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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

## An Evening at the Park... with Dinner!

To get there follow Locust Street to Lincoln Ave and then to the Hy-Vee store. Take a left (north). Follow Lincoln to foot of hill, where Waverly comes in. Take a right (east). Follow waverly up the hill to the Good Samaritan Home. Schuetzen Park is to left. Look for the new shelter. Bring a lawn chair. At 6:30 P.M. we'll have a potluck meal. The site is perfect for a gathering. Then we'll have our annual meeting with a report of last year's activities, the treasurer's report, election of new officers, and approval of budget for 2006-2007. We'll then have time to explore the site and see their archives.

BELOW: From the 1870's until the closing of Schuetzenparke at the present location of the Davenport Good Samaritan Home, there were close relations between the Schuetzenverein, the builders of the park, and the Turner societies. On September 26 a ceremony was held celebrating the installation of 150 years of the Davenport Turn-Gemeinde and the new Turner monument was dedicated.



Bottom Right: Schuetzen Park Entrance

Top Right: Good Samaritan House

## June 2006 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting  
June 8, 2006 • 6:30pm  
700 Waverly Road, Dav  
SchuetzenPark, grounds of  
the Good Samaritan Home

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## Did You Know????

Davenport has the largest number of Iowa historic properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Approximately 1,600 properties are listed, either individually or as part of 14 historic districts.

On April 1, 1865, the steamboat Bertrand navigating up the Missouri River struck a snag and sunk at De Soto Bend. It was loaded with supplies headed for the gold fields of Montana Territory when it went down with its cargo. Archaeologists excavated the site in 1969, and the well preserved cargo of tools, foodstuffs, mining equipment, and household goods is exhibited at the Bertrand Museum at the De Soto Bend National Wildlife Refuge north of Council Bluff.

The historic wrought iron Hale Bridge, completed in 1879, was airlifted in three sections by two Iowa Army National Guard Chinook helicopters from rural Olin/Hale to Anamosa, Iowa. The History Channel will document the event for its show, Mega Movers. The Chinook helicopters were from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation (formerly known as Detachment 1, Company F, 106th Aviation) in Davenport. The Hale Bridge has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It will be renominated to the list once it is placed in its new location at the Wapsipinicon State Park, where it will serve pedestrian traffic.

The State Historical Society of Iowa announced today it will present Des Moines' first annual storytelling festival, River Voices, June 2-3 at the State Historical Building and Terrace Hill.

## !! WELCOME !! NEW MEMBER

**Steve Bartholomew**

Steve has been restoring his 615 Ripley Street, Gold Coast home since 1999.

The home has been featured on several Gold Coast tours.

## You are Invited!

Dear SCHPS Members,

You are invited to the Gold Coast & Hamburg Historic District Association to a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on June 8, 2006 celebrating the Ripley Street Steps Project. The ceremony will be at 11 a.m. at West 6th St. and Ripley in Davenport, Iowa. Refreshments will be served after the event. There will be no rain date.

The Ripley St. Steps Project was started over two years ago and has enlisted the services and/or finances of City, County, Non-profit organizations and private individuals/companies to make this a safe, historic, aesthetically pleasing area.

We look forward to seeing you at the event!

## Education Committee Update

### April 12

At the LeClaire House Karen presented a program on LeClaire House history for Aledo High School alumni. She also gave the program on April 27.

### April 13

Karen spoke to the Davenport Public Safety Committee in opposition to the Ebiza Bar using the Turner Hall in the Village of East Davenport.

### May 12 and 13

Karen was interviewed by Alma Gaul of the Quad City Times re: our May 11 Awards Ceremony.

### May 21

The May Gold Coast & Hamburg Historic District Association meeting was held at the LeClaire house. Karen gave a tour and spoke during social hour about the house.

### May 25

Karen met with a reporter for the magazine "Fail Fan and Railway" magazine. Topics will be the first RR depot in Davenport at Antoine LeClaire's cabin and the first bridge crossing of the Mississippi.

### Check it out!

Karen was interviewed by Susan McPeters for her appearance (in costume) on Quad City Life and Times May 27 and 28 at 6:30 PM. The topic will be early cemeteries and hard times on the frontier.

## 2006-2007 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!



Bring your dues to the June meeting. Franc Beiwel, our treasure, will be on hand and happy to receive your 2006-2007 \$15 dues.

## 2006 Awards at Marycrest!

20 awards covering large projects and small were given to enthusiastic recipients. Categories ranged from additions to public preservation to adaptive reuse to press and funders.

It's great fun to see the turnout from volunteer groups and to see their happiness at being recognized. Our host was Chris Ales who has restored the Marycrest campus to a housing complex similar to the St. Katherine's complex. Thank you, Chris. And thanks to the SCHPS volunteers who made this possible. A personal note from Ella. Thank you for the Lifetime Achievement award. I treasure it.