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On Thursday, 9 Oct. 2014, Jeana Schantz will speak about Aviatrices of the local area in the Gilbert/Lillienthal rooms of the Bettendorf Public Library. The program will start at 6:30 and be finished no later than 8:30 that evening.

Ms. Schantz's presentation is a joint program of the Scott County Historic Preservation Society (SCHPS) and the Bettendorf Public Library (BPL).

And writing of the newsletter, we are seeking a SCHPS member who would like to exercise her or his publication skills by taking on the production of our monthly (10 times per year) newsletter (no newsletter in January and August.) If you believe you could spare a few hours each month for this important communication task, please send me an email at Belferj@att.net

Thank you...and I am looking forward to seeing you at the BPL this coming Thursday evening,

Judy Belfer

Also: Th Gold Coast has happily scheduled 2014's High Tea for Saturday, December 6, again at 321 W. 6th St. with one seating at 11:30 am. 321 W. 6th also hosted a tea in 2010 and in 2013. It is the Henry Frahm house, and later home of Dr. Carl Matthey. The house is Second Empire style with mansard roof and decorative brick detail. \$35 per person for Early Bird price in effect until October 25, 2014, Red Hat Member, +60 Member. For other participants, the price is \$40. Go to: Davenportgoldcoast.org or pjs312@q.com for more details.

A travel note from some of the ladies of SCHPS

We had lunch this week and toured the historic Decker Hotel in Maquoketa. All the food is home made in the kitchen there and served to order, at a reasonable cost. Built in 1875 this charming little hotel is outfitted in Victorian grace through out. It had been abandoned some time back and was very forlorn and not up to fire code or handicapped accessible. The current owner, Chris Quilty, rescued it from proposed demolition. Of course as an ex-marine he is qualified to rescue people, places and things. He did a beautiful job and I want you all to visit it.

We are having a BONUS VISIT to the Fulton Landing B&B on Thursday October 16 at 6:30 pm. Please invite all you know to come for a walk-through with refreshments. It is located at the corner of River Drive and Bridge Avenue, Davenport.



SCHPS Upcoming Events:

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 St. for holiday party

Feb- June several private homes to tour. *Remember we can only allow paid members to enter private homes under our auspices.*

July 9, 2015 will be a picnic at Schuetzen Park

Other Upcoming Events:

Oct. 20 Rock Island County Historical Society Jens Jensen Landscape at Hauberg. Call 764-8590 for details. Jensen did Central Park in NYC.

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

Other local historical events:

RI County HS 764-8590

Oct. 20 Denkmann-Hauberg Gardens

Nov. 17 Collection of clothing/textiles

Dec. 15 Ten Men in Harmony

Jan. 19 Portraying Abraham Lincoln

Feb. 16 RIA History

German American Heritage Museum
322-8844 Exhibits

Berlin: Divided Past, United Future until
Nov. 9

Schleswig-Holstein **Oct. 12**

The Turners **Oct. 17 @** Butterworth

Oct. 18 Beer tasting

Oct 19 Art in East Germany

Nov. 1 Michael Hustedde w/Nick Pitz
"The Wall"

Nov. 8 Papercasting and Gingerbread

Nov. 23 Christmas Truce of 1914 by Geo Eaton

Dec. 7 Zither Concert

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 homes meetings.

About Chris Lossi

I was born in Milwaukee WI in 1949. My father was from Davenport. He graduated from high school, moved to Chicago, worked for Graybar, joined the army, and married my mother. After the war he returned to Graybar and moved to Milwaukee. Then he was transferred back to Davenport as the district manager, so here I am.

I attended Sudlow and Central High, the University of Iowa, Marycrest, and Northern Iowa. I have a son, twin girls, two grandsons, and two granddaughters who all live in the area.

I spent 40 years in education. Most of those years as an elementary school librarian in RI, Davenport, and finally Bettendorf. I also taught Kndg, 2nd, 4th, 7th, and 8th grades, but children's literature was my passion.

Now that I'm retired, I spend my time researching genealogy, traveling, doing crossword puzzles/Sudoku, of course spending time with my 4 grandchildren, and recently substitute teaching in Bettendorf.

What got me interested in SCHPS was attending meetings with Suzi Rynn, a member who was active in the Antoine LeClaire home. It wasn't until I retired that I had the time to officially join the society.

Current News:

Another project, which is NOT sponsored by SCHPS, but is helped by some of it's members is the Peterson Mansion and the most recent article on that is: http://qctimes.com/news/local/neighbors-finally-get-chance-to-save-historic-davenport-home/article_935bbb45-c24a-57d0-8fc5-a119743c3120.html

Update on the Forest Grove school which we are helping to sponsor http://qctimes.com/news/local/old-school-gets-new-shingles/article_cc0541e7-377b-5373-b371-50280f17e125.html

We are also one of the sponsors of the Moline Train Station -- which as you know is now looking for a new home since Western Illinois University has decided not to take it. Any suggestions?

One of our members has an ad for tub on Craglist <http://quadcities.craigslist.org/atq/4667962583.html>

Phase II of the restoration of the historic Schuetzen Park Streetcar pavilion began. The Park is located at 700 Waverly Road in west Davenport. Bi-State Masonry of Rock Island will repair ceiling support beams and resurface some of the structure's outside walls. The pavilion was built in 1911 with funds left to the Park by Davenport Brewer Heinrich Koehler. The Tri-City Railway company serviced the Schuetzen Park area with it's streetcars until the late 1930's. The pavilion, which is a City of Davenport Historic Landmark, is the only remaining original structure at Davenport Schuetzen Park Historic Site, The Riverboat Development Authority, The Roy E Murray Charitable Trust and private donations have made this phase of the project possible. Total cost of this project is approximately \$4,500. More info can be located on the Park's website: Schuetzen Park . We are lucky to use this for our annual picnic at the close of our year - July.