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Holiday Happiness with SCHPS~

Come to our Holiday Party at the same location as last year! Meet friends, historic preservationists, and just plain old house lovers! The party starts at 6:30 at the home of Phyllis and Gene James, 20 River Drive, Bettendorf. You don't need an historic house to attend! (Just come to the party if you want to see a great historic home and visit with historic home lovers!)

Tour the first floor of this lovely renovated and carefully cared for historic home. It was originally built in the late 1880's as a 2 story, 2-room cabin. In 1904, a four square house was attached to the cabin; later a detached two-car garage was built, and a shed was added. For over 60 years the house was a triplex. Phyllis and Gene bought the house sixteen years ago and have returned it to a lovely single family home with an apartment over the garage. Phyllis credits Gene for most of the renovation work and also says that he does the holiday decorations! To get in the holiday spirit, this is a MUST SEE as you will be able to wander through the house and see "before" photos, and will learn what has been done to each room to return it to its original beautiful state.

Please bring an hors d'oeuvre, snack, bottle of wine, or holiday goodie to share. Punch and coffee will be provided. Parking is best on Greenwood or Grant Streets, (not allowed on River Drive). Please come to the back door (east side of the house) up the driveway by the garage. **(All are welcome at this backdoor!)**



December 2008 Newsletter

December 11 at 6:30 P.M.
SCHPS Holiday Party at 20 E. River Drive, Bettendorf- bring food or drink to share

January-NO MEETING
February- Local dairy farms, old and current- Joint Meeting of all local Historical Societies Time/Date/Location TBA

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Summary of November meeting~

Very special thanks are extended to Mr. Jim Schebler, his wife, Maureen, and to Mr. Bob McCue. Jim presented a fantastic slideshow (which Maureen helped him develop) cataloging the history of the Davenport School District from its original 6 schools established in 1858. Jim had slides of all the original buildings that are no longer standing. He then had slides and information on the other early buildings that are still in use today that replaced the original buildings. His talk represented fascinating snapshots of the history of Davenport as the population moved from the central city outward. If our forefathers could see the development on 53rd Street now, they would not know what to think!

The second part of the program was a presentation on the Davenport School's Museum, housed in the School District's Administrative Center. After the presentation, Bob McCue, Museum Board President, was wonderful to hang around and graciously answer all of our questions as we wandered through the museum enjoying cookies and punch. The museum is open to the public on Mondays from 9:00-11:00 A.M. and on Fridays from 1:00-4:00 P.M. By special appointment, the museum can be open at other times, so if you are interested, please call the Davenport Schools at 336-5000.

Thank you very much for your wonderful presentation that will keep us forever grateful for our Davenport Schools, the City of Davenport, and for the greater Quad City Area in which we live!

Please help us with our February Meeting~

Anyone with information regarding local dairies, please contact Judy Belfer at 324-7779. Please contribute any information or lend us any artifacts you have to make our joint meeting of all local historical societies as informative and interesting as possible. Thanks!

HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASY!!!!

SCHPS Note Cards (\$10 per box)~

Pick up boxes for gift cards (for personal use or for Christmas giving). Boxes of cards will be available at our Christmas Party or call Karen Anderson (324-0257)

SCHPS has local historic landmark note cards for sale. They are packaged 10 cards 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.

"Additional Holiday " or "Year Round" gifts~

Call Karen Anderson (324-0257)

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

Other Holiday Gift Ideas~

Give someone your care about a gift that keeps on giving- a yearly membership to SCHPS for only \$15.

(See membership application at bottom of page)

Make a donation to restore the LeClaire House in memory or honor of someone dear to you!

Purchase the book **History of Lagomarcino's Confectionery-** (a 100-year QC tradition) for \$19.95 available in either of their stores, in the Village of E. Davenport or in Moline. The book can also be ordered on line at their website. Bill Wundram will do a book signing in the East Village store on December 15th.

Upcoming Events~

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society~

"White House Ornaments" by Ilene Correll- Dec. 4, Dinner at 6:00 P.M., Program at 7:00. Call Judy Belfer for more details -324-7779 - Dinner \$11.50 per person at the Rock Island Arsenal Officers' Club

Moline Preservation Society~

Member Holiday Party-Mon., Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. at the Butterworth Center, 1105 8th St., Moline Dinner by Karen's Catering - Cost \$12.00 per person - prepaid reservations must be made by Wed., Dec. 5th to Dianne Moore at 762-3058. Program at 7:30 - Slide presentation by Barb and Dick Sandberg - Cruising the Rhine: Holland to the Black Forest.

Check www.molinepreservation.org for time and details for all MPS events~

German American Heritage Center~

Christkindlemarkt at the GAHC, Nov.22 - Dec. 24. A unique place to shop for friends and family!

Also attend their **Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long** lead by Henry Storjohann, accompanied by Stan Muller and ASHHS Chorus, on Dec. 9 at 7:00 P.M.

Then on Dec. 14 at 2:00 P.M. attend the annual **Christmas Zither and Bell Choir Concert** at the Scott County Family Y. For more information, go to director@gahc.org or call (563) 322-8844.

International Holiday Market~ (GAHC participates)~

December 13, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00P.M. On the Sky Bridge in downtown Davenport - Another opportunity to buy uniquely foreign gifts that will benefit local historical and cultural organizations!

Rock Island County Historical Society-meets at 11:30 A.M. at the First Congregational Church - 2201 7th Ave, Moline. Cost is \$6.50 and meetings are open to the public

~Dec. 15, John Donald O'Shea & George Eaton "1857 Lincoln-Douglas Debate Reenactment" (+ 150 years now since their historic debates)

Scott Community College seminar, "Celebrating Lagomarcino's 100th Year" at Lagomarcino's, a tour and sundae; Jan. 21, 2:30 to 4:30pm, with Tom Lagomarcino sharing stories and the history of his family owned business and a tour of the candy kitchen: \$9.00

Annual Dues~

Thanks to all of you who have already renewed your annual SCHPS membership or have recently joined our group. Dues are \$15 annually per household and our membership year runs from July 1 through June 30. IF you are a past member, you are in good standing if you did not receive a dues envelope in this newsletter. A membership form is attached at the bottom of this newsletter if you would like to join our organization.

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: _____

Email: _____

We want everyone to be informed of our meetings and activities.

Please check how you wish to receive your newsletter~

Email copy 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: _____