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March Meeting~

The March meeting of SCHPS is Thursday, March 13th at 7:00 P.M. at the Bettendorf Public Library. Mary Costello, local author and current SCHPS board member, will discuss and read excerpts from her book entitled **Mississippi River Dreams-Irish Coming of Age in the 1850's**. Don't miss this chance to learn all about our early Irish heritage that did much to shape the Quad Cities. This meeting is open to the public and all historic groups are invited and encouraged to attend.

Mary is already a noted local historical author of a two-volume set of books – **Climbing the Mississippi River Bridge by Bridge (Parts I & II)** – containing the most comprehensive information to date about the great river bridges. (This two-volume set is a must for any serious Mississippi River scholar.) Mary is an artist who has also documented river-life in her artwork. She was raised in an Irish family in Moline. Both her father and grandfather worked for the “Iron Horse” (the train); her father was a boiler inspector and her grandfather was a train engineer. Mary has raised six children. Her latest book encompasses years of research into the everyday life of Irish families in the 1850's.

Summary of February Meeting~

An overflow crowd (70+ people) of SCHPS members, members of other historical societies, and the general public celebrated Valentines Day in style with a very interesting and informative meeting at Front Street Brewery, owned by Steve Zuidema, learning about the Quad Cities rich German heritage of brewing which was actually started locally by a French family -- the Litig's. Our featured speaker from Taylor Ridge, Mike Wenthe, a local brewery historian, gave a fascinating talk providing many interesting details about the Quad Cities local brewing history. Merle Vastine brought along a great display of brewing artifacts that were previously on display in his exhibit at the German American Heritage Center. Many participants remained after the meeting to trade stories and to discuss artifacts. Thanks to Steve, Mike, and Merle who made this meeting so very interesting and informative!



March 2008 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting-
March 13, 2008, 7:00 P.M.
(at the Bettendorf Public
Library)

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Deepest Sympathies~

SCHPS extends its sympathies to Janet Burgess, and family, upon the January 26th death of her husband, Milan Vodick. Milan and Janet were instrumental in founding the Village Civil War Musters, as well as Amazon Dry Goods, a nationally recognized historic clothing and notions catalogue company.

April Meeting of SCHPS to be the 10th~

Details to be determined. Check your next newsletter for location and time of our next gathering. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, so mark the date of April 10 on your calendar now, and we will give you the details in the next newsletter.

New Book of Local Historical Interest (\$19.99)~

Check out [Davenport Postcard History Series](#)- a new book by Doug Smith – published by Archadia Publishing – copyright 2007. This book offers many postcard shots of the early Quad Cities. For more information contact (toll free) 1-888-313-2665 or 1-843-853-2070, sales@archadiapublishing.com., or check your local bookstores.

Dues~

Annual dues for SCHPS are collected each June: You may pay your dues to Ferenc Beiwel, SCHPS Treasurer. Thanks for your continued support of SCHPS!

Make that Item History~

Members only may submit an 18-word ad in the SCHPS newsletter (including member's name and phone number), for spaces to rent or things to sell. Listings are limited to historic items only. The cost is \$5 for one month, \$10 for three months. Contact Judy Belfer at 324-7779.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a one-story, **Iron Fire Escape** (self- or free-standing) - from the historic Black Hawk Hotel - please call Judy Belfer 324-7779.

SCHPS Note Cards (\$10/box)~

SCHPS has local historic landmark note cards for sale. They are packaged 10 to a box (8 different buildings) and will be for sale (\$10/box) at the March 13th meeting. Please consider using these cards to show your pride in Quad City History and buy extra boxes for special gifts.

"Year Round" gifts~

Call Karen Anderson (324-0257)

-3 1/2 inch commemorative crystal "City Hall" paper weight--\$3.00

-Ward Olson: "J.S. Steamboat" tote bags--\$10.00

-"Delta Queen"/"Mississippi Queen"/"LeClaire House" watercolor prints--\$20

LeClaire's Town children's coloring/history book--\$6.00

Guide to Historic Districts~

'Discovering Davenport' - The City of Davenport has a new map to guide you to Davenport Historic Districts. Pick up a map at our next SCHPS meeting or maps are available on the Davenport website [HYPERLINK "http://www.cityofdavenportiowa.com"](http://www.cityofdavenportiowa.com) www.cityofdavenportiowa.com.

Enrichment at local colleges~

SCC and BHCC have historical education mini-courses advertised in the Plus 60 section of the QC Times, but registration is open to the general public --

April 23rd Scott County Community College will hold a one-day seminar at the Outing Club, which has a history that spans more than 100 years. Tour the buildings and grounds. Have a traditional "1910 Outing Club Meal". Fee is \$19.00/Class # 46475.

May 14th, Black Hawk College is offering a seminar entitled "All Aboard Amtrak to the Quad Cities and Beyond" , at the Holiday Inn, Rock Island. Fee is \$17.50/Class #11787.

Celtic Heritage Trail of the Quad Cities~

Learn about your Celtic Heritage at the upcoming March meeting!!! There are now 6 signs and more to follow - highlighting Celtic contributions to this region.

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society~ Meets the first Thursday of each month. Contact Judy Belfer at 324-7779 for information on the topic each month.

Moline Miniatures~

Local artist, teacher, coach, graphic designer, (jack-of-all-trades) Bill Gustafson, has just completed his 17th wooden miniature in a series of historic buildings offered by the Moline Preservation Society. **All 17 miniatures** are for sale at Model Printers and Lagomarcino's (collect them all) at a reasonable price. Bill has also painted murals in downtown Rock Island that are commemorative of historic events: the first train bridge across the Mississippi River (150th anniversary) - located at 223 17th St. on the side of Steve's Old Time Tap, also the Oscar Statue (tribute to his late father) located at 415 20th Street.