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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 of Old to New!

Please park in the German-American Center lot. (Turn south on Gaines Street from 4th Street. Turn right into the lot.) Then walk to 717 W. 3rd St. The 1898 building has housed many different businesses during its 108 year life, ranging from butchers to bakeries to taverns to furniture to thrift shop to adult book store. There are now two 1,100 foot apartments on the top floors and an 1,100 sq. ft. eBay marketing business on the ground floor. Jesse and Kelly Hammes have done all the restoration work themselves.

After touring the Hammes Building, we'll cross Gaines street to where the Lady of Germania statue once stood above a fountain in Washington Square welcoming German immigrants in the late 1890's. The Lady of Germania dates back to 58 B.C.. Gregory Alsbansoder, project manager for the City of Davenport, will describe how they put together the plan for this gateway to the city. Then Karen Anderson will describe the history of the park. Recreation of the statue has been a project of the German-American Heritage Center.



Left: Mark Ridolfi/*Quad-City Times*—Columns and the outline of the fountain are in place at Davenport's new Gaines Street Gateway



Right: Hammes Restoration

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Next SCHPS meeting
July 13, 2006 • 6:30pm
717 W. 3rd St, Dav

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A Special Note from Ella...

As past president, I would like to thank everyone for all the help and encouragement you have given me.

Our new president Judy Belfer has been a member of SCHPS since its beginning 32 years ago! She lives at 1 Prospect Terrace at Hillside and is definitely a "hands-on" preservationist. She is the third owner of the home and fell in love with it. Judy is also president of the Rock Island Arsenal Historic Society. She's bringing experience and enthusiasm to SCHPS and we can look forward to continued good meetings and community service.

Alice Nielsen received a Sympathetic Addition award from SCHPS in 1995 for her work at the Clayton McDowell House at 3016 Middle Road. Since then she has remodeled 2 other homes and is now working on a third! Alice has recently retired from teaching art history at Scott County Community College. Her emphasis was on architecture and she is appreciative of our local heritage. She has been our guide on many meetings.

You're Invited!

The Gold Coast and Hamburg Historic District Association invites SCHPS members to an Ice Cream Social on Sunday August 6 from 2-4 pm at Herington park, 9th & Gaines Streets.

**!! WELCOME !!
NEW MEMBER**

Jaen Sturgis - Davenport

2006-2007 SCHPS Dues are Due!

An addressed envelope is enclosed with this newsletter for your convenience if you have not paid your dues. Your continued support is appreciated.



!! WANTED !!

Someone to video tape Karen's various presentations. Her knowledge of local history should and available for future use.

An Archivist to continue to collect relevant information for SCHPS and particularly the Antoine LeClaire House. The file will be kept at the LeClaire House. Members are asked to contribute information for the file.

Education Committee Update

May 12

SCHPS awards story given to Alma Gaul at Quad-City Times.

May 15

City Cemetery Founder's Day celebration. Video taped history of City Cemetery for Susan McPeters WQPT-TV Life and Times program.

May 21

LeClaire House Tour for Gold Coast Association annual meeting.

May 22

Met with Cable Access Televisions group to prepare LeClaire House video.

May 30

Prepared history of Treaty House Cabin (first railway depot west of the Mississippi) for a reporter from Rail and Railroad Magazine. Received \$50 thank-you for LeClaire House.

June 5 & 8

Attended Davenport City Council meetings re: Village Historic District rezoning. Passed unanimously.

June 14

LeClaire House program for Scott County architectural class. Received \$50 thank you for LeClaire House.

Last Month's Annual Meeting.

After a potluck supper and socializing, the 2006 annual meeting was held. Last year's activities were reviewed, new officers selected, the 2006-2007 budget approved, and the treasurer's report and audit presented. The Schuetzenpark Gilde under the leadership of Kory Darnall has done an outstanding job of combining memories of the old park with the need for a modern place where one can follow desires for walking, exploring the woods' trails, or just relaxing. And what could be more evocative of the past than the new prairie plant area near the picnic tables!

Thanks Ella!!!

A note from Rex Grove, SCHPS secretary: Since Ella is too modest to mention this, I will. Our group awarded Ella Hartmann the Lifetime Achievement Award at the recent Awards Night. For more than twenty years, Ella has been instrumental in keeping this organization going. Most recently, she has served as president for the past five years when no one else would take the job. Before that she had served as a board member, as secretary, treasurer, and vice-president at various times. Because Ella is a friendly, non-threatening person, she could knock on the door of a notable old home and ask the owner if our group might have a tour of the home for a future meeting. She has provided programs in this way for many meetings. In presenting the award, SCHPS Executive Director Karen Anderson said of her, "She's the one whose hand is always up to volunteer." Ella continues to serve the group by providing material for this newsletter each month.