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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

For The Love of History... Be Our Valentine!

We'll be honoring three members who have preservation accomplishments. **KORY DARNALL** has been the prime mover and shaker in the Schuetzen Parke Gilde and will tell us about it. The Gilde has honored the memory of those German-Americans who had a shooting park and amusement center in West Davenport. The Good Samaritan Home is now on the grounds, but trails has been made, a picnic shelter built and archives established. **JUDY BELFER** has saved the Charles Schuler House at #1 Prospect Lane overlooking the Mississippi River. The home is an example of Georgian/ Colonial Revival style and was built in 1905. Mr. Schuler was one of the city's most aggressive entrepreneurs. Lastly, **CHRIS ERICKSEN** will tell us about the extensive work he did saving the Second Empire Fred Sharon house at 728 Farnam Street. Chris received a SCHP's Significant Achievement Award at our 1996 ceremony.

Refreshments will be served and you'll have a chance to visit with your friends.



LEFT: Judy Belfer's home at 1 Prospect Place, Davenport

RIGHT: Chris Eriksen saved 728 Farnam St.

Feb. 2006 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting
Feb. 9, 2006 • 7pm
Bettendorf Public Library

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SCHPS' Holiday Party Was a White Out!

Our Holiday party was planned for December 8th at Phyllis James' home. However, the predicted snow fall that was supposed to end in the afternoon kept coming and coming and coming and driving conditions became hazardous. The party was cancelled. Since we don't meet in January we haven't seen you since the November party at the home of Joel Franken and Diane Fogler.

Mark Your Calendar

On September 14,15, 16 and 17 the LeClaire House will be open for a RiverWay Grand Excursion event. We'll need costumed volunteers. The LeClaire House opening will be part of the celebration of the First Railroad Bridge across the Mississippi River. Henry Farnam was the contractor for both the railroad and the bridge which was completed in April 1856. Two weeks after it was opened, the steamboat Effie Afton collided with the bridge causing both to burn. The bridge was rebuilt and reopened in September 1856, Abraham Lincoln defended the railroad again steamboat interests in September 1857 at the U.,S. Circuit Court in Chicago. Because the jury failed to reach a verdict, the bridge remained.

**!! WELCOME !!
NEW MEMBERS**

Joel Franken and Diane Fogler

History & Humor in March!

We've got a real treat in store for preservationist and the public alike at our March 9th meeting. Ronald Tweet of "Rock Island Lines" fame will be presenting a program on "Steamboats" assisted by our own Karen Anderson at the Bettendorf Public Library. Karen has an impressive collection of steamboard post cards. With these two, you can be sure we'll have history and humor. All friends and family welcome!



Education Committee Update

Karen Anderson has helped the Cody Museum mount an exhibit from the largest known collection of historic Mississippi River postcards ever put together showing towns between Davenport and Minneapolis-St. Paul. February 17th is the date. For time, call 225-2981.

A Little Germany in Davenport.

The German-American Heritage Center has a current exhibit of the port of Hamburg, Germany. It is set during the period of immigration to the United States in the last 1900 to early 2000 period. The exhibit will be on display until February 27. Hours are Tuesday thru Sunday 1-4 and weekdays by appointment. We highly recommended seeing it.

Recognize Those Who Deserve it!

The awards committee has its first meeting Tuesday Jan. 31 in preparation for our semi-annual ceremony in May. Are you aware of a restored building or an individual who has been active in promoting historic preservation? If so, please contact Rex Grove, 355-8727, sgrove1027@aol.com or Ella Hartmann, 441-0698, gramhart@qconline.com.

Houses Will Be Demolished.

Davenport Historic Preservation Commission votes against Scott County on the issue of the demolition of six homes located on 5th and Ripley streets (in back of the Scott County courthouse.) The County plans to demolish the homes and build a landscaped parking lot with trees, green space and a sign welcoming visitors to the Hamburg Historic District. SCHPS member Duane Timm attended the meeting Monday evening January 30. The vote was 8-2 in favor of Scott County and the houses will be demolished.

Would You Like to Receive Your Newsletter Via E-mail?

If so, send your email address to
sarah@graham-graphics.com

Sarah has moved to Frisco, Colorado. We thank her for all she has done for SCHPS in the past and appreciate her willingness to continue laying out our letter!

Historic District in Muscatine.

SCHPS member Becky McCarley of SPARK Consulting, Davenport, has been working with the Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission and the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry to establish a proposed downtown commercial historic district. Becky says that 96 of the 114 properties within the district are contributing resources and were built by 1958 and continue to reflect their historic appearance. A listing in the National Register would recognize the significance to the downtown, encourage preservation, and enhance tourism and provide eligibility for federal and state financial programs.