

Scott County Historic Preservation Society



**April 21st meeting 6:30p.m. at the Bettendorf Public Library Gilbert Room on the second floor
Refreshments will be served after the presentation**

April, 2016 **Newsletter**

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Left: Thomas Jefferson's brick outhouse; Right: Note lightening rod on top!

Our April 21st meeting (a week later than usual) will feature speaker Frank Hubbell on the unusual topic "Vanishing American Architecture—the Inside Story of the Outhouse." He will spin tales related to his father's twenty-five-year collection of color slides of privies. Hubbell says his father had a twisted sense of humor which is evident in his notations on the photos. He incorporates outhouse tales from audience members' memories of using those disappearing structures. Sometimes he assumes the character of a top-rated outhouse builder named Lem Putt, who shares the fine points of putting up a proper "necessary house." Those attending are asked to bring along their sense of humor and a sense of history.

Please bring your family and friends for a hilarious time.

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1820 Grant Street
PM Box 5017
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52722

SCHPS Events

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 Vander Veer 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

Phyllis James: I was born in Braddyville, Iowa but my earliest memories began in Los Angeles, California when I was four years old. My dad wanted to help with the war effort during World War II so transplanted our family there. He worked in an aircraft factory building planes. A year later we returned to a farm in northwest Missouri. I started school in a one room school house. I have wonderful memories of that time even though we lived in a house without running water, electricity, or indoor plumbing. We had a wood stove for cooking and another for heat. Our telephone was one that hung on the wall.

At the end of third grade we moved to Maryville, Missouri where I lived until my marriage to my husband, Gene. We met in college there, now Northwest Missouri State University. We have been married for 58 years.

Gene graduated from Northwest Missouri State University but I did not so went back to college at age 29. It took five years for me to get my degree in elementary education from Marycrest College. We have three children and I couldn't go to college full time until the youngest one was in school.

I was fortunate to get a job at age 34 in the North Scott School District. I taught 27 years in second, third, and fourth grades and ended up as a Title One/Remedial Reading and Math teacher for grades kindergarten through sixth. I felt I needed to know more about all the grades so got my Master's Degree in Reading from Western Illinois University three years before I retired. Most of those years were at Virgil Grissom Elementary in Princeton, Iowa.

Gene and I have enjoyed traveling to 48 of the 50 states. Hawaii and Alaska are on our bucket list. We have been to Germany, Italy, and the Caribbean. We had a timeshare in Cancun, Mexico that we enjoyed for over 20 years. We feel blessed with our family and welcomed a great granddaughter in July of this year.

We have been members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bettendorf since the beginning almost 50 years ago. I am involved with helping to write its history for the celebration in 2016. Gene and I enjoy touring historical houses and buildings with the friends we have made at SCHPS.

Other happenings

Dubuque, IA is having two great tours this summer. 1. Dubuque's Architecture Days April 11-16 (www.downtowndubuque.org) and 2. Their old house tour: DBQ OHE Old House Tour event May 21 & 22 (WWW.dbqohe.org).

Brochures will be sent out as separate information later this week. Put these tours on your calendar for day trips to Dubuque.

Keep the dates of Sept 15-17 open. I know that this is a long way off, but you are all so busy I just want you to start thinking about helping. Davenport is sponsoring the "Preserve Iowa Summit" titled "Our History, Our Future." And we will need volunteers to help the City with registration and as tour guides. There will be a Gold Coast House Tour as part of the city sponsored events during this time and we will need volunteers to "man" the houses also. For details contact: Rusnak, Ryan rrusnak@ci.davenport.ia.us

I still need your support to help keep ALL of the RIA Museum artifacts at the RIA Museum – not in a warehouse in Anniston, Alabama. I will bring a petition to our next meeting and I hope you will all sign it for me. Judy Belfer

Thank You...

Gale Francione for the wonderful tour of Sacred Heart Cathedral last month – it is so beautiful and we all learned a lot.

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.