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## Research the History of your Home~

Locally noted genealogist, Scharlott Blevins, will present a program entitled "Who Owned That Land: Locating the History of a Property" to help you discover how to research the past of your home- May 14, 7:00 P.M. GAHC-4th floor. It is like doing genealogy for a location or structure as most people do for family. Come to our next SCHPS meeting to discover the historic past contained within the confines of your property boundaries or within the 4 walls of your old home!

## Special Thank You to our hosts for our last meeting~

Seventeen SCHPS members met at Sneaky Pete's in LeClaire at 5:30 for dinner before moving on to the Buffalo Bill Museum and the dry docked Lone Star paddlewheel boat on April 9th. Mary Stoddard and Bob Schiffke, two very pleasant and knowledgeable docents, led our two groups through the museum and boat. Dr. Mary Ahlgren, museum director, had arranged to open the museum for our group beyond its normal hours to accommodate our tour. The museum is packed with an eclectic mix of items ranging from copies of Buffalo Bill's letters during his travels, to a Commission Document signed by Abraham Lincoln, to a large wasp nest. Docent Mary Stoddard's personal history with LeClaire was an asset. Bob Schiffke not only gives tours of the Lone Star, but he also works on restoring it. His knowledge of the boat and its history is impressive. All in all, it was an enjoyable and informative evening. Most of us left wondering why we didn't visit this gem of a nearby river town more often.

## Shopping and Gift Giving for Someone Special Made Easy!!!!

SCHPS Note Cards (\$10 per box)~ **Call Karen Anderson (324-0257)**

SCHPS has local historic landmark-building note cards for sale that are original artwork by noted local artist Ward Olson. These cards are suitable for framing). The note cards are packaged 10 to a box (8 different buildings). Please consider using these to show your pride in Quad City History and buy extra boxes for special gifts.

## Other Gift Ideas~

**Give someone you 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 Antoine LeClaire House in memory or honor of someone dear to you!**

## Upcoming Events~

**Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation~** Opening of the House

Saturday, May 2, 12-4 pm - 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.

**Fort Armstrong Centennial Celebration~** Wed. June 10th, 12 noon at the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club on Arsenal Island. For 20 years, from 1816 to 1836, Fort Armstrong served as a cornerstone for the communities developing on both sides of the river. The Fort's importance was recognized in 1916, when community members representing each of the Tri-Cities organized and built a replica blockhouse to mark the site of the former Fort. See photographs and documents from the event in a program

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## May 2009 Newsletter

**May 14, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.**  
4th floor - German American  
Heritage Center "Who Owned  
That Land: Locating the  
History of a Property"  
by Schar Blevins

June 11, 2009- SCHPS Annual  
Meeting at the LeClaire  
House "Patriots of the Prairie"  
Election of Officers/Board and  
Dues are due for 09-10

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presented by Kris Leinicke. Luncheon cost ~ CDHF members \$13, Non-members \$16. Mail check, payable to CDHF c/o Donald O'Shea, 3113 2nd St., Moline, IL 61265 or [pelagius@qconline.com](mailto:pelagius@qconline.com). RSVP by June 5.

**Iowa Welcome Center**~ Sat., May 9 from 11:00-2:00 - 20th Anniversary of the LeClaire Welcome Center 'Vendor's Fair'. View products from 25 local vendors. This event will be featured on May 5th on Paula Sands Live—KWQC!

**Quad City Heritage League**~ Sat. June 6 at Oakdale Cemetery in Dav. at 2:00 P.M. Special Guest Speaker is Dee Death on the topic "Remember When".

**A Must See for all Preservationists**~ A multi-media art exhibit in St. Ambrose University's Galvin Fine Arts Center Lobby (open 8 A.M.-9:00 P.M. daily through May 10th), presented by Todd McGreevy, Publisher of the River Cities Reader. McGreevy's "1914 River Installation" exhibit features 4 stunning 10 ft. wide photographic blow-ups of an historic 58-inch long panoramic photo taken on the Davenport riverfront in 1914. The blow-ups include stunning views of the Gold Coast hillside, hundreds of downtown buildings and steamboats docked on the brick levee. The ten foot wide, five foot tall, blow-ups are the next best thing to stepping back into a life-sized version of historic downtown Davenport. Along the river's edge, at the bottom of each photo, McGreevy has placed architectural remnants which he has collected over the years of historic building parts: tin ceiling squares from the J. H. C. Petersen building, exterior tin cornicing from Ankeny Flats on W. 3rd St., support beams from the Stern's Building (Judy's Antiques), etc. The exhibit is a fascinating retrospective on a very rare panoramic photo, which has managed to capture all of what is no more!

**Gold Coast and Historic Hamburg District Association sponsoring (on Sunday, June 14)** "High Tea & High Flags with Ellis Kell", the 3rd Annual High Tea in Davenport, Iowa's Historic Gold Coast. Tea at 1:30 P.M. in 3 lovely restored historic homes: the Paul Karlowa Home - 723 Brown St., the Captain James May Home - 624 Western Ave., and the Henry Christian Struck Home - 703 Ripley Street. Concert at 3:00 P.M. (rain venue at German American Heritage Center): Ellis Kell's folk, blues, patriotic concert at Gold Coast Park at 7th and Ripley. Cost: \$33 (\$30 for +60, Red Hats and Early Birds who register before May 4). Contact: PJ Slobojan, 563-326-2894, [pjs312@q.com](mailto:pjs312@q.com)

**Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society**~ At the Arsenal Club on Thursday, May 7th, you'll meet "Mary Stewart, A Woman Who Never Gave Up." Mary Stewart is one of the many characters that has been portrayed by Kathleen Seusy during the "Echoes from Riverside" cemetery walks in Moline. Dinner at 6:00 P.M. - \$11.50. Program - 7:00 P.M. is free to the public. Dinner reservations due by noon on Monday, May 4th - call (309) 796-0616 or (309) 792-0087. Enter either the Moline or Davenport entrances to the Arsenal with valid picture ID and tell the guard at the

gate you are attending a function at the Arsenal Club.

The Iowa State Historical Society has awarded the **Secret 1883 Octagonal Barn**, a restoration grant, as part of the Historical Resource Development Program. The barn is one of the oldest & largest octagonal barns in the US. A portion of the grant will go to the restoration of the foundation. Volunteers are needed to help remove old mortar on May 2, 2009 from 11am to 1 pm. A potluck picnic will follow at 1 pm. Contact Rich Tyler (319 337 2544 or [rich-tyler@uiowa.edu](mailto:rich-tyler@uiowa.edu)) with questions. To get to the Barn go to West Branch exit on I- 80 and turn south 4 miles to Downey. Turn right (west) on Cedar St. and at the end of the street turn left (south) on Adams, The barn is 1 mile out of town.

**Moline Preservation Society**~ MPS Annual Awards Reception will be held, on Wed., May 20, 2009 at the Butterworth Center. Check [www.molinepreservation.org](http://www.molinepreservation.org) for time and details for all MPS events.

**German American Heritage Center**~ **June 6th** -program on the Hegeler Carus Mansion at the GAHC at 2:00 P.M. (\$5.00 for non-members, free to members) This program is to prepare for the trip to LaSalle on June 20th.

**Sat., June 20** GAHC is sponsoring a bus trip to LaSalle, IL (depart 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, there will be a tour of 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 or for more information contact: 563 322-8844, Fax 563 322-2687, or email [director@gahc.org](mailto:director@gahc.org) Registration deadline is May 15, 2009

**Annual Dues**~ SCHPS's membership year runs from July 1 through June 30th. SCHPS membership dues will remain the same for the upcoming 2009-2010 membership year: \$15.00 per household. However this will only include the newsletter by email. To control spiraling costs, the SCHPS Board has voted to request that any household requesting a hand mailed monthly newsletter, will require an additional \$5.00 cost per year. In short for membership and hard copy of monthly news letter annual dues will be \$20.00. We have not raised dues for over 17 years and with the increase in postage and the printing, folding and actual mailing of the newsletter we must request this increase to cover our costs. We hope this will not create a problem for our long-term members and look forward to everyone renewing their membership soon. A membership form is attached at the bottom of this newsletter. Please join us! Giving us your email address helps us be able to notify you of special meetings, events, etc. We will only send you our monthly newsletter or notify you of special events and will not pass your email address along to outside sources. Thank you!

## JOIN US!

**Membership fee:** \$15 per household per year (July 1-June 30) for email copy, \$20 per household for hard copy

### 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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### Please check how you wish to receive your newsletter~

Email copy (\$15): \_\_\_\_\_

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Both Email & Hard Copy (\$20): \_\_\_\_\_

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_