Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.



November 2017

Next Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017 The Current Iowa Hotel 215 Main St, Davenport, Iowa Please note that this tour starts at 7 p.m., so plan accordingly.

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A Memorable Tour of a Historic Home

Hello again, friends!

Last month, we were treated to a fantastic tour of the former Theodore Eldridge home at 1404 East 10th Street. Adam Myres, the current owner of the property, was kind enough to invite us in and show us around his lovely home.

Thank you again, Adam!

November Tour: The Current Iowa Hotel



The Current Hotel has strong roots in Davenport's past, dating back to its earliest days.

The site was originally occupied by the LeClaire House, opened and managed by the city's founder, Antoine LeClaire.

By 1910, LeClaire House was just a memory, and a new structure had been erected – The Putnam Building.



It was designed by D.H. Burnham, a leading Chicago architect.

During his lifetime, Burnham both pioneered the concept of the skyscraper as a viable building and also designed the plans for the iconic Chicago lakefront.

Over the years, the Putnam was used in several different capacities, and the original architectural details were gradually lost.

However, it's location and legacy as an iconic Quad City location was not lost on Restoration St. Louis, which has spent several years brining Downtown Davenport back to its former glory.

They bought the building, and, after undergoing extensive renovations, the Putnam Building was transformed into the Current, a part of Marriott's Autograph Collection, and now was 78 hotel rooms and 14 luxury apartments.

Colonel Davenport Foundation Christmas Tea Fundraiser

The Colonel Davenport Foundation will be hosting their annual Christmas Tea Fundraiser on Sunday, December 10^{th} . It is a fantastic afternoon getaway for couples, or a way for grandparents or parents to share a special time together. The event will be held in the magnificent Quarters One on the Rock Island Arsenal. The last two years have been sold out events, so please RSVP as soon as possible with Judy Belfer at 324-7779.

2017 SCHPS Christmas Party

This year, the SCHPS Christmas Party will be held at the Butterworth Center in Moline, Illinois. It will be \$5 per person. This will be a potluck dinner, so please bring a veg or salad to share, as well as your own table service. Coffee and water will be provided.

Please RSVP Rex Grove, SCHPS Secretary, at 355-8727, as soon as possible.

Veteran's Day Event at City Cemetery

The more than 100 veterans who lay at rest at Davenport's City Cemetery, 1625 Rockingham Road, will be remembered on Veteran's Day, Saturday, Nov. 11th, with an Honor Guard, 3 volley rifle presentation and the reading of names of all veterans in the Cemetery. Veterans in this cemetery served in wars including the War of 1812 through WWII. Visitors to the cemetery can also visit the Sexton's Cottage and walk through cemetery observing the many improvement recently made there. The Cemetery is also seeking sponsors of the 'Wreaths Across America' program that places a holiday wreath on the grave site of each U.S. veteran at the cemetery in December. If you have any questions or inquiries, please contact Kory Darnall at Ocene.org/lements/byahoo.com, or 563-229-2358

Need a Hand? Maybe Something in These Adds Might Help!

Mascho Insulation – Many members have saved a lot on heating and air conditioning both their historic and modern homes with this Davenport-based shop. Call the owner, Gary Mascho, at 322-4679 and see what he can do for you!

Need some great antiques to decorate your home? Then DARJAC Antiques is the place for you! Located at the corner of 14th Avenue and 31st Street in Rock Island, DARJAC has helped many SCHPS members find just the right antique for their home, or even the right piece of antique jewelry to make themselves stand out from the crowd!