

Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.  
1923 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Davenport, Iowa 52803

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*July 2009 Newsletter*

***July 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting~  
Village Walking Tour***

**6:00 P.M.~Lagomarcino's  
(Free Cone For Members)**

**6:30 P.M.~  
Village Tour Begins On  
Prospect Terrace Park  
Overlook**

**No meeting in August**

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To Be Announced

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**A big "THANK YOU" to all of the SCHPS members who faithfully turned out for the back-to-back Lindsay Park Hearing and the Peter Bruckmann House demolition hearings.**

## **YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!**

To show our appreciation, SCHPS's July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature a Village of East Davenport National Register Historic District walking tour, led by Karen Anderson.

**6:00 P.M.-See you at Lagomarcino's for a pre-meeting treat-**

A FREE one dip ice cream cone for all SCHPS members, courtesy of SCHPS President Judy Belfer and Tom Lagomarcino!!!

**6:30 P.M.-Meet on the Prospect Terrace Park Overlook** (site of the 1836 Keokuk Purchase Treaty signing) to begin our car caravan/walking tour to the nearby Village business district.

Join us for a lovely summer evening stroll past the log cabins and grand mansions of one of Iowa's oldest frontier log rafting towns. Enjoy the stunning river vistas which once attracted such nationally famous adventurers as Zebulon Montgomery Pike, George Catlin and Robert E. Lee. You will especially enjoy viewing Bob Balzer's 40 year collection of historic photos of East Davenport, which line the walls of his century old "Grumpy's Saloon". See you there!

**Special Thanks to Karen Anderson for our June meeting~**



Special thank you to Karen Anderson, Executive Director of SCHPS, for her most dynamic and informative presentation entitled "Patriots of the Prairie" at the Antoine LeClaire House on Thursday evening, June 11<sup>th</sup>. About 30 members were greeted at the door by Karen dressed as Lady Liberty in period costume including a big hoop skirt. Karen gave a most interesting presentation on the QC immigrants and their connection to the Civil War. Before the program, a short business meeting was held and all former officers and board members were reelected. SCHPS is still looking for a newsletter editor for the coming year. Please come forward and offer your talents to an organization that needs a good volunteer!

(Help and guidance will be given to the new editor!)

**SCHPS Welcomes New Member: Schar Blevins~**

Schar was the presenter of our May program on researching the history of your home.

**Suzi Rynn Memorial~**



Suzi Rynn was one of SCHPS's most dedicated Board members, officers, LeClaire House volunteers and City Hall preservation advocates for over twenty years. When Suzi passed away last October, SCHPS established the Suzi Rynn Memorial Fund. It is our intention to purchase a beautiful three piece Victorian prisms girandole mantel candelabra set for the LeClaire House parlor, in Suzi's honor. Join us in providing a permanent memorial for one of SCHPS most dedicated members?

Donations: Checks made out to "SCHPS" (Notation: Suzi Rynn Memorial)

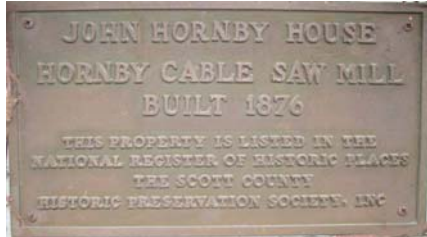
Send Donations to: Ferenc Beiwel, Treasurer 1220 Waverly Road Davenport Iowa 52803

**SCHPS Historic Plaque Fundraiser~**

This project is a SCHPS fundraiser. A portion of proceeds will benefit SCHPS and the historic LeClaire House in Davenport, IA. Please allow 6 weeks for delivery.

**Bronze / Brass**

**\$105.00**



(Actual size 11.375" x 6.375")

**Aluminum**

**\$75.00**



(Actual size 11.375" x 6.375")

**Plaques may only be ordered for properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places**

Cast by a local foundry, plaques include the following:

Historic name of property, year of Construction and historical relevance

*\*Due to space limitations, the designer may abbreviate info.*

To order, contact: Ferenc Beiwel Phone: 563-386-1969

**Upcoming Events~**

**German American Heritage Center~**

Saturday, July 18, 2:00 P.M. "The Brewing of Beer" Presented by Brad Sturgeon. Includes exhibit entitled "Brewery Ephemera" on display at the GAHC. Exhibit offers a history of local breweries, many of which sprouted from German roots. (Free to members, \$5.00 for non-members)

Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 1:00 P.M. Concert in Schuetzen Park at the bandstand in front of the Jens Lornezen Pavilion. This event is a tribute to the "Graf Zeppelin" airship. (In August 1929, the "Titanic of the Skies," the "Graf Zeppelin" flew over Davenport as a sign of respect for our community's large German population. Piloted by Dr. Hugo Eckener, a native of Schleswig-Holstein, the airship, also known as the LZ 127, went on to circumnavigate the Earth and was the most successful commercial airship to ever fly.) To mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this occasion, a free concert will be performed by the Quad City Brass Quintet, and by Susan McPeters & Jonathan Turner. Seiffert's Lumber Company sponsors the Quintet. The event is underwritten by the American / Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society Endowment Fund.

**Gold Coast and Historic Hamburg District Association~**

September 19 and 20, Open House Tour- (details to follow in September Newsletter.)

GC-HHDA would like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated in our "High Tea and High Flags with Ellis Kell." What a neat, exuberant group you were, and it was a pleasure to have you visit our neighborhood homes!

We have already gotten together for planning the next tea: tentatively - Holiday Tea on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010. (Stay tuned for more details, but save the date!)

**Moline Preservation Society~** (Please support the MPS in its effort to prevent the demolition of the Davenport, Rock Island and Northwestern Railroad Depot (in Moline). It is proposed to be

demolished with the construction of the new I-74 Bridge across the Mississippi. (This is an historical QC Landmark and we need to rally to save it!)

**JOIN US!**

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

Mail memberships to:

Scott County Historic Preservation Society Inc. P. O. Box 5017 Bettendorf, IA 52722

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Miscellaneous~**

**FOR RENT:**

**Furnished Apartment**

**1,100 sq. ft.**

**Best River view in town.**

**1 person, no pets/smoking.**

**Heat paid. Call Judy Belfer,**

**Ph. 563-324-7779**