

Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.

Today's "House on the Hill," as this mansion is known, is one of the most intact historic homes in Rock Island. It was owned by one family for most of its life and, subsequently, by Augustana College, which has been a loving custodian for over fifty years. It has 25 rooms and was donated to Augustana College in the 1950s. The house is also called the Weyerhaeuser House, named for lumber baron Frederick Weyerhaeuser and his wife Sarah. He emigrated from Germany and, in 1856, arrived in this area, where he and his brother-in-law soon formed the Weyerhaeuser and Denkmann Lumber Company. This fine Second Empire style home was built for Frederick Weyerhaeuser, who with Frederick Denkmann, founded the lumber empire that still thrives today.



THANK YOU

Thank you again to Kory Darnall for the Schuetzen Park picnic. SCHPS gave another \$200.00 to the Schutzenpark restoration. Kory is doing such a spectacular job.

Also, thank you to Dick Hochstetler for doing another audit of our financial records. Thank you to Ferenc for always doing a correct job of accounting for our society under the 501©3 rules. Thank you to Jean Froehlich, who helped me at our booth in August on Credit Island for the city's program of the 200 years anniversary of the War of 1812.

September 2014 Newsletter

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Sept. 11 at 6:30
Private tour of the **House on the Hill** by
Kai Swanson

3052 10th Avenue, Rock Island
Augustana College

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1820 Grant Street
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Bettendorf, IA

SCHPS Upcoming Events:

Oct. 9 "High-Flying Women: Neta Snook and Phoebe Omlie" by Gina Schantz at the Bettendorf Public Library

Nov. 13 tour of historical research area at Davenport Public Library downtown by Coky Powers

Dec. 11 hoping to go back to the Westrom's on Clay Street for holiday party

Other Upcoming Events:

Sept. 7: Black Hawk College seminar, "A Look at Sherman's March," at the Lodge.

Oct. 20 Rock Island County Historical Society Jens Jensen Landscape at Hauberg. Call 764-8590 for details.

Oct. 28 Scott CC seminar by Dr. Moline, "China Yesterday, China Today" at The Outing Club

New Exhibit at the German AHC: "Berlin: Divided Past United Future"

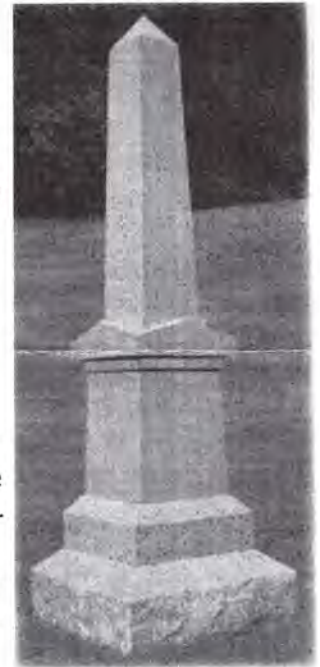
News: A state (Iowa) program that renovates and preserves country schools – the only one of its kind in the country – provided \$3,962 to match money raised by a local Questers group to renovate the Scheldall Schoolhouse in Hamilton County.

News: A 1917 round barn (the Dobbin round barn in Marshall County) was a precut structure designed and made to order by Gordon Van Tine, Davenport, for \$6,000. Carpenters assembled the numbered pieces into the 65-foot diameter barn with silo in the middle. The barn was open during the Iowa Barn Foundation's

Project by Kory Darnall at the old City Cemetery:

Famous Swiss Born Artist Slumbers in Unmarked Iowa Grave

Lot 180 is a 12 x 12 square of grass, void of a monument or marker. Below the surface in Davenport's oldest cemetery lays at rest neither a nameless nor an unknown individual, but an artist who brought views of the 1830-40's Mississippi River Valley to the world in the form of colorful paintings and illustrations. The person in this grave is John Caspar Wild, born Johann, in the village of Richtersvil, canton of Zürich, Switzerland. Sunday September 28, there will be a monument placed at his grave. For more information contact Kory at: DarnallKory@mchsi.com



Don't forget the Gold Coast Open House Tour Sept. 20-21st Contact Marion Meginis for details, 326-32901. It is always a fascinating time to get into old houses and it helps to support the Gold Coast neighborhood. Many of our members will be tour guides.

SCHPS is still looking for one more person to join the board and also someone to take over gathering information for the news letter. Alex Connor organizes all the news and puts it together for Michael Hustedde to mail out to the membership. *Remember if you have any places you would like to visit, tell a board member so we can try to set it up for all of us.*

MEMBERSHIP: \$15 for email and \$20 for postal. Our address is: SCHPS, PM Box 5017, 1820 Grant St, Bettendorf, IA 52722. Only paid members will be able to attend private home meetings.