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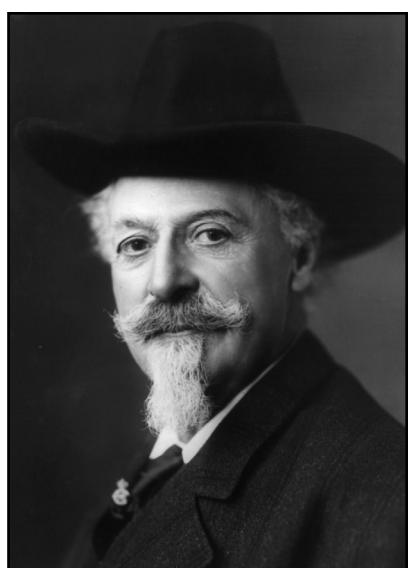
"Let your heritage not be lost, but bequeath it as a memory, treasure, and blessing, and preserve it for your children."

— Christian Metz, 1846

The Wild West Comes to Davenport!

SCHPS members will be treated to a lecture on William "Buffalo Bill" Cody, and will also have a chance to view the current display at the Figge entitled "Go West." It is an exhibition of 30 artworks from the Figge's great collection of Western art, including paintings and sculpture by Frederic Remington, Charles Russell, Frank Tenney Johnson, and William Robinson Leigh.

The lecture, presented by Kate Elliott, Ph.D. candidate in American Art History from the University of Iowa, will be there from 7 to 8pm, and will show how Buffalo Bill's own history parallels that of the Western Frontier. (Buffalo Bill was born in 1846 near LeClaire, Iowa.) Admission to the museum and lecture is free after 6:30 P.M., and the museum will remain open until 9:00 P.M., so there will be time to see the art exhibition after the lecture. Don't miss this great educational and cultural opportunity! For additional information go to figgeartmuseum.org.



LEFT: Buffalo Bill (WikiMedia.com) RIGHT: Surveying Wounded Knee c.1891 (rbsc.princeton.edu)

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Next SCHPS meeting
Nov. 8, 2007 • 7pm
225 W. 2nd St, Davenport, IA

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October Meeting

Twelve SCHPS members attended the Oct meeting at the Buffalo, IA Museum. Dorothy Adams who is 87 years young and is "sharp as a tack" was our tour guide. One room is actually her personal collection of artifacts of Buffalo. She, her mother, and grandmother were all born in Buffalo and she has taken on the project of keeping a detailed history of our neighboring town as a personal goal. Luckily her grandfather was an amateur photographer. Dorothy showed us an entire cabinet of his "photos" on the original 8 X 10 glass slides. She has had many of these printed and they are currently on display in the museum. Along with the photos, newspaper articles (all cataloged and cross referenced) there is a room full of various items from local residents. Did you know that along with the cement plant, Buffalo also had a brick and tile company, a stained glass manufacturer, and was the leader in the clam shell button business? Actually the shells were first sent to Buffalo where the button slugs were punched out, sent to Muscatine to be drilled for thread holes, and then returned to Buffalo to be sorted and carded to be sold throughout the world. All this before plastic put them out of the button business.

THANK YOU!!

Thanks to a \$400 memorial donation from Phebe Sudlow Questors, Chapter 1352, a beautiful new brass gasolier, with etched glass shades, now hangs in the Antoine LeClaire House's "landing room" (mid-way between first and second floor). The memorial donation was made in honor of long time Questors member Leone Bredbeck. The elegant new chandelier is a major improvement--over the single light bulb that formerly protruded from the ceiling! What a beautiful way to remember Leone, who was also a long time member of SCHPS and LeClaire House supporter, as well!

We can thank the Herculean efforts of the Victorian Lighting Works Company for putting a super rush on our order, as well as the speedy and expert installation by Ferrel Anderson, for getting the chandelier up and shinning brightly as the LeClaire House doors swung open to welcome the 150th Pioneer Settlers Descendants' Reunion on September 22nd.

Many people have inquired as to how we ever managed to find 12 such BEAUTIFUL antique gasoliers! To learn our secret, treat yourself to a visit to the Victorian Lighting Works Company's on-line catalogue, at www.vlworks.com. (Click "Chandeliers" on the home page, then scroll down to the 7th thumbnail photo. Click on it to see an enlargement of the LeClaire House's new brass gasolier, Fixture C10764.) It is worth the trip.

Historic Education Luncheon

Our own Karen Anderson, Executive Director of SCHPS, will be presenting a one-day seminar and tour on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, from 11:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. at the Antoine LeClaire House. (Cost of registration is only \$14 which includes lunch~ a bargain!) This program is open to all ages, but was promoted in the Plus 60 section of the QC Times. To register contact Scott Community College (Adult Ed.) at www.eicc.edu or 1-888-336-3907 and register for course/class number 39901. Antoine LeClaire was a French Indian fur trader who was chosen by William Clark to negotiate 22 treaties with Indians which eventually opened 5 western states to legal homesteading. LeClaire saw the importance of building a railroad bridge across the Mississippi, which was accomplished in 1856.

Suggestions and Help Needed!

Judy Morton is working on a very interesting project and is asking for help from our society members and anyone else. She is in possession of a one-room schoolhouse in Muscatine County and has a protected site in Scott County (near the East side of Durant). The actual location is a park that was donated to the county by her family. Her problem is getting the school moved to the new permanent site. We are in hopes that Charlie Heston will be able to help, but if anyone else has any suggestions/expertise, she would appreciate any help available. Judy Morton can be contacted at 381-2813 in Blue Grass.

CONTACT US!!

Please feel free to contact any SCHPS Board Members at phone numbers or emails listed in this newsletter with comments, news events, or concerns. Thank you for your support of and interest in SCHPS!

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.

HISTORICAL RESIDENCE IN EAST DAVENPORT FOR RENT!

Riverview, 2 bdrm, hardwood flrs, C/A/C, laundry hookup, garage. \$575. Call Chris or Veronica, (563) 940-1970, 940-1971

2007-2008 SCHPS Dues are PAST Due!

If you received an envelope enclosed with this newsletter, it means your yearly SCHPS dues are currently due. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you may pay your dues to Ferenc Beiwell, SCHPS Treasurer at the October meeting in Buffalo. Thanks you for your continued support of SCHPS!