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Schuetzen Park Walking Tour & Pot Luck Supper~ June Annual Meeting & Election~

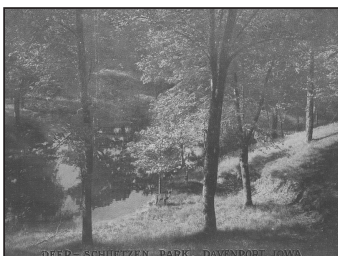
Between 1870 and 1923, Schuetzen Park was the playground for thousands of Quad-City German-American families. The park property was purchased from the Schuetzen Shooting Society in 1869 and premiered one year later as the region's most lavish amusement park. Its twenty acre wooded grounds was laid out in beautiful serpentine carriage drives and featured fountains, a huge domed outdoor music pavilion, a beer garden, dance hall, bowling alley, shooting range, amusement rides, woodland walking paths and a special trolley station, built right within the park's southern boundary. In 1895, Schuetzen Park hosted the largest public gathering ever recorded in Davenport--as over 100,000 people attended the dedication of its world-class music pavilion.

Won't you join SCHPS for a lovely picnic potluck supper on June 12th, under the arching oak trees in Schuetzen forest? After dinner, follow the walking paths deep down into the woods, where, amid the spring wild flowers, stone foundations reveal the hidden secrets of Davenport's lost playground. Do you wonder what ever happened to all those fine old buildings? Come and find out!

To get to Schuetzen Park, take Waverly Road to the base of the hill, turn west (up the hill) to reach the Good Samaritan complex. Continue west, straight through the middle of the complex, until you reach the far west side. Park at the far south side of the parking lot, near the sidewalk, that leads downhill, toward the picnic pavilion. Bring a lawn chair and a 'potluck dish to share. We look forward to seeing you!



The music pavilion



A wooded lake in the park



The famous bowling alley

June 2008 Newsletter

**SCHPS meeting -
June 12, 2008, 6:00 P.M.**

**Schuetzen Park
700 Waverly Rd.,
grounds of the Good
Samaritan Home**

**Next SCHP Meeting -
July 10, 2008**

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Summary of May Meeting at the Palmer Mansion~

On the evening of May 8th SCHPS members were treated to a very interesting, informative, and organized tour of the Palmer Mansion a-top Brady Street Hill. After gathering in the courtyard and discussing a little bit about the architecture of the historic campus buildings, viewing the statuary in the courtyard, and reviewing the history of Little Bit of Heaven, our docents for the evening divided us into small groups and took us through the house and further explained the Palmer history, pointed out many rare artifacts and antiques that BJ and Mable Palmer collected during their extensive world-wide travel, and noted all the significant architectural details of the mansion. They graciously allowed us to ask questions throughout the tour and made it a truly informative evening. Thanks to PCC for sharing their Quad City treasure with us, and especially to Lana Callender, who spent time before the meeting getting everything organized to make this a wonderful tour!

Annual Dues~

June is the threshold of our new fiscal year, so please bring your completed membership form (bottom of this newsletter) or use the enclosed envelope to mail your membership form/dues. Annual dues are \$15 per household and checks should be made payable to SCHPS. We are feeling the pinch of a dwindling treasury, especially with postage going up again, and we would like to save our money for support of the LeClaire House restoration and for an awards ceremony. If you are willing to just receive an email copy of the monthly newsletter, instead of a mailed copy, please give us your email address and indicate that. We will send you your monthly newsletter electronically. However, we want you to be informed and to attend meetings, so we will gladly mail you a hard copy of the monthly newsletter also! Thank you for your support!

Next SCHPS Meeting will be July 10th~

Details to follow in the next newsletter.

Thank You~

Donations as well as positive comments such as “Ella was the Best” (Chris Ericksen), and “She was such a dedicated person” (Bev Buerkens), continue to arrive in memory of Ella Hartmann. Special thanks for donations received this month are extended to Judy Belfer, Karen Anderson, Bev Buerkens, Chris Ericksen, Rex Grove, Ferenc Beiwel, and Polly Taylor. Your support will help make Ella’s iron bench on the front lawn of the LeClaire House a reality.

For Rent~

Totally furnished 3rd floor apartment-spectacular view of the Mississippi River \$500/month - please call Judy Belfer 324-7779

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)

Welcome New Members~

SCHPS would like to welcome our newest members- Dennis & Celeste Sievers, and Ruth Linenberger and all of Davenport.

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society~

Contact Judy Belfer for more details - 324-7779.

JOIN US!

Membership fee: \$15 per household per year (July 1-June 30)

Members receive:

- ~ 10 newsletters per year
- ~ Opportunities to participate in meetings, special events, and guided tours
- ~ A chance to meet and share with other people interested in historic preservation

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Postage keeps going up, but we want everyone to be informed of our meetings and activities.

Please check how you wish to receive your newsletter~

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Hard Copy through US Mail is sufficient: _____

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Please pay annual dues when you come to our monthly meeting or Mail to:

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Areas of Interest (please check all that apply):

- Serving on Board
- Editing Newsletter
- Presenting a program of Historical Interest
- Tour Guide for LeClaire House
- Researching a Project
- Fundraising
- Being a host at meetings
- Having SCHPS tour your house/business
- Hands-on Labor
- Staffing a merchandise table
- Advocate at City Council meetings
- Ideas for Programs
- Other: _____