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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

## A Walking Tour with a River View!

This month we will meet at Riverview Terrace Park, a place with a fantastic view of the Mississippi River. We'll be joined by Gavin Schermer who knows the Clay Street and Marycrest College area very well. He works in the Community Development Department of the City of Davenport,

First we'll visit across from Riverview Terrace a significant Historic National Register house, the James C. Schricker house at 1446 Clay Street, then on to the Dr. Keno Struck House on the Marycrest campus at 1645 W. 12th St.

We'll finish the evening at the Max Petersen House on 12th and Division. The Petersen house was constructed in 1888 on a site overlooking Davenport's West end. The 2-1/2 story house is an excellent example of Queen Anne Style, and served various functions for Marycrest College over the years. Signature Management Company now owns the Peterson House, they are the restorers of St. Katherine's school and the Renwick House at Tremont.

To get there, travel west on 4th Street and turn right on to Taylor. Go up the hill to Clay Street. Carpooling would be a good idea since parking on Clay Street is limited. See you there!



Left: The James C. Schricker House at 1446 Clay Street.



Right: The Keno Struck House at 1645 W. 12th St.

## May 2005 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting  
May 12, 2005 • 7pm  
Riverview Terrace and Clay St.

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## Clem Werner Follow-Up

Antoine LeClaire had two paintings prominently displayed in his home. One was of the view across the Mississippi River from Illinois to Iowa and the other was of the view from Iowa to Illinois! The artist is unknown. Clem offered the Illinois to Iowa painting to the City of Davenport and when the City declined to buy the painting, Clem hung it in his office for many years and had the painting cleaned and restored. The painting is now at the Putnam Museum along with other artifacts from the LeClaire House. Hopefully these items can be returned to the LeClaire House soon! The location of the Iowa to Illinois painting is unknown - Do you know?

## TV Worth Watching!

The Davenport Historic Preservation Commission's meetings are available on the Davenport City Channel 18. Some of you will remember SCHPS's efforts to establish the Commission. So it's gratifying to see the Commission in action today. At the April 26th meeting, P.J. Slobojan came before the commission asking approval for rebuilding the steps leading to the new gateway to the Gold Coast. (See photo). Permission was granted. Great step forward.

Also, due notice was taken of the fact that Davenport is now a *Preserve America Community*. To quote Laura Bush, "the Preserve America initiative is a White House effort to encourage and support community efforts for the preservation and enjoyment of America's priceless cultural and natural heritage." Communities designated receive national recognition for their efforts. On Thursday May 18 on Ch. 12 at 7 PM you can view "A Century of Iowa Architecture" an episode featuring buildings from the 1920's to the Mid 1940's which features buildings in Des Moines, Davenport, Faron, Sioux City and Dubuque. Davenport's architecture will be shown Thurs. May 19 on IPTGV at 7 PM and also Sunday May 22 at 1:30 PM.



## Education Committee Update

Did you see the April 15 article in the Leader weekly newspaper about the LeClaire House restoration? Karen and Janeé Jackson, the writer, toured the house and Karen reviewed the 30 year history of the restoration. Indeed, the LeClaire house is a "Jewel in Q-C crown."

Karen's involvement with the Bucktown Arts Center continues. She met to help pick out historic photographs of breweries, saloons and "naughty soldiers" (?) for the entry exhibit, The Center was once Brick's dime-a-dance saloon.

On Saturday April 30 the Iowa Archaeological Society annual meeting was held in Davenport. Karen led a crosstown bus tour of the LeClaire House, the Village of East Davenport, the Claim House, the Lange mansion, the Civil War era Camp Kearny Indian prison and the burial grounds on McClellan Blvd of Indians executed while imprisoned.

Karen is working on obtaining a "Great Places Iowa" tourism grant and is contacting the Mississippi River National Museum in Dubuque to see if they can use our Rivertown photo exhibit from last year's Grand Excursion event. She is also researching audio visual equipment for the LeClaire House.

## A Great R.I. Arsenal Tour!

Thanks to Judy Belfer for arranging our April meeting! This after hours tour began with a lecture by Kris Leinicke, the museum curator, followed by a leisurely walk around this unique, one of a kind museum. The small arms collection is the mainstay of the museum but many other exhibits attract attention. One of these is artifacts found at the famed site of the Battle of Little Big Horn site where Custer's men were annihilated by the Indians. Another is a stuffed horse whose hide is separating from its body. The gift shop is attractive as is the area where children can play games and dress up in uniforms! It's easy to see why this museum is a tourist attraction for our area.

## !! SAVE THIS DATE !!

June 9th will be the SCHPS annual meeting. We'll tour the Bucktown Arts Center! Officers will be elected, the new budget approved and the business of SCHPS conducted.

## Tour Moline From Your Home!

The first phase of an on-line tour of historic Moline is available now on their website at [www.molinepreservation.org](http://www.molinepreservation.org). Vintage postcards, photographs and line art have been used for images of 50 buildings. You can navigate the site either by building type or by neighborhoods through in interactive map. Current images include structures that have been demolished, before and after restoration photos of current buildings as well as homes and businesses that have received preservation awards from MPS. Congratulations on a job well done.