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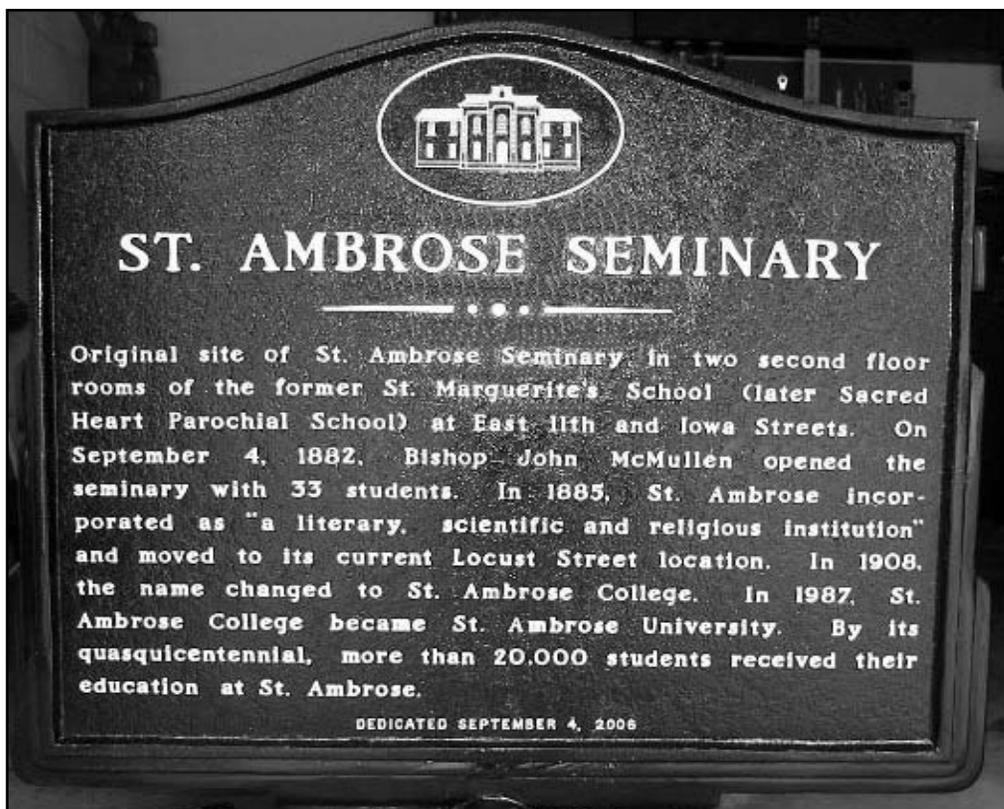


"Let your heritage not be lost, but bequeath it as a memory,
treasure, and blessing, and preserve it for your children."

— Christian Metz, 1846

A St. Ambrose University History Lesson!

Our October meeting will be held at the Bettendorf Public Library at 7:00 PM. Father George McDaniel will present a program on the history of St. Ambrose University. Father McDaniel is a professor, a lecturer and a priest who is exceptionally well-qualified to speak to us about the 150th anniversary of St. Ambrose University, a very timely topic. He's currently writing a book about St. Ambrose's history. Come and bring guests! We'll learn about the past, the present, and learn about future plans for this great local university!



St. Ambrose Seminary Historical Marker — dedicated 9/4/06. Photo courtesy of Vern Wriedt.

Oct 2006 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting
Oct. 12, 2006 • 7pm
Bettendorf Public Library

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!! THANK U !!

SCHPS members who helped during the LeClaire House 4 day event were: Judy Belfer, Cathy Berta, Rex Grove, Mavis Kline, Joyce Mermet-Grandfille, Charlie Heston, Mike Hustedde, Shirley Johnson, John Martin, Francy Ricketts, Polly Taylor, Duane Timm, Melita Tunnicliff, Deb Skold, Fred Vogt, Carol Feeney, Sarah Bartholomew and Janet Corcoran. Also Rosie Ginther who brought flowers as well as Frank Beiwel and Ella Hartmann who called our members.

September's Meeting's'

Yes, note the plural! Karen presented her slide show and lecture about the history of Davenport and eastern Iowa from the 1830's until the building of the first bridge across the Mississippi at least 9 times! Her slide show used material from many different historic sources and will be in demand as a program for groups long after the 4-day September celebration is a memory.

!! UPCOMING !! EVENTS

SCHPS MEETINGS

Thursday, November 9

Monthly meeting at the Capitol Theater. We meet at 6:30 to allow time to view the outside of the building.

Thursday, December 14

Annual Christmas party at Phyllis James' residence, 20 River Drive, Bettendorf

No January Meeting

R.I.A. HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

Thursday, November 2

Dave Timmons—Revolutionary War

Thursday, December 7

Judy Beland—History of East Moline

MOLINE PRESERVATION SOCIETY MEETINGS

Thursday, October 19

Tour of Old Moline Post office

Sunday, November 19

An open house benefitting the Gateway Development Group from 1-4 PM. Duane Tim and Jeff Gomez have been busy restoring the house at 624 W. 5th Street, Davenport. Restoration of the house will feature the patterns of Basset & Vollum wallpapers that were printed by Duane.

Education Committee Update

Sept 6

Provided the city planning department with the text for a series of historic markers which will be placed along the riverfront bike trail in advance of the upcoming Davenport National Trails Symposium.

Sept 14-17

Fifteen SCHPS volunteers staffed the Antoine LeClaire House from 11 AM-5 PM during the 4 day RiverWay 2006 celebration. (150th anniversary of the construction of the first railroad bridge across the Mississippi River.)

Visitors who attended the "Gateway To The West" slide program and toured the "Up The Mississippi" river town post card exhibit were so enthusiastic that we had to delay closing until 7 PM each night! Good Job volunteers!

Sept 18

Spent a most enjoyable afternoon sitting in the lovely restored parlor of the Antoine LeClaire House talking with Steve Ahrens, Davenport's new riverfront coordinator. Steve is developing the city's master plan for riverfront development and is a strong advocate for helping make the LeClaire House a major historic tourism destination along the Great River Road.

SCHPS is Going Global.

Mitch Tollerud was a guest at the Sept. 19th SCHPS board meeting. He is the webmaster for Scott County & the developer of the City of Davenport's new web site. He will be working with us to develop our web site on Scott County history. Contact Judy Belfer at 324-7779 or belferj@worldnet.att.net if you would like to help with this project.

Community Redevelopment and Rehabilitation Reception.

Tuesday, October 17, 2006, 5:00 p.m.—7 p.m.

Program begins at 5:30 p.m. Performance Hall, 2nd floor, River Music Experience, 129 Main Street, Davenport.

Please join us for this reception to learn more about the importance of Iowa's historic rehabilitation tax incentive program. The program has been an essential component of community redevelopment and reinvestment since its inception in 2000. With its success and limited funding, the program has been effectively close since July 1, 2005. Community leaders, candidates for state office, historic property owners, developers, and economic development groups are gathering in several communities this fall to learn more about the program. discuss the economic impact on communities, and examine the current funding issues and solutions for the program to open it to new applicants statewide.

Partners for the Reception in Davenport include: Bettendorf Chamber of Commerce, Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, DavenportOne, Iowa CulturalCoalition, SPARK Consulting.

Questions? Contact Rebecca McCarley, Davenport reception committee chair, 563-324-9767 or rebecca@octaspark.com