

Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.



**Thursday, September 8, 2016
Oakdale Memorial Garden
2501 Eastern Ave, Davenport
Early meeting: 6:00**



We will be meeting at the Mausoleum at 6:00. Deb Williamson and our own Chris Iossi will give a talk and hopefully a slide presentation. There are chairs set up in the Mausoleum. We will have a map of the cemetery & hope to go into the private mausoleum with mosaics by Guastavino Tile Company. Entire program should last about an hour.

Oakdale Memorial Garden was established in 1857 as an independent, not for profit alternative cemetery to City Cemetery. Its century old oaks, gently rolling hills, and reflecting pool denote it as a rural or garden cemetery. The 87 acres were designed by Captain George F. de la Roche a landscape architect from Washington, DC. Massive wrought iron gates from 1896 flank the entrance to the cemetery.

There is one large mausoleum as well as 13 private ones. Other outstanding features of Oakdale include: indoor and outdoor columbariums, baby land, a soldiers lot owned by the U.S. government, orphans from Annie Wittenmeyer, and a pet cemetery.

Oakdale Memorial Garden is listed as an historic district on the National Register of Historic Places, and as a local landmark on the Davenport Register of Historic Properties. It is also listed on the Network to Freedom, a National Park Service registry for sites associated with the Underground Railroad.

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Next SCHPS meeting
September 8, 2016
6:00 p.m.

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SCHPS Events

September 15 – 17

Preserve Iowa Summit

October 13 – Mary Costello will have Bill Ashton's program as a noted architect on bridges. Details of time and place in our next newsletter. Mary has published 3 books on the bridges spanning the Mississippi River and is currently working on her fourth.

November 10 –The Outing Club, Davenport. 6 P.M. Ernie, the events coordinator and his assistant Brittany, will be our guide and give the tour. This has been arranged by Sheri Mesick.

December 8 - Annual Holiday Party/Meeting – arrangements have not been made. We are open to suggestions; please give a board member your ideas.

Notice – This will be the last newsletter to those of you who have not paid your dues for this year. Questions call Treasurer Ferenc Beiwel.

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The first numbered burial at Oakdale was that of three-month-old Mary Larned Allen on September 15, 1857, though several earlier burials were recorded at a later date, some from as early as October, 1855. Perhaps the most famous – at least the most visited – grave is that of jazz musician Bix Beiderbecke.

If you are taking the Gold Coast Home Tour the weekend of September 17 & 18, the renowned architect Frederick Claussen is also a permanent resident of Oakdale.

Thank you to Mary Costello for designing all the art work for our new business cards and the book marks which will be given in the packets for the 2016 Preserve Iowa Summit happening in Davenport on Thursday Sept 15 through the 17th. It is not too late to volunteer for the summit, see me. (Judy)

We want to thank Kory Darnell for the great program on Schuetzen Park at our June picnic and thank you for all the great food from our membership for this yearly pot-luck. What luck that we have such inspired cooks.

We also wish to thank the Froehlich's for the wonderful open house they gave us, they made us feel like family in their lovely home and the terrific cookies, need I say more?

A note from the President

I have attached a separate page, as given to me by the QC Visitors group of some of our local museum. I know that I usually list them within the newsletter, but I thought that this way you could check off which you have visited and those left to entice you. Please make use of our local museums.

By the way, now that the Rock Island Arsenal Museum has been "saved", we will now need to save the collection. So far they have shipped 566 weapons from our museum into storage at Anniston, Alabama. In a supplement to this newsletter I will be sending out a listing of the political representatives for our area to which you could write, hoping to keep the balance of the collection on visual display at RIA. Please help me on this issue. Judy