Locust St and are part of the Oak Lane Historic District. The Oak Lane District was built in the early 1900's as Cutter's Oak Lane addition and developed with typical turn-of-the-century frame dwellings. Around the corner are three large houses in the Georgian/Federal Revival style. We meet first at 720 E. Locust and see the entry hall. This house, now a 4 plex, has been lovingly maintained by Katie and Bob Sieren. They have taken great pride in this lovely home. Next we'll go to the home of our new members, Nora and Joseph Riley at 726 E. Locust St. They have recently moved to their home and are currently working to restore it to a one family home after years of being used as a duplex.

We have another treat in store for you. Fritz Miller, 33 Oak Lane, who is employed by Renaissance Restoration's Davenport branch and who has been actively working for preservation causes in his capacity as a member of the Davenport Historic Preservation Commission, will be with us. Refreshments will be served. Try to park in Manor Care's lot across the street on Davenport or Grand Avenue.



ABOVE: 720 East Locust St, Katie and Bob Sieren's home.



ABOVE: 726 East Locust St, Nora and Joseph Riley's home.

November 2004 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting
Nov. 11, 2004 • 7pm
720 East Locust St, Davenport

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December 9th is SCHPS's Annual Christmas Party

It's not too early to plan ahead for festivities in December!!! SCHPS member Phyllis James, 20 River Drive, Bettendorf, has generously offered her home for our annual Christmas party. More about this next month!

Welcome New Members Lindsay Holt and Cheryl Draeger

Lindsay Holt owns the Westphal-Schmidt home at 406 South Fairmount Street in the west end of Davenport which is on the National Register of Historic Houses. The Victorian Italianate home was built in 1850 and once had a vineyard and winery. Lindsay would like to give tours and have gatherings at his home.

Cheryl Draeger lives at 607 E 14th Street in the E. 14th Street Historic District. She is intensely interested in antiques and historic homes. Currently Cheryl is working on a project to stimulate knowledge about National Register homes by making plaques at cost or minimal fees for owners of these homes. For more information, call Cheryl at 324-0428.

Artistic Historic Markers

Our newest member Cheryl Draeger has come up with an artistic and creative way to mark our historic homes. She and some neighbors have put their heads together to come up with a historic marker made of cement and ceramic. Please see the photo below of a marker. Her goal is to mark abandoned and boarded up homes in hope that someone will see the historic value when considering a purchase and to deter slumlords from moving into the neighborhood.

Cheryl has been doing her research in the Davenport Library Archives and is excited about her new project. She is looking for people to purchase markers for their home or donate money/materials to make markers for abandoned or poor conditioned homes. She states this is a less expensive way for homeowners to feel a sense of pride in their home. If you are interested in being a part of her historic project please call Cheryl at 563-324-0428.



New Construction at Old Schuetzen Park

From Kory Darnall, Schuetzenpark Gilde

Ground has been broken for a new picnic shelter at the old Schuetzen Park Historic Site. The 20 x 32 structure will include an enclosed concession area, storage for the Park's equipment and enough space for 4 full size picnic tables. The building will be built at the west end of the Park's "Festplatz" and will be available to individuals and groups wishing to have an event in "One of Nature's Fairest Spots."

The SchuetzenPark Gilde hopes to have the building ready for their annual spring breakfast in early June 2005. Many thanks to the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, H.O. Seiffert Lumber Co. and The Homebuilders Association of the Quad Cities for assistance with the funding of this project.

Iowa Department Of Cultural Affairs Cultural Caucus

On October 11th the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs conducted a cultural caucus at the Davenport Library, The purpose of the meeting was to collect community and regional input on cultural programs for the coming year. Historic preservation is playing a more important part this year. SCHPS president Ella Hartmann, Secretary Rex Grove, and SCHPS members Mary Ann Tyler, Charlie Heston, and Becky McCarley attended.

During the sharing time, Ella presented local historic preservation success stories and circulated newspaper clippings from the time of our awards ceremony. Buildings mentioned were, of course, the Antoine LeClaire House, the buildings on the former St. Katherine's campus, the Carriage House and Savitri's in downtown Davenport. Delegates were selected for the statewide cultural caucus celebration in Des Moines on November 8.

Oct. Meeting Held At the Smiley's Home, 2200 Telegraph Rd

Barry and Beth Smiley have done a truly fantastic job restoring their stone home overlooking Telegraph Road. A compatible addition has been added and an apartment built over the original barn. The antiques, paintings and handmade articles are all objects that would have been used in the 1850's+ period. Barry and Beth have always been very generous about sharing their home and we thank them for their hospitality.

Davenport School Museum

1606 Brady Street (Garden Level)

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The Museum is open open 1PM-4PM and by appointment. Programs for service organizations can be arranged.

On FRIDAY, NOV 12 we will be open from 1PM to 6PM. Members of our Museum Board will be available to give tours, answer questions, and even sign folks up to serve on one of our committees. We need support on a regular basis as we continue to archive and display items donated.