

# Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.



Next Meeting: The Butterworth Center Carriage House is at 701-12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline, IL. The party will start at 6:30 p.m. If you wish to decorate, please arrive early at 5:00 p.m.

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## A Grand Hotel

Hello again, friends!

Last month, the new Current Hotel in downtown Davenport were kind enough to give us a tour of their wonderful facilities. We were shown the original parts of the building, a room, and their remodeled basement area.

Thanks to the Current Hotel and our generous hosts!

## The Butterworth Center and Christmas Party



The Butterworth Center was built by Charles Deere in 1892 as a wedding present for his daughter and new son-in-law, William Butterworth. The newlyweds named their home "Hillcrest," and eventually tripled the size of the residence.

The Butterworth's went on to install what was probably one of the largest residential organs in the Midwest. They also designed their library to hold a beautiful 18<sup>th</sup> century Italian ceiling painting, making it one of only six Venetian ceiling paintings known to exist in the United States.

The Christmas party will be at the Butterworth Center Carriage House, on the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Parking is across 7<sup>th</sup> Street. This is a catered event, with a main dish of chicken apricot with a surprise starch side dish. There is a charge of \$5.00 per person. Please bring a salad or vegetable to share. Coffee and water will be furnished, along with plates and utensils.

Call with your reservation to Jean Froehlich at 563-324-7643 no later than December 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Colonel Davenport Foundation Christmas Tea Fundraiser

The Colonel Davenport Foundation will be hosting their annual Christmas Tea Fundraiser on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 Tumbleson at 309-786-5980.

## Book Club Corner with Nancy Neuhaus

The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation History Book Club met at Bucktown Center for the Arts in October to discuss "A Brief History of Bucktown," by Jonathan Turner. Twelve people were in attendance, including the author, who led a rousing discussion. The book traces the evolution of Bucktown from its storied beginnings to the flourishing Arts Center that it is today. Bucktown covered the river area from roughly around 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Davenport from the Gallery Center on 225<sup>th</sup> East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to the Figge Art Museum on 225 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and up through 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

The next Book Club meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on January 16, 2018, at the Rock Island Arsenal Museum to discuss the book "Rebels at Rock Island," by Benton McAdams. The gate guard will direct you to Visitors Information for your pass if necessary; they are open until 5 p.m.

## Welcome to Our New Members!

We're always excited to have new members join SCHPS, and we would like to take a moment to recognize some of the following new faces to our ranks!

- Julianna and Lemar have bought Fulton's Landing, turning it back into a private home again.
- Michelle and Jeffrey Wiatt, who have just bought a house to restore on Oneida Avenue.
- Sarah Moulton and family who have bought the Renwick Mansion, intending to keep it a bed and breakfast.
- Duncombe Brooke, who is restoring an old home and making it show great improvement!
- Will and Becky Brooke, who have brought their wonderful family into a historic Davenport neighborhood.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 31<sup>st</sup> 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!