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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

The Butterworth Center—QCA's Sistine Chapel.

At the Butterworth center, in the library room, is the Quad-city equivalent of the sistine chapel ceiling. The Center was built in 1892 by Charles Deere as a wedding gift for his youngest daughter, Katherine, and her husband William Butterworth. Katherine Butterworth's community involvement and philanthropy eventually led her to establish the Butterworth Trust in memory of her husband. Upon her death in 1953, Hillcrest was renamed Butterworth Center, and in the spring of 1956, it opened as a civic center.

Gretchen Frick-Small will guide us through the history of this outstanding local masterpiece. This will be a joint meeting with rock island arsenal historical society and other local preservation groups. Come, bring guests, and meet members of other preservation groups. Refreshments will be served. See you there!



Top Row: The Butterworth Center

Second Row from Left: Dining Room, Organ Room, Library

Bottom Row: BERNARDO CEILING Painting in Library

March 2007 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting
March 8, 2007 • 6:30pm
The Butterworth Center
1105 8th St, Moline

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Great February Program on Pine Creek Grist Mill.

Yes, the weather outside was frightful. However those of us who braved the winter chill and came to the Wildcat Den State Park - Pine Creek Grist Mill program at the Bettendorf library were well rewarded!

The mill was built in 1848 and served settlers until the 1920's. Today a determined group of volunteers are restoring the mill and are re-opening it to the public. Our presenters, all from Muscatine, have an excellent PowerPoint presentation and program. We were so impressed that we're planning on a trip to the site and other Muscatine attractions this summer. We'll keep you posted!



Historic Mother Goose!

Mother Goose is now a concrete goose on Davenport's register of historic places. She was built as an entrance to Mother Goose Land which opened to the public in 1953 as the centerpiece for the Mother Goose Land Theme park in Fejervary Park. The 15 foot high goose became a Davenport landmark, beloved to thousands of local children and visiting tourists.

Mother Goose embodies the mimetic or fantasy style of architecture which is characterized by the mimicking of atypical objects in the form of buildings or structures (i.e. Longaberger Company headquarters in Newark, Ohio; the original Brown Derby in Los Angeles, California; the Big Duck, Flanders, New York).

The individual nomination for the Davenport Register of Historic Properties was approved by the Davenport Preservation Committee on December 12, 2006.

SCHPS member Mary Ann Tyler, a member of the Preservation Committee, provided this information. Preservation Committee meetings are held at City Hall at 5 P.M. the 2nd Tuesday of the month and can be seen on Channel 18.

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Education Committee Update

Jan. 8

Ashbury Methodist Church, Bettendorf, Iowa
LeClaire House Slide Program

Jan. 10 & 31

Village of East Davenport
Revitalization planning meetings

Jan. 30

QC Ballet, Background history research for a new Bucktown—Bix Ballet

Feb. 1, 20 & 21

City Council Finance Committee
Spoke to preserving public speaking time at city council committee meetings

Feb. 7

Missouri State Historical Society, St. Louis
Researched Davenport connections to William Clark of Lewis & Clark expedition

Historic Putnam Exhibit

At the Putnam Museum, *Quad-Cities Yesterday and Today*, explores our community's changing face over the last 100 years through photographs and artifacts. The show is now through mid March. Museum hours are 11a.m.-5p.m., Mon—Thur/ 11a.m.-7p.m. Fri-Sat/ noon-5p.m., Sun. \$6 adults, \$5 seniors (60 & older) \$4 children, discounts with IMAX theater admission. For more information call (563)324-1054.

John Willard retiring from Quad-City Times.

John has become a familiar face to SCHPS members attending our awards ceremony. He has written "Backward Glances" for 36 years and 3 months! John hopes his column has sparked your interest in local history and led to some exploration on your own. He will still be contributing columns on a freelance basis.

John remembers spending a night in the Standard Hotel which in the late 1970's had a low income clientele but was clean and served a need. John is especially pleased that after many years of standing vacant the building now houses the German-American Heritage Society.

MAKE THAT ITEM HISTORY!

Members only may submit a 18 word ad in the SCHPS newsletter (including member's name & phone number), for spaces to rent or things to sell. Limited to historic items only. Cost is \$5 for one month, \$10 for three months. 2"x2" photos will cost an additional \$15 per month. Contact Judy Belfer at 324-7779 or belferj@worldnet.att.net