



Next SCHPS Meeting **Thursday October 14th 6:30pm** **Oak Lane Walking Tour**
 Meet at corner of Oak Lane & High Street Parking along High Street Only 2010

Guided walking tour hosted by professional preservation planner, Rebecca McCarley



Our meeting on Thursday October 14 will start at 6:30 p.m. with a walking tour of the picturesque Oak Lane Historic District. The 25 houses along the two-block length of Oak Lane represent housing developments around the turn of the 20th century in Davenport. At this time, Locust was a major street car line, and Oak Lane extended into the rural area north of Locust providing housing with easy access to the line. Amos Cutter, Real estate developer, platted the south 12 lots of the first addition in the 1890s, following by the north 16 lots of the second addition at the end of the 1890s. The original farmhouse, a frame Italianate house, was retained within the development. Construction of the other houses spanned the next decade. By 1910, all 25 houses were constructed, including styles

such as Queen Anne, Shingle, Georgian Revival, and Colonial Revival. While the largest homes built were by wealthy families in the first addition, the houses within the second addition built for middle class families are also substantial in size.

As our light disappears, we will continue our meeting with a tour of the Horace G. and Dorothy L. Roberts House at 17 Oak Lane. The two-story Georgian Revival was built in 1903 for the Roberts family, who previously lived nearby. Horace Gordon Roberts, at age 28, was vice president and treasurer of the U.N. Roberts Company, a lumber and sash business started by his father in East Davenport in 1866. Along with his brother Edward C. Roberts and partner Harry Van Tine Scott, Horace founded the mail-order Gordon-Van Tine Company in 1907. The company initially supplied Sears with building materials, then launched their own mail order house and materials line in 1912. Horace served as general manager of the Gordon-Van Tine Company and of the U.N. Roberts Company. By 1926, he was president of both companies, as well as the associated sash and door business, The McClelland Company. He continued to run the three companies into the 1940s, living here on Oak Lane. At age 70, he sold this house in 1945, and then he sold the three firms to Sidney Rose in 1946, who then closed the first two companies. Horace and Dorothy then retired to her native Canada. The house was converted to a duplex in the 1950s, and then to a 5-unit apartment building by 1965. In 2008, the current owners, Rebecca and Bill McCarley, began the process of converting the property back into a single family home. The house once again conveys its spacious quality, with large rooms, excellent woodwork, tile work on six fireplaces, and character dating to 1903.



Horace G. and Dorothy L. Roberts House

Rebecca McCarley

Next SCHPS Meeting **Thursday November, 11th 6:30pm** **Alexander G. Clark**
Meet at the Bettendorf Library in the Gilbert Room

Scott County Historic Preservation Society in partnership with Bettendorf Library's Civil Rights Project
Present

Dan Clark & D. Kent Sissel

A program on Alexander G. Clark. A man who arguably did more for civil rights than anyone else in 19th century Iowa. www.alexanderclark.org

Good News For Quarters One~

The Gen. Thomas Rodman Mansion, Quarters One, has been returned to the hands of the U.S. Army for extensive renovation. The 51 room mansion, second in size only to the White House,



will be renovated into a community activity events center for soldiers and their families. Its 22 bedrooms will be rented to visitors, as well as visiting military dignitaries.

Welcome new members~

Barb & Mike Bleedorn	Brook & Eric Giese	Marilyn W Miller	Joe & Dian Schmit
John & Elaine Brassard	Toni & Phil Hall	Kathy & Jim Phelan	Terry Ratcliff
Connie Carlson	Frank Hurtte	Coky Powers	Kris Woodard
Stephen D Earp,	Chris Iossi	Beth Miller & Tom Swenson	
Mary Erickson	Carol Miller	Matt & Andrea Trimble	

Hats Off To SCHPS Homes Tour Volunteers!!!!!!!

Great moments do not happen without committed volunteers who step forward to become the “wind beneath the wings” (*hard labor*) needed to move mountains and make history come alive. On September 19th, SCHPS volunteers outdid themselves. In just five short hours, their volunteer efforts raised over \$7,000.00 for the Antoine LeClaire House renovation effort! More importantly, they gave the public a grand day of discovery in the heart of central city historic neighborhoods which they will never forget.

How can we thank the four tour home owners enough who agreed to open their private residences to almost 600 appreciative house guests? Cars are still touring the neighborhoods weeks after, thanks to buzz created by the following generous home owners:

Tim Huey & Sandy Doran, Charles Stein House, 2017 E. 13th St.
David Leo & Andrew Patterson, Dr. E.S. Barrows Mansion, 224 E. 6th St.
Senator Dr. Joe Seng, Renwick Mansion, 901 Tremont Ave.
Ed & Sandy Winborn, Herman Beckmann House, 2102 E. 13th St.

Many thanks to The German American Heritage Center
and our many Homes Tour Book advertisers

Homes tour Committee Chairman, Duane Timm, pulled the day off with the ease of a dinner party---even finding the time to inspire 17 tour guests to become new SCHPS members before the afternoon was over. Kudos to Duane and his talented hard working team of committee members: Sara Barthlomew-tour book Editor; Karen Anderson-tour book historian; Rex Grove-volunteer coordinator; Jeff Gomez-tour planning; Judy Belfer-advertising & Girl-Friday; Ferenc Beiwel-Treasurer. Special “Thanks” to the talents of florist Mary Ann Beck and calligrapher Carol Daut; parking lot attendants David Pai and Ferrel Anderson; antique cars displays by Marshall Daut & Buster Miller; merchandise sales by Alison Anderson and Hanna Lopez;; sale items featuring donated art work by Ward Olson; River City Sign Co. (Silvis) for assistance in erecting a huge tour sign on River Drive and two at the Lindsay trolley stop. Many thanks to Alma Gaul for her wonderful pre-tour coverage!!!!

Our volunteer tour guides deserve a deep bow, all on their own: John & Kathy Martin; Lolita Bauer; Pam Portland; Malita Tunnicliff; Beth Hodges; Carol& Marshall Daut; Jan Day & Danny Lindsay; Rex & Sue Grove; Francy & Dennis Ricketts; Dave Cortes & Bryan Patchull; Chris Lieneke; Jaie Delevere; Jeff Gomes; Deb Morton; Karlyn Gomez; Steph McGrath; Karen Anderson; Jim & Ann Jochum; Linda Miller; Shanna Smith; Shar Blevins; P.J. Slovojan; Carrie Kemple; Ann Hailey; Phyllis & Gene James; Janet Leman; Polly Taylor; Ann Hailey; Mark Miller; Chuck Roeder; Jill Fluker; Jolene Kenney; Ferenc Beiwel; LaJuan Gault; and Judy Belfer.

(If your name was inadvertently left off this list—please call Karen at 324-0257)

October:

- 8th & 9th Iowa Genealogical Society 2010 Fall Conference. www.iowa.genealogy.org
- 8th & 9th Annual Iowa One-Room Schoolhouse Conference. Brochure at Preservation website, www.preservationiowa.org
- 16th 7:00 a.m.-6:35 p.m.: Motor coach to Middleton, WI. Mustard Museum Tour. Lunch at the Essen Haus German Restaurant followed by Wisconsin State Capitol Tour. Non-members \$60, members \$50. Registration and Payment no later than October 7, 2010. Questions? Contact the GAHC staff 322-8844.
- 16th & 17th All State Barn Tour, Iowa. www.iowabarnfoundation.org.
- 25th Noon to 4 pm, Colonel Davenport House last day of the season tour. Free admission.

November:

- 5th Due date: nominations for Most Endangered Properties Program. Nomination/guidelines from www.preservationiowa.org.
- 11th 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Scott County Historic Preservation Society in partnership with Bettendorf Library's Civil Rights Project present Dan Clark & D. Kent Sissel. Alexander G. Clark program. A man who arguably did more for civil rights than anyone else in 19th century Iowa. Bettendorf Library/Gilbert Room www.alexanderclark.org

December:

- 5th 2:00 p.m. GAHC Davenport Zither Ensemble joined by Augustana College Handbell Choir for a Christmas concert at the Scott County Family Y at Gaines & W Second Streets in Davenport. Non-members \$5, members Free.
- 6th 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Motor coach trip to Chicago's Christkindlmarket Shopping Adventure (three hours). Non-members \$35, members \$25. Registration and payment must be made no later than November 25th.

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