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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!

As part of the Riverway 2006 event and our thursday meeting, executive director Karen Anderson will display over 1,000 turn-of-the-century river town and steamboat photographs, from Davenport to St. Paul. Take in the views from the LeClaire House's bluff top balcony of the first bridge site. We'll watch the "Gateway to the West" frontier slide program. At 8:00 we'll adjourn to the Davenport levee to view the "ghost bridge" hologram which will float on the mist under the Centennial Bridge. Bring family and friends.

RIVERWAY 2006 - Sept. 14, 15, 16 & 17. A celebration of the 150th anniversary of the first bridge across the Mississippi. Antoine LeClaire was instrumental in the building of the first railway bridge. Each day from 11 AM-5 PM Karen will be at the LeClaire House with the river town and steamboat photographs as well as the slide program.



Photo of the LeClaire House courtesy of The Davenport Public Library special collections. c 1880s

Sept 2006 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting
Sept. 14, 2006 • 7pm
LeClaire House, Dav

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Volunteers Needed...

as LeClaire House Greeters on Thursday Sept. 14 thru Sunday Sept. 17 from 11 AM to 5 PM. Be part of the Riverway 2006 fun at the LeClaire House—for a few hours or all afternoon. Call Ella 441-0698!

!! WELCOME !! NEW MEMBER

The Friends of VanderVeer group has joined SCHPS! They received a "Preserving Local History" award at our May awards ceremony. Work on historic preservation at VanderVeer Park will be continuing.

2006-2007 SCHPS Dues are Due!

An addressed envelope is included with this newsletter for your convenience. Your continued support is appreciated. Dues are \$15. Thank you!



!! UPCOMING !! EVENTS

Saturday, Sept. 22 & Sunday, Sept. 23

All State Barn Tour sponsored by the Iowa Barn Foundation. The Schneckloth crib at 23553 200th Avenue in Eldridge will be featured. Here's your chance to tour the historic corn crib that Ed Schneckloth described at our April meeting. To get there, exit US 61 at Exit 127 & then go east on LeClaire Road 3 miles, then go south on 200th a half mile.

Friday, Dec 1, 2006

"Christmas From Germany" Holiday Show: 7:30 pm Upham Auditorium, Marycrest Campus (Davenport, IA) Enjoy three professional acts direct from Germany - "Bergkristall", "Alexa" and "Barden Band": old & new Christmas songs, Volkslieder, Schlager, dance music and more. \$20 per person general admission or \$175 table for 8 stage side (incl. extra favors). All paid admissions receive a wonderful home made German dessert. (563-322-5489) or E-mail: SchuetzenPark@aol.com

Education Committee Update

June 10

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

June 24

One River Mississippi celebration. SCHPS volunteers Judy Belfer, Mavis Kline, Rex & Sue Grove, Roberta Shadensack, Karen & Ferrel Anderson, Vonnie Flynn and Fred Vogt manned a historic photo exhibit at the German-American Heritage Center.

July 22—1-4 PM

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

July 22—6-10 PM

LeClaire House Tour for Gold Coast Association annual meeting.

August 8

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

August 14

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.

FOR RENT!

One bedroom apartment at the historic Antoine LeClaire House. For information, call Charles Heston, 326-7756.

Arsenal Building Update.

Judy Belfer forwarded a letter from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency to Crol Larson re: Quarters One on the Rock Island Arsenal. The Army does not intend to demolish the building; however, since the Army believes it would be difficult to bring the building up to code and to find a use for it, the building will be marketed to the private sector and mothballed if it does not sell. Quarters One is on the National Register of Historic Places.

July Meeting Overview.

SCHPS July 13th meeting was a tour of the Jesse and Kelly Hammes renovated building at 717 W. 3rd St., Davenport. Their tenant on the second floor graciously allowed us to walk through his tastefully decorated home. Jesse is an enthusiastic supporter of renovating downtown buildings and hopes to do more.

After this tour, we returned to the German-American Center to hear Karen Anderson describe the history of the area around the center. Then Gregory Albansoder, project manager for the City of Davenport, described the improvements to the "Gateway to the City" which include the planted areas at the foot of the bridge, the columns in the former Washington Square Park and the Germania statue across from the German-American Center.