

Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.



Bridges of the Quad Cities

Thursday, March 13, 2014
6:30 p.m.
Bettendorf Public Library
Speaker Maryan Wherry



Maryan Wherry, PhD, holds graduate degrees in history, English and American culture studies. An experienced college professor, she has taught courses in writing, US history and government, women's history and popular culture for: Bowling Green State University, the University of Maryland, European Division, and Black Hawk College. She regularly teaches courses in regional history for Comm-University. Currently, Dr. Wherry is a writing specialist in the Western Illinois University QC campus writing center. Her particular interests lie in women's history, local history and popular literature. Dr. Wherry has written and published extensively on popular romance, writing studies and women's history. Her current research projects include a critical analysis of Mary Stewart and a collection of local women's biographies entitled *Quad Cities' Her Stories*.

Thank you to Tim Schiffer, executive director of the Figge Art Museum, for a comprehensive and insightful history and tour this past February.

March 2014 Newsletter

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About a SCHPS member

Duane Timm

My childhood was on the family farm south of Elwood, IA. I moved to Marshalltown, where I attended community college and worked at Gra-Iron Foundry for 14 yrs. When the foundry closed, I traveled the antique circuit selling furniture and primitives.

I graduated from Iowa State in 1987 majoring in marketing, minoring in journalism/advertising and history. I played the 52 bell carillon there and organ for St Mary's and St Paul's Episcopal in Marshalltown.

While at Tri-State Graphics, I learned of Bassett & Vollum -- the second oldest hand-printed wallpaper company in the US. After purchasing B&V, I moved to Davenport to work at Blackhawk Foundry. Sixteen years ago I went to IPSCO, now SSAB steel mill.

I have made wallpaper for: the Grant House, Washburn House, German American Heritage Center Museum, and Jipp house. I have printed for the Henry Ford Museum, Warner Bros. movies, Living History Farm, Terrance Hill (the Iowa governors' mansion), etc. My printing of Bassett & Vollum will be featured at the Cooper-Hewitt Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

My partner, Jeff Gomez, and I are working on a historic home in the Gold Coast. We have three wonderful children and three terrific grandsons. My goal is to finish our home and take B&V to the next level.



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Reminders

Meetings are the second Thursday of each month, usually at 6:30 pm.

If you have some place you want us to visit or someone to listen to, please contact a board member.

We want to provide many interesting topics and places to our membership.

More announcements

Etude April 2014

Please invite friends and family to attend: Asbury Methodist Church, 1809 Mississippi Blvd, Bettendorf, Iowa, directly behind K&K Hardware on 18 Street.

We will have readings by Mark Schwiebert (former mayor of Rock Island) from his book of poetry *Pilgrim Foot Steps* published by the Midwest Writing Center of Davenport

We will also have a piano performance by Bruce Blomme, accomplished pianist of George Winston's works, who has many CD's produced by St Ambrose University. He is the brother of our newest member, Donna Blomme DeManna.

Our harpist will be an angel named Caitlin Thom. She is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School.

Advertisement: Licensed and insured Historical Mason Randy Williams (563-585-1856.) **R W Restoration**, free estimates.

SCHPS Upcoming Events

April 10 is being arranged by Jeff Gomez

May 8 Restoration of Ambrose Hall at St. Ambrose University arranged by Michael Hustedde

Seniors Program: Illinois 796-8223

March 12 Captains of the Mississippi

April 17 CCC: Building Black Hawk St Park

Seniors Program: Iowa 441-4100

April 22 History of "The Outing Club"

Other announcements:

German American Heritage Center (GAHC): 322-8844

April 12 Eiermarkt – Spring Craft Fair. 10 - 3

Currently at GAHC: World of Antique Metal & Mechanical Dolls, also Kautz Farm (a working Century Farm in Buffalo, IA.)

GAHC Workshops:

March 23 Psysanky Egg design

March 30 Basketwerks, tote basket

Apr 6 Scherenschnitte German paper-cutting

Apr 13 Easter Traditions in Germany

Moline Historical Society 764-8590

March 17 History of QC Music Guild

Apr 21 Making Tracks: Trails through the QC