

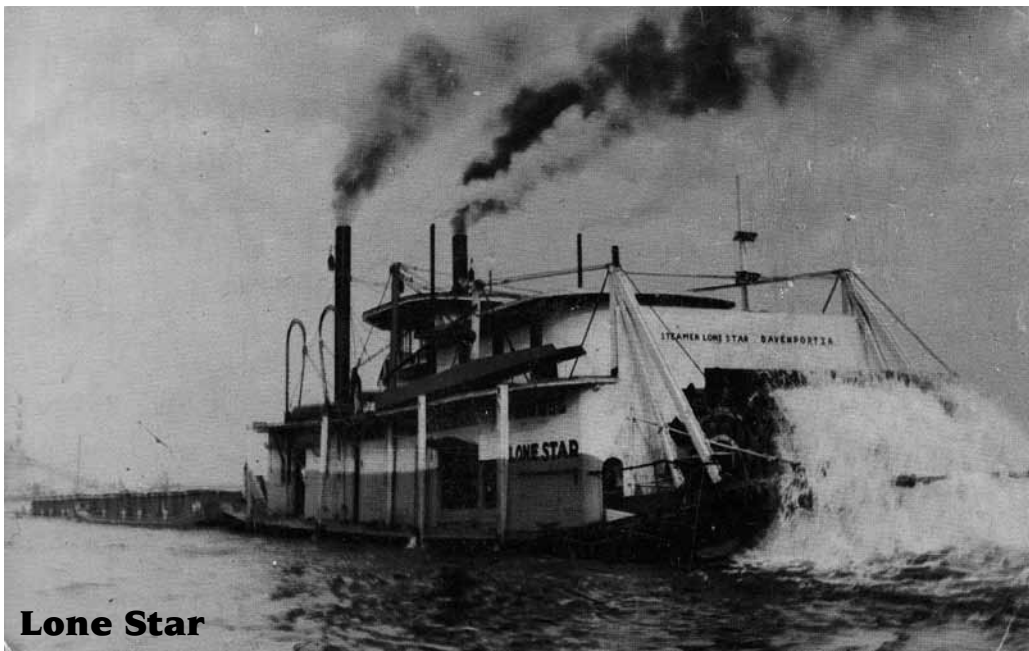
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April 9th Meeting~ 7:00 P.M. ~ "Spring has Sprung"!

What better way to celebrate than by coming to LeClaire, IA, & touring the Buffalo Bill Museum and Lone Star - a wooden, steam-powered, stern-wheeler towboat. (Admission for both museum and Lone Star is \$4/person-**reduced price**. The money will be used for facility restoration and maintenance expenses, so think of it as a charitable contribution. (Come early and visit the shops of LeClaire and be surprised by their gems!) Dr. Ahlgren, director of the museum, will be our tour guide for the evening. She is hoping to have a second guide so that we can split into 2 groups for a more personalized tour. The museum features such articles of interest as a case filled with Buffalo Bill memorabilia including copies of letters he sent during his travels. There is a Commission Document, signed by Abraham Lincoln, making Rousch, a Scott County resident who fought in the Civil War, a commissioned Union officer. Also of interest are many artifacts from the Sauk and Fox Indian tribes who lived in the area. The Lone Star, a work in progress, is not heated and has no seating, but there is an elevator available to the lower level.



Lone Star

Dinner at 5:30 at Sneaky Pete's in LeClaire ~ Join us before hand for a quick bite to eat. You can get a sandwich, burger, even a buffalo burger, with a side, in the \$5.00 - \$8.00 price range, with dinners from \$8.95 up. (*Tradition*-gentlemen, wear an **OLD** tie, as the staff at Sneaky's has been cutting gentlemen's ties off for many-a-year! Have your 'relic' become part of LeClaire's tradition!)

April 2009 Newsletter

April 9, 2009, 7:00 P.M.

Buffalo Bill Museum
& Lone Star Steam Towboat
199 N. Front St., LeClaire
(\$4.00 admission/person)
Join us at 5:30 P.M. at Sneaky
Pete's (LeClaire) for dinner

Next SCHPS' Meeting May 14th

Research the history of your
home, by Scharlott Blevins

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Summary of March Meeting~

SCHPS members were treated to a wonderfully informative presentation at the Bettendorf Library on March 12th, when Dr. Ellen Tsagaris, of Kaplan University, spoke on the life and times of Susan Glaspell (1876-1948). As Dr. Tsagaris well stated, what Charlotte Bronte did for the novel, Susan Glaspell did for the play. Although Susan still remains relatively an unknown in American Literature, scholars recognize her work and now say she is one of the most outstanding playwrights in American history! Thank you, Dr. Tsagaris, for a most interesting presentation!

Next Meeting of SCHPS on May 14, 2008 - Time to be determined ~ Research the History of your Home - by Scharlott Goetsch Blevins at the German American Heritage Center.

Great Depression Era~ If you have memories of the Great Depression Era please contact John O'Shea at pelagius@qconline.com

A Very Special Thank You is extended to Mrs. Mary Ann Eng of Northfield, MN, for her generous contribution to Suzy Rynn's Memorial Fund. Mary Ann, we plan to do a memorial piece for the mantle of the LeClaire House in Suzy's memory.

Upcoming Events~

Gold Cost and Historic Hamburg District Association of Davenport is sponsoring its 3rd Annual High Tea on Flag Day, Sunday, June 14, 2009, 1:30 P.M.~

High tea will be held promptly at 1:30 P.M. in 3 lovely restored historic homes: the Payl Karlowa Home at 723 Brown St., the Captain James May Home at 624 Western Ave., and the Henry Struck Home at 703 Ripley. At 3:00 P.M. all guests will be treated to a 1/2 hour concert at the Gold Coast Park presented by Ellis Kell, local musician/artist. High Tea is a full meal including dessert and 3 kinds of tea. Price for the tea is \$33. Red Hats, +60, and Early Birds (before May 4th) can get tickets for \$30. To reserve your "home" and purchase tickets, please contact PJ Slobojanpjs312@q.com - 563-326-2894, or Sara Bartholomew sbartholomew@mchsi.com - 563-322-8911. Proceeds from the event will garner funding for education in the area. Past proceeds have been used for the education program at the LeClaire House and for an historic informational kiosk, to be erected at the top of the Western Street steps this spring. The GC&HHDA look forward to seeing you at their High Tea.

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society~ Thursday, April 2nd, 7:00 P.M. Award winning industrial writer **Larry A. Riney** discusses his book *Hell Gate of the Mississippi, the Effie Afton Trial and Abraham Lincoln's Role in It*. Meeting open to the public. (Use Moline or Dav. entrance to Arsenal Island and show photo ID to gain entrance to Arsenal Island Club.

Rock Island County Historical Society ~ April 20, First Congregational Church, 2201 7th Ave., Moline ~ Lunch 11:30 (\$5.00), program 12:15 P.M., "154 Years of Williams & White in Moline," by Tom Getz, Chairman and CEO of Moline Forge.

Moline Preservation Society~

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

German American Heritage Center~

April 5 at 2:00 P.M. at the GAHC- Attend a program on the history German Free Schools in Davenport. (Free to members of GAHC, \$5.00 for non-members) This program coincides with the opening of the German Free Schools Exhibit at the GAHC.

On Sat., June 20 GAHC is sponsoring a bus trip to LaSalle, IL (departs at 8:30 A.M. and return about 5:30 P.M.) Tour will include an hour trip on the I & M canal aboard a replica 19th century canal boat pulled by mules as it was 150 years ago. After that, the group will enjoy a buffet lunch at the Lock 16 visitor center café and have time to view canal exhibits and browse in the gift shop. Finally, they will tour the stately Hegeler Carus Mansion, a National Historic Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Learn all about the Carus family, a German-American family whose international history is tightly woven with that of the Illinois Valley. (\$50 for GAHC Members, \$60 for Non-members) To register for more information contact: 563 322-8844, Fax 563 322-2687, or email director@gahc.org Registration deadline is May 15, 2009 To get ready for this trip, attend the June 6th program on the Hegeler Carus Mansion at the GAHC at 2:00 P.M. (\$5.00 for non-members of GAHC, free to members)

Colonel Davenport Historic Foundation~

Opening of the House on Sat., May 2, 12-4 P.M.~ Celebrate the start of the 2009 season by coming for a free tour of the Colonel Davenport House on Opening Day. Bring a friend along to get a guided tour of the house and enjoy refreshments. Free admission that day.

MILITARY LIFE AT FORT ARMSTRONG~

On Wednesday, April 15th at 12 noon at the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club on Arsenal Island, Local author and historian Regena Schantz takes a look at life for early soldiers stationed at Fort Armstrong. in her presentation entitled "No Small Sacrifice: Military Life at Fort Armstrong." The cost for lunch is \$13 for CDHF members & \$16 Non-members. RSVP: Mail check, payable to CDHF c/o Donald O'Shea, 3113 2nd St., Moline, IL, 61265 Questions? Please contact Don at (309) 762-8156 or pelagius@qconline.com **Reservations in advance are required. RSVP by April 11.**

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- 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: _____