

Scott County Historic Preservation Society

March 10th Meeting: Sacred Heart Cathedral

422 East 10th Street,
Davenport, Iowa 52803

Sacred Heart Cathedral is not only a Catholic Church but is the Cathedral for the Diocese of Davenport...one of four dioceses in the state of Iowa. It is therefore the bishop's church. Bishop Amos does not live here, but he celebrates special Masses and events throughout the year here...Easter, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Chrism Mass, etc. Father Rich Adam is the present pastor and oversees the parish daily.



The Cathedral has a long history of over a hundred years going back to Antoine Le-Claire and has seen some traumatic events including two fires. Fairly recently there has been a new east entrance added.

The beautiful stained glass windows include the twelve apostles along side the nave of the church and Christ is depicted above the altar with His Sacred Heart, true to the name of the Cathedral. This is the first church in the United States to be named for the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

But the biggest and most exciting news is the plan for adding a much needed gathering space, meeting rooms and restrooms. However, raising the money (seven million dollar) is the difficult task which the pastor is meeting with his straightforward approach, personal charm and great sense of humor. He is saving every penny, lowering every bill, and praying every prayer... to meet the goal.

Our guide for the evening will be Gale Francione. She is a member of Sacred Heart Cathedral and has been a resident of Davenport for over 30 years. She has a background in art history and pastoral studies. For the last 15 years, she has been a freelance liturgical design consultant. She helps churches who are in the process of renovation or building new. She has made presentations about the connection between worship, worship space, and the visual arts. She also works for ISU Extension and Outreach as a nutrition educator."

Many of you have read that the RIA Museum hours open to the public have been cut back—drastically. I want you to know that they are sending 25% of the artifacts to Anniston Army Depot in Alabama for STORAGE. If you want to help me stop this action, and I need all the help I can get, see me! — Judy Belfer

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SCHPS Events

April 21: Bettendorf Library History of Out-Door Privies (a fun presentation)

May 12: Marion Meginnis will lead a walking tour of a historic Davenport neighborhood

June 9: annual potluck picnic at Schuetzen Park or Credit Island Park

July 14: meeting is a tour of the Froehlich house across the street from VandeVeer Park

As usual, there is no meeting in August.

Other tours discussed: the Outing Club, Fairmount Cemetery, Oakdale Cemetery, the Kahl Home, stone castle house.

Remember if there is any place you may want to visit – tell a board member.

Other historical contacts we recommend you call for tours/lectures:

Butterworth Center/Deere Wiman House: [309-743-2700](tel:309-743-2700)

Figge Art Museum: [563-326-7804](tel:563-326-7804)

German American Heritage Center: [563-322-8844](tel:563-322-8844)

Karpeles Manuscript Museum: [309-788-0806](tel:309-788-0806)

Moline Preservation Society: [309-762-3058](tel:309-762-3058)

Putnam Museum : [563-324-1933](tel:563-324-1933)

RI Arsenal Historical Society: [563-355-2823](tel:563-355-2823)

RI County Historical Society: [309-764-8590](tel:309-764-8590)

Schuetzen Park (700 Waverly Road) in West Davenport: [563-322-5489](tel:563-322-5489)

About a member

Gene James:

Trivia Question....In what small town in Iowa were the two nurseries Henry Field and Earl May located? It is the same town where Don and Phil Everly got their start at KMA radio. They lived a few years in a small house a couple of blocks from where I grew up.

I did not leave that town until I ventured down the road 55 miles to enroll at what is now Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. I received a teaching degree in Industrial Arts but never taught that subject. I met my wife, Phyllis, at the college.

We got married and moved to San Diego, California where I got a job at Solar Aircraft in the drafting department. After a few years we moved to Denver, Colorado where I worked as an engineering designer at the Martin-Marietta Company on the Titan Missile project. We wanted to return to the Mid-West to raise our three children so found our way to Bettendorf, Iowa in 1965. I got a job at the Bendix Corporation that is now Cobham Life Support and worked there until my retirement.

Twenty two years ago we bought an old home on River Drive. It was a triplex apartment house for many years. We converted it to a single family dwelling. It has been an on going renovating project because it had been neglected for years. Many of our friends are moving to condos and elderly retirement places but we hope to stay in our house because we enjoy the changing season and activity on the Mississippi River.

Other happenings

As a special note about the German American Heritage Center:

March 20th US Railroads during WWII

April 3rd Stories & Songs of the Railroad

Through April 10 QC Railroad History

April 10 Young Scholars

March 20-May 29 Germany's Castles

Next month – April 21st meeting:

Please remember that our April meeting will be on the third Thursday (April 21st) in the Bettendorf Library at 6:30pm.

It will be a fun presentation about privies we have known and “loved?” over the years.

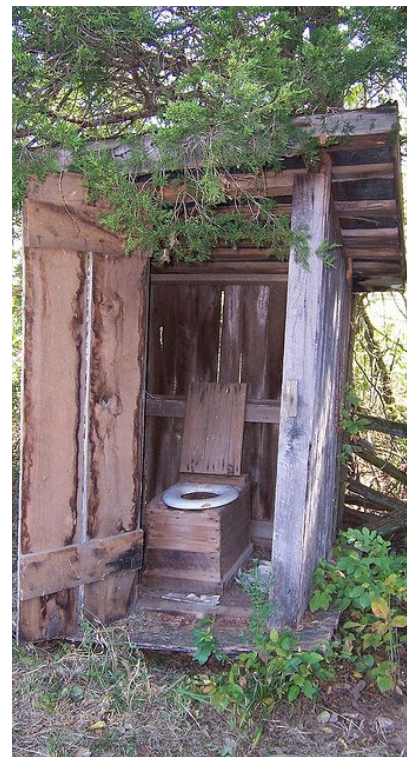
Not at all like the abandoned out-house pictured here.

So bring your friends, relatives and neighbors for a hilarious evening w/refreshments.

More information in the April newsletter.

Thank You...

Mike Tollenaer and Terry Genz for the wonderful tour and treats last month of their home.



Please remember our members who have businesses:

(If we have other business owners, please advise Judy Belfer):

Duane Timm who makes hand screened antique wall papers, longtime resident of the Gold Coast.

Jackie Niles who has an antique jewelry store, DARJAC Rock Island on 14 Ave & 31 St.

Dr. Anne Taylor, Veterinary Clinic at 2167-53 St Davenport. She is making her home in the Gold Coast area.