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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

Modern Living with a Historic Touch!

We've all enjoyed watching the Mississippi River from Prospect Terrace and have admired the homes on the circle drive. In 1990 the house at 1610, home of Joel Franken & Diane Fogler, received a Significant Achievement Award from SCHPS and we understand that now it's even better!

The home was built in 1896-97 by Henry Jager. He came to Davenport in 1887 and worked as a lumberman. He became a partner in a number of mills which later became part of the Davenport Lumber Company. In 1908 he began Jager Livery Service. In 1920 he was elected to the Scott County Board of Supervisors where he served for 13 years until his death in 1933.

While the exterior of 1610 Prospect Terrace, a National Register listed property, reflects the 1896-97 time of its building, Joel and Diane have extensively modernized the interior and so now have the best of both worlds. This will be an outstanding meeting. See you there!



LEFT: A view of 1610 Prospect Terrace, Davenport from the Circle

RIGHT: Gargoyle gutter on the roof

Nov. 2005 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting
Nov. 10, 2005 • 7pm
1610 Prospect Terrace, Dav

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October Meeting Update

Your president regrets that due to illness she missed the October meeting. However, members who did attend enthusiastically report that Dawn and Gary Hill's home was an A-1 job. You'll remember that originally it was the carriage house in back of the Free Studio on Brady Street. The structural members were all numbered and so the Hills were able to reconstruct the home.

Mike Brooks and Connie Bieber's barn houses Connie's studio and paintings. One member said that he was really impressed with the animals on the farm, especially the colorful chickens!

Can Historic Structures In New Orleans Be Saved?

In the November/December issue of PRESERVATION, the magazine of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, President Richard Moe says that the hurricane damage to the City has the potential to become a cultural disaster of unprecedented scope. After visiting, he was stunned by the amount of damage to historic buildings and neighborhoods but also convinced that most of the buildings can be saved not only in New Orleans but in other places hit by the storms.

The Trust has sent teams of architects and engineers to the region, where they're warring with building inspectors and others to see which structures can be saved. They're also working with preservation partners at all levels to develop tools and incentives to aid reconstruction. The National Trust has provided leadership in other natural disasters.

!! CORRECTION !!

The Gold Coast Christmas tour will be held Thursday, December 1, Friday December 2 from 5 PM - 8 PM and Sunday December 4 from 2 PM - 6 PM

Volunteers are needed to take tickets and be hosts. Call Kieran John Smith at 323-3037 if you can help.

Not Just Another Bar!

The Times editorial stating the proposed bar in the Turner Hall in East Davenport is "just another bar" could not be more wrong. The bar would be 3-1/2 times larger than other Village bars, and to make matters worse there will be no parking!

Bars of this size have been in the news lately. Police responded to a call at Los Bananas where 98 were fighting. The following Friday six police cars responded to disorderly conduct at LaPlaya Bar. Please write a letter to the editor stating that we DO NOT want this type of activity in the Village of East Davenport, one of our municipal jewels.

Education Committee Update

October 5, 13 and 19: Council meetings regarding proposed EBIZA nightclub in the old East Village Turner Hall. This bar would be 3-1/2 times larger than existing bars in the Village. The Davenport Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Public Safety Committee turned the petitioners's application down. However, the bar owners are going to court to sue the City and to force the issue.

PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN PROCESS

1. Karen is working with professional videophotographers who have been hired by the Colonel Davenport Foundation to make a film on Colonel Davenport and Antoine LeClaire.
2. She is working with two authors on a booklet about the history of Nahant March and Credit Island.

German-American Heritage Center Emigration story

The second story of the German-American Heritage Center at 712 West Second Street is now open. On Tuesdays and Sundays from 1-4 PM, you can visit a 48 panel exhibition regarding the experiences of immigrants leaving Germany and Eastern Europe for the United States. The exhibit will be here until the end of the year.

Hamburg, Germany, was the main port for immigrants. Many families were separated because of illness and had to wait in camps until the ships sailed. Then they were put in steerage while first class passengers were allowed to walk the decks. When the Lusitania sank, many of the steerage passengers drowned.

Come and see this vivid exhibit! GAHC's phone # is 322-8844 and their web site is <http://www.gahc.org>.

Major Threat to the East Village!

Some of us SCHPS old-timers are aware of the successful effort to restore the Village of East Davenport. Newer members may think the East Village has always been as attractive. About 20+ years ago the Village was a rough place with bars, run-down buildings and a very, very unsavory atmosphere. Karen and her friends were able to convince the city to curb the rowdiness in the bars and to begin realizing the Village's potential for both Quad-Citians and as a tourist attraction.

So when watching the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting regarding the proposed bar in the Turner Hall, I was so proud of Karen. She reviewed this history, looked great and then was followed by merchant, shop owners and Village supporters seconding her message. The vote of the EBIZA was 4 opposed to granting the petition and one abstention.

The issue is far from dead and now it's our turn to write letters to the Editor of the Quad City Times. Let's let the public know that we have a jewel in the Village and that we want to keep it that way! Call Karen, 324-0257 if you need further information.