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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

It's Time for our Annual Holiday Party!

This year's party will be held at the home of Gene and Phyllis James, 20 River Drive, at 7 P.M. - Park on Greenwood or Grant St. Please bring finger food for our celebration. Please enter through the back door.

The house has really evolved over the years. In the late 1800's a 2 story, 2 room cabin was built on the site. In 1904 a four square house was attached to the cabin and later a detached garage was built for 2 cars and a shed added. The house was a triplex for 60 years. The James' bought the house thirteen years ago and have done extensive work. The house is now a single family home with an apartment over the garage. Phyllis credits Gene for the work involved in restoring their home and also says that he decorates for Christmas!

You will be able to wander through the house and see "before and after" photos and a narrative of what has been done to the rooms. Socialize and learn about this historic home at the same time! We look forward to seeing you!



The James home, which faces the Mississippi River, will be the location for this year's annual holiday party.

December 2005 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting
Dec. 8, 2005 • 7pm
20 River Drive, Bettendorf

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Holiday Events

VILLAGE OF EAST DAVENPORT

December 2 & 3, 6-18pm

December 9 & 10, 6-18pm

Come and see the "living windows" and the ice sculptures, talk with the live Santa, hear the music and enjoy the horse drawn carriage rides. Hear the Community Carolers and see the fireworks on the 10th! www.VillageOfEastDavenport.com

HOLIDAY BELL CONCERT

December 3, 2-3:30pm

Scott County Family YMCA

606 W. Fourth Street, Davenport

Join the members of the German-American Heritage Center Zither Ensemble and the Edwards Congregational United Church of Christ Bell Ringers for an afternoon of music. Long time

CITY OF LECLAIRE, IOWA

December 2 & 3, 10am-8pm

December 4, 10am-4pm

Festivities include sales at local businesses, craft fairs, Santa Clause visits, carriage rides, a nativity scene, a Civil War encampment and more.

BUCKTOWN ARTS CENTER

Open 11am - 7pm Tuesday thru Saturday

2nd and Pershing Streets, located in historic building.

2 floors are open where you can see sculpture, oil paintings, photographs, stained glass, jewelry and handmade items. See the artists at work.

GOLD COAST

December 1 & 2, 5-8pm

December 4, 2-6pm

4 homes will be open. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Major Art & Hobby, 201 E. 2nd St., or at the German-American Heritage Center, 712 W. 2nd St. Parking available at the Heritage Center and along neighborhood streets. Ripley is closed to traffic for one block at 6th Street.

The homes to be shown are: 633 Ripley Street, an 1880 Queen Anne; 624 Western Ave., a Greek Revival home owned by SCHPS member Steve Andrews, built in 1860; 519 W. 8th St., a 1906 American Foursquare; And 532 West 7th St., the Beiderbecke Inn, an 1881 Stick Style home now operated as a bed and breakfast.

THE GERMAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER

December 10, 10am-8pm

Visit the "Christkindlemarkt" or German Christmas Market at Union Station, River Dr. & Harrison, an outdoor Christmas market. There's food, entertainment, items for sale, a multi-ethnic event. The center will also be open during the Gold Coast tour hours.

ZITHER CONCERT BY MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER AND RIVERSIDE METHODIST CHURCH

December 11, 2-3:30pm, downtown Davenport.

Education Committee Update

October 27—Research Assistance. Karen met with Jim Schebler and Jerry Walaa who are writing a book on Nahant Marash and Credit Island.

November 9—Karen researched the history of the Henry Jager mansion, 1610 Prospect Terrace, in preparation for SCHPS Nov. 10 house tour hosted by Joel Franken and Diane Fogler.

November 16—Again, research assistance. Alma Gaul requested information on the stone cliffs of east Davenport for a story for the QCTimes HG House and Garden magazine.

Lovely November Meeting

Joel Franken and Diane Fogler are preservationists par excellence. Their home at 1610 Prospect Terrace has a fantastic river view with a wrap-around porch to enjoy the breezes and observe the Mississippi River. We gathered on the porch and Karen Anderson told us about the history of Prospect Park and the house at 1610. From there we went inside to view the marvelous antiques and to see how Joel and Diane have modernized their home. Truly, it's the best of the new and the old.

!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!

On September 14, 15, 16 and 17 the LeClaire House will be open for a RiverWay Grand Excursion type event. We'll need costumed volunteers. More about this event later.

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 by 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: www.gahc.org

Update on Proposed Bar

The Davenport Zoning Board of Adjustment and the City Council have voted AGAINST allowing the bar in the Turner Building, located in the Village of East Davenport. Thank you for your help on this issue. The owners of the Ebiza Bar who wish to establish the bar are filing suit FOR the bar. We'll keep you posted.