

Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.



Karpelles Manuscript Museum
700 22nd Street
Rock Island
6:30 p.m. February 14th

Please join us for a tour of the Karpelles Manuscript Museum located in the former Church of Christ, Scientist. The building was designed by William C. Jones of Chicago and built in the Palladian style between 1914-1915.

In 2011, David and Marsha Karpelles purchased the building that had housed the Church of Christ, Scientist. Since that time, much effort has gone into restoring and readying the building for their museum.

The Karpelles Museum has the world's largest collection of original manuscripts and documents. What you will see are high quality reproductions of the original documents. The Karpelles' goal for the museum is to stimulate interest in learning, especially in children.

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Next SCHPS meeting
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News from the SCHPS Board of Directors

Now that funding has been secured to move the Moline Train Depot, SCHPS has sent a check for \$500.00 to honor our pledge. We are excited to see such ground support for this project and hope that once it is completed, we will have a SCHPS meeting and tour of the depot.



Other news from the SCHPS Board

The Park and Recreation Department of the City of Davenport has informed us of several major changes which will affect our relationship with the LeClaire House.

The three major points are:

1. Insurance. SCHPS would need to provide a \$1 million per occurrence insurance policy for the City.
2. Finances and records. All the financial records and bank accounts would be reported to the City and under review by the City
3. Volunteers. All volunteers at the LeClaire house will be under the direction of the City of Davenport.

After much discussion, the SCHPS board has decided to sever our relationship with the LeClaire House/Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Davenport.

The money in our Memorial Account, approximately \$700, will be given to the LeClaire House, as that money was given especially for the LeClaire House.

The LeClaire House is under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Department with Betsy Tubbs as Facility Manager and Karen Andersen as Site Manager. The board is hopeful that this will be a good move for the LeClaire House and that it may move forward with restoration and more public access.

If you wish to volunteer for the LeClaire House, you will need to register with the Volunteer Connection at City Hall.

Upcoming Events with SCHPS

These are some of the meetings that we are planning :

May 8th, we will hold a joint meeting with the Rock Island Historical Society and the Bettendorf Library (meeting to be held at the library) to learn about the Dakota Indian Prison at Camp McClellan (present day McClellan Heights).

Later this summer a hands-on training by one of our leading restoration carpenters (Barry Smiley)

Perhaps a tour and then a potluck supper over at the Davenport House on Rock Island Arsenal.

An educational tour of the Nahant Marsh.

A "field trip" to Moline for a tour of Allendale.

We are planning an interesting and educational season. If you have any suggestions for meetings, please contact any board member.

