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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 Capitol Theatre!

We'll gather outside the theater at 6:30 P.M. to admire the outside of the building, particularly the carvings. Then we'll go inside for a real treat! Mick Elliott is a local history researcher who has extensively studied the history of the Kahl Building and the Capital Theater.

He has developed a slide show which he personally narrates like a 1940's radio announcer. Our picture below shows the first marquee of the theater as it looked in the 1920's. At this time the Tri-City Symphony was performing here. In the 1920s neon lighting was invented and the present marquee installed. His presentation lasts about an hour. Come and bring your friends!



Capitol Theatre. Circa 1921. Photo provided by Vern Wriedt.

Nov 2006 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting
Nov. 9, 2006 • 6:30pm
326 W. 3rd St., Dav

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!! WELCOME !! NEW MEMBERS

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October's Meeting

Father George McDaniel is an outstanding local scholar and author who has just finished a book on the history of St. Ambrose University. The university has come a long way since its founding 125 years ago as a boys academy. He outlined the personal history of the first scholars and then followed the progress of the intervening years until the present day.

!! UPCOMING !! EVENTS

SCHPS HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, December 14

Circle this date on your calendar now!
Holiday Party at Phyllis James' residence
20 River Drive, Bettendorf

No January Meeting

R.I.A. HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

Thursday, December 7

Judy Beland—History of East Moline
Call Judy Belfer 324-7779 for details

No January Meeting

MOLINE PRESERVATION SOCIETY MEETINGS

Sunday, November 19

**THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED,
MORE TO A LATER DATE.**

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.

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Education Committee Update

Being of sound mind and body, the Education Committee spent the entire month of October wandering along the Mississippi River, up Great River Road, doing "research"...

Best Scenic Overlook

Pike's Peak State Park, McGregor, Iowa

Best Leaf Drive

Yellow River State Forest (Back service road), McGregor, Iowa

Best Caramel Apples

Czipais Orchard, Hy 52, 5 miles below Dubuque

Best Meal

Breitbach's Tavern, Balltown, Iowa, 5 miles above Dubuque. (The red raspberry pie is out of this world.)

Best Pastries

Pelican Bakery, Maiden Rock, Wisconsin

Best Place To Nap After Eating Too Many Pastries

River bank, Stockholm. City Park (Buffalo burgers after napping at nearby Ollie's Tap.)

Best Gift Shop

Crocus & Oaks, Stockholm, Wisconsin

Best Country Road

County Road A ("Rustic Road"), south of Maiden Rock. (A meandering gravel road through woods and shallow streams.)

Best Sunset

Sitting on rock wall at Maiden Rock Wisconsin overlook.

Best Sunrise

As Mark Twain said, "I WOULDN'T KNOW."

Letter from the Quad City Heritage League.

By Sheila L. Craig, Nominating Committee Chair

The Quad City Heritage League is looking for new board members to replace members whose terms expire in December 2006. The purpose of the organization is to promote interest in history and the heritage of the Quad Cities. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at the Putnam Museum. The League holds a Heritage Fair at the Putnam Museum in February. We would like to have a member of your organization on the Board. Please contact me at 563-322-7808 or at wisecraig@aol.com. The nominations are due the first week in November.

River Action Publication Excerpt

The publication of River Action, organizer of the Sept. 14-17 Riverway event in which SCHPS participated, has posted very impressive statistics—1.5 million people in 4 states were notified about the event. 2300 tickets were sold for the steam railroad tour and 894 tickets for the Celebration Ball. There were 95 racers at Sylvan Island. Our very own Karen Anderson was one of 16 story tellers at different locations who entertained receptive audiences!