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April 10th Meeting~ 7:00 P.M. ~ Glass Heritage Company at 234 W. 3rd St. ~ at 6:30 P.M. view beautiful stained glass windows in St. Anthony's Catholic Church (corner of Main and 4th)

"Spring has sprung"! What better way to celebrate than by joining SCHPS' first outdoor walking tour of the year, on April 10th. Our downtown adventure will begin **promptly at 6:30 P.M.** on the front steps of historic St. Anthony's Church, where John Scott will take us inside to watch the sun begin to set through the magnificent stained glass windows, designed by nationally famous German art glass designer, Emil Lange. After learning more about Emil Lang's contributions to other local National Register landmark buildings, we will walk west, down the block, to the Bayer Building for a private tour of the Glass Heritage's glass blowing and stained glass restoration workshop at 234 W. 3rd Street. Glass Heritage just received a coveted "Fully Accredited" restoration certification award from the Stained Glass Association of America. The award followed a rigorous two-year review period and is cause for much celebration.

Glass Heritage's owner, John Watts, an accomplished glass restoration master, has been involved in glass restoration all over the country for the past 26 years. John has invited SCHPS members on a private 7 P.M. tour of his downtown restoration workshop, where you will learn your "Dalle de Vere" from your "putty process".

John's skilled workmen will be on hand to personally demonstrate their master glass blowing techniques, as well as period historic stained glass window restoration. Join us for a fun and informative evening, while learning more about Davenport's outstanding architectural stained glass treasures. **Glass Heritage Co. will cap the evening's celebration off with a wine and cheese party following the tour. See you there!**

Summary of March Meeting~

SCHPS members, members of other local historical societies, and the general public greatly enjoyed the informative lecture about the Irish heritage of the Quad Cities presented by Mary Costello, who is a current SCHPS board member. She discussed and read excerpts from her recent historical novel entitled **Mississippi River Dreams-Coming of Age in the 1850's** that encompasses years of research into this topic-one she is close to since she is the great grand-daughter of Irish immigrants. In this book Mary made the Irish American Heritage come alive with relevance for today.

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. Last year, when the I -35 bridge across the river in Minneapolis/St. Paul collapsed, the graphic design editor from the New York Times contacted Mary, who faxed the Times a copy of the entry from her book about that bridge. (If you are a serious Mississippi River scholar, you need to add this two-volume set to your collection).

Next Meeting of SCHPS~ May 8, 2008 ~ mark the date now!

April 2008 Newsletter

**Next SCHPS meeting-
April 10, 2008, 7:00 P.M.**

Glass Heritage Company
Preview an example of beautiful historic stained glass windows in St. Anthony's Catholic Church at 6:30 p.m.

**SCHPS' May Meeting-
May 8th**

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"Saying Goodbye To Ella"~

(by Karen Anderson, Executive Director of SCHPS)

Friends and family gathered together to say their last goodbyes to Ella Hartmann at Davenport's Unitarian Church on Feb. 23, 2008. Karen Anderson, of SCHPS, spoke of Ella as the consummate hard working volunteer, whose passion for historic architecture propelled her through every office in the organization over the past twenty-four years, including several extended terms as President, Awards Committee Chairman, and monthly Newsletter Editor. (Ella joined the Preservation Society after working as the Secretary, and aide de camp, to local preservation architect Louis Soenke for over fifteen years.)

Mayor Gluba presented a stirring tribute to Ella Hartmann's thirty years of political activism on behalf of The League of Women Voters, which led to the successful passage of many of Iowa's voting rights laws and open government safeguards. (Ella often put those open government safeguards to work as a frequent speaker at Davenport City Council meetings on behalf of historic preservation issues.) Mayor Gluba also noted Ella's abiding interest in local nature conservation issues, in particular, her close work with former Mayor Kathy Kirschbaum to help successfully lobby the Davenport City Council for passage of the legislation needed to create and construct, the 13.5-mile Duck Creek Bike Trail.

The steady procession of friends and neighbors who walked to the podium to honor Ella all echoed one reoccurring theme---that Ella Hartmann was a person much loved and respected by all who had the good fortune to work beside her---and that she will be sorely missed by those who carry on without her to preserve Davenport's historic architectural treasures and places of natural scenic beauty.

SCHPS is currently accepting donations to be used to place an iron park bench on the crest of the bluff, overlooking the river, in front of the Antoine LeClaire House, as a memorial to honor Ella Hartmann, past SCHPS President and a master gardener. Anyone wishing to donate to this memorial should contact Ferenc Beiwel, SCHPS treasurer.

Dues~(\$15)

Annual dues for SCHPS are due each June. It is not too early to go ahead and pay your annual dues for June 2008–2009 to SCHPS now. Do your part to support our meetings. Send us your email address so we don't have to send you a hard copy of the newsletter and save us postage.

For Sale~

One-story, **Iron Fire Escape** (self- or free-standing) - from the historic Black Hawk Hotel - please call Judy Belfer 324-7779.

Gold Coast and Historic Hamburg District Association sponsor an afternoon of High Teas on Saturday, April 26, 2008~

(Deadline for seating is April 9)

\$30/person (Plus 60 and Red Hat Society members receive a 10% discount-\$27) \$20 is tax deductible/ticket. Our own Karen Anderson, SCHPS Executive Director, will give a 20-minute presentation at each session- For reservations please call 563 322-8911 or email sbarthomew@mchsi.com; call 563 326-2894 or email pjs312@juno.com; or mail a check (made payable to GC&HHDA) to Gold Coast High Tea, 615 Ripley Street, Davenport, IA 52803.

1:30 p.m. at "Westwin Place"-714 Western St. – An elegant 1850's home with a more intimate setting for your tea. (Sorry, seating for this home is already sold out!)
~Seats are going fast for other seating, so make your reservations soon!

2:30 p.m. at 606 W 8th St. – A roomy and colorful family home. Great for a mother-daughter tea.

3:30 p.m. at 618 W 8th St. – Spacious beautifully appointed home with originals and a lovely view.

Salute~

'Hats Off' to Historic Commissioners John Frueh and Fritz Miller, Alderman Bill Boom, and Engineer Bill Ashton, for speaking out at City Council to prevent demolition of the historic Henry Deutsch House (2001 Main Street). Deutsch was one of Davenport's most successful early Jewish immigrants. He built the first clothing manufacturing factory west of Chicago on the streets of frontier Davenport, while operating the well known "Bee Hive" cloak and millinery store on Second Street, in a building which later became Scharff's. The Deutsch house is one of Davenport's finest examples of Craftsman architecture and is an important addition to the Vander Veer Park National Register Historic District. Noted local architect, Dietrich Harfst, built the house before 1906. (An anonymous St. Paul's parishioner has offered to donate the money to renovate, or move the house, if St. Paul's agrees.) Call the Alderman's Secretary at City Hall (Cindy Webb, Ph. 888-2070) now and ask that notes be placed in the mailboxes of the Mayor and all 10 Alderman, telling them that you support the Historic Commission's decision to landmark the Deutsch House so that it can be preserved.

SCHPS Note Cards (\$10 per box)~

To order, call Karen Anderson (324-0257)

SCHPS has local historic landmark note cards for sale. They are packaged 10 to a box (8 different buildings) and are for sale from SCHPS. Please consider using these 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 weights - **(\$8.00)**

- Ward Olson: "J.S. Steamboat" tote bags - **(\$12.00)**

- "Delta Queen"/"Mississippi Queen"/"LeClaire House"

watercolor prints - **(\$20.00)**

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. These maps are available through the City of Davenport. For copies contact their website at 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 --

On 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 and have a famous traditional "1910 Outing Club Meal". Fee is \$19.00/Class # 46475.

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

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

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

Celtic Heritage Trail of the Quad Cities~

Learn about your Celtic heritage!!! There are now 6 signs posted and more to follow highlighting Celtic contributions to this region. For further information contact celticheritageqc.org or write **Celtic Heritage Trail, P.O. Box 1376, Moline, IL 61266-1376**

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society~

The next meeting scheduled for April 3rd: Black Hawk State Park as the Amusement/Recreational Park at the end of the trolley line in the 1800's. Presentation is at 7:00 p.m. Join us for dinner at 6 p.m. (\$11.50). **Contact Judy Belfer for more details – 563 324-7779.**