Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.



December 2013 Newsletter

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Tour the Jackson Renaissance Apartments

Formally Jackson School Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013 6:30 p.m.

Enter through main entrance on 16th Street under the large sign "1420." Please bring an hors d'oeuvre.

Other items of interest please see Ferenc or Judy about:

Dec. 29 Tea & Hot Choc. for the German American Heritage Center \$15.00 per person

Jan. 15 Scott County History Continued w/Larry Minard Outing Club

Jan. 29 Susan Glaspell Outing Club \$21.00

Mar. 21 Farnam Dinner at the Rogalski Center -- table for ten is being reserved for SCHPS; \$40.00 per person

For the SCHPS holiday meeting at 6:30, Thursday, December 12, we'll meet at the newly-created Jackson Renaissance Apartments (formerly Jackson School) located at 1420 West 16th Street, Davenport.

We'll each bring an hors d'oeuvre or a dessert to share and a beverage if you like (you may bring wine). Bottled water and decaf coffee will be provided. Debra Cundiff, Senior Building Manager, will be our host. A staff member will let us in the main entrance on 16th Street (enter under the large "1420" sign) and guide us to the first floor community room to the left where we can drop off our food items to be enjoyed later. She will give us a tour of the public areas and a rental unit if one is open. She'll talk about the process of turning a once-abandoned, outdated school building into attractive rental units, thus creating a new community. The developer, Chicago-based RRG Development, was able to preserve some of the distinctive architectural features of the 1893 building.

This is an excellent example of adaptive reuse of a significant historic building. You may park on the streets around the building as well as in a parking area on the west side of the building. This is primarily a parking lot for the residents, but guests may park in the third and fourth rows on the west side of the lot.

Thank you Mark and Judy Weston for the October tour of your lovely home on Clay Street. We have never had such a wonderful time. The food prepared for us was delicious – everyone truly enjoyed the hospitality. Thank you again for sharing your home with us.

Congratulations to our new board member Coky Powers (940-3802). Many of you see her in the historical stacks of the Davenport Public Library downtown, one of the most knowledgeable volunteers there.

We are also having new membership forms printed and hoping to expand our membership base; if you know of someone interested in joining, please see one of the board members for the new application.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 14 Meeting at the Figge for power point presentation about the history of the Figge and tour of original collection March 13, 2014 will be a joint meeting at the Bettendorf Library and our guest speaker will be Bill Ashton about the bridges. Field trips: We will be visiting the museum in Rock Island's historical Black Hawk Park (Beth Carvey), a Keppy farm in Wilton, and an 1888 home in Walcott later in the year.

Reminders

Every member should be up to date on their 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 many interesting topics and places to our membership.