# October 2013 Newslette

The Westrom's Schricker Hom

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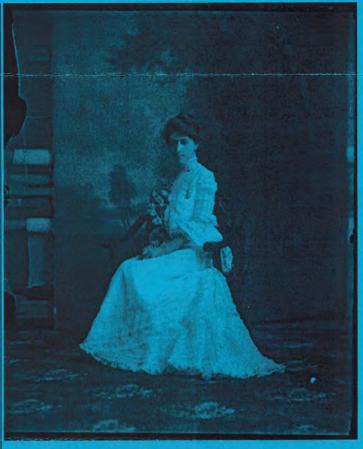
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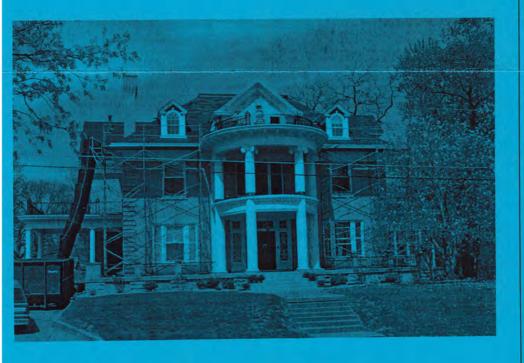
Tour Mark and Judy
Westrom's Schricker
Home located at 1430
Clay St., Davenport,
Iowa in the Riverview
Terrace Historical
District on Thursday
Oct. 10, 2013 at 6:30
p.m. For members
and guests only

**Special thanks:** we wish to extend our appreciation to the Smiles for the gracious tour of their home and the stone carriage house. What an experience taking us back in time with the great collection of early American antiques and beautiful rug work. Thank you again.

We also wish to thank Polly Taylor and Duane Timm for the years of newsletters they each were able to write and get out to the entire membership. Duane set up the format for us as well as gathered all the historical information monthly. It was always a treat just to read the newsletters. Thank you very much from the entire membership. And also, we wish to thank Dick Hochstetler for auditing Ferenc's treasury report each year for the IRS. He is a true asset for our society.

## Facts about the home and owners of 1430 Clay St.

- Built in 1902.
- Original owner, Selma Schricker. The house was built for her by her father Lorenzo, a lumber magnate.
- Selma lived here and she never married.
- Selma attended Davenport public schools but graduated from St. Katherine's - a private preparatory school for girls. She died at her home, 4 Sept. 1931 at age 50 and is buried with her sister Harriet and halfbrother Richard in the first mausoleum in Oakdale.
- Selma was a charitable woman and owned a beautiful flower garden. She had imported a number of foreign flowers and plants for her garden which became one of the city's beauty spots. She also had an exceptional appreciation of music.
- The home was next owned by the Catholic Diocese of Davenport. Four bishops lived in the home over the years.
- The Diocese sold the home to the Cooksey family sometime in the 1990s.
- The Cookseys were the first family with children to live in the home.
- The Cookseys sold the home to the Westroms in November 2000; Judy and Mark are our hosts.



# SCHPS Upcoming Events

**Nov. 14** Black Hawk State Park

**Dec. 12** Holiday party at Jackson School

**Feb. 14** Meeting at the Figge for power point presentation about the history of the Figge and tour of original collection

### Other Events

Oct. 13 2-4:00 German American Heritage Center: German American Genealogy Workshop \$25/35 Call 322-8844.

Oct 27. 2:00 German American Heritage Center: "German Prisoners of War & the Mississippi Basin Model" Call 322-8844

### Reminders

Every member should be up to date on the 2013-2014 season dues. Only paid members are allowed on the private house tours.

Remember if you have some place you want us to go or someone to listen to, please contact a board member.
We want to bring as many interesting topics and places to our membership as we possibly can.