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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

## LeClaire Steamboat Captain's House Tour.

LeClaire, IA was once the home of over 200 steamboat captains, raft pilots, engineers and boat building specialists. Fortunes were made and lost building "floating palaces," which could earn as much as \$10,000-20,000 per trip, but had a life expectancy of 5 years due to exploding boilers and the ever changing treacherous river currents. The walking tour will feature four of the 150 year old riverboat captain's houses. Afterwards, lemonade and cookies will be served under the trees in Libby's yard!

- 1.) 101 S. Cody Rd, (SW Cody Rd. & Wisconsin St., C. 1858
- 2.) NW Cody Rd. & Wisconsin St., Pilot Zachery Suiter's Home, C. 1850s
- 3.) 510 N. Cody Rd, Captain J.E. Davidson House, C. 1854
- 4.) 214 S. 2 St, Captain Jacob Suiter Home, C. 1860

We will meet at 101 S. CODY ROAD,  
the south side of hwy 67 as you  
enter town. There is a white  
frame storefront with  
green shutters, currently  
the location of the  
Little Irish Attic &  
Home Sweet Home  
Furnishings.

ALL PRIVATE HOME  
TOURS ARE MEMBERS  
ONLY. The SCHPS Treasurer  
will be on hand to accept dues  
before tour begins.

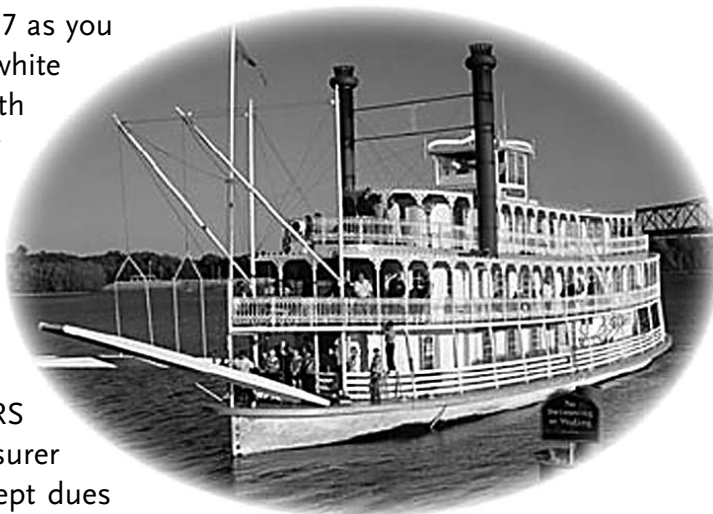


Photo of the Twilight river boat from [www.riverboatstwilight.com](http://www.riverboatstwilight.com)

## July 2005 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting  
July 14, 2005 • 6:30pm  
101 S. Cody Rd, LeClaire IA

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## Annual Meeting Update.

June 9 at Colonel Davenport house great success! The weather was great, the view across the river to Davenport fantastic (we could see Judy Belfer's house) and our guides were very

knowledgeable and very thorough. The home is indeed an outstanding Quad City attraction and it's impressive to see the restoration work that has been done and to learn about future projects. Thanks to Judy Belfer for arranging the tour.

We met on the lawn for annual meeting. A short review of last year's SCHPS meeting and projects was held, the budget was approved and officers elected. Thanks are due to Beverly Buerkens for serving on board and to Phyllis James for coming on board.

### Nora's Contact Information

Several of you have asked for Nora DeJohn's new address. It's 45 Maddon Road, Montowsville, PA 17754.

## Davenport's Skybridge

Have you been on Davenport's new Skybridge since its grand opening? Have you enjoyed seeing familiar landmarks from above? Isn't it good news to read that there's a desire to include visible and accurate information about local history on the bridge?

SCHPS member Vern Wriedt has been following the progress of construction on the bridge and has put together a fun website [www.davenportskybridge.com](http://www.davenportskybridge.com). There are 15 pages showing the work from start to finish.

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## Neighborhood Group Forming in E. 14th Street Historic District!

Remember the delightful tour we had last summer in this district? We visited two beautiful renovated homes and Mike Tague's garden. SCHPS member Cheryl Draeger has been working with her neighbors to form a "Caring Committee" neighborhood group to maintain the historic integrity of their National Historic Register District and to help disabled and elderly neighbors. Cheryl lives at 607 E. 14th Street in the Lydia A. Smith farmhouse, a National Register property. The committee will, along with other activities, be learning how to apply for grants and financial aids and how to get historic markers.

We'll keep you updated on the progress of this new group.

## Education Committee Update

It's been a busy month for executive director Karen Anderson. Karen, along with preservation commission members John Frueh and Fritz Miller, met with the committee deciding how best or replace the depression era WPA stone wall along E. River Drive. The new wall will be built to closely resemble the old.

Karen spent 2-1/2 hours with Jennifer Nahra, who is the City of Davenport's cable TV director. There will be a series of videos on Ch. 18, the Davenport City Channel, showing the early days of the city, and how it was formed, how neighborhoods grew, telling interesting stories and with an emphasis on historic preservation.

June 25 - Karen had a 2 hour interview with a travel writer from the Chicago-Harold Tribune, who was in town for 3 days writing a two-part series on art, culture and history in Davenport.

June 28 - Karen met with Linda Downs, the new Director of the Figge Art Gallery, to add photo images to history events "time line" for the Figge gallery site.

June 30 - Karen was seen on local TV in a period costume on the LeClaire House porch along with Mayor Brooke. The City of Davenport is applying to receive aid from the state of Iowa's Great Places program. If chosen, Davenport will receive aid from several state agencies to help with the River Vision riverfront program and for The Crossings at Davenport.

## 2005-2006 SCHPS Dues are Due!

An addressed stamped envelope is included with this newsletter for your convenience. Think of the fun you've had on our walking and house tours and our excellent winter programs. You wouldn't want to miss out on any of this and, of course, you're welcome to bring guests. Your continued support is appreciated!



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