

Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.



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Happy Belated New Year!

Once again, we find ourselves in a brand-new year. We sincerely hope that each and every one of you had a wonderful holiday season.

There are several things in store for us in 2018, including a fantastic line-up of tours and presentations. We look forward to all of you coming along with us on a new journey into the rich and wonderful history of our region this year!

2017 SCHPS Christmas Party



The SCHPS Christmas Party at the Butterworth Center on December 14th was a feast for all the senses. Thank you to all who made it happen.

Out of the sixty people who attended, we were able to greet old friends and meet new ones. The food was delicious and holiday music was provided by the Davenport Zither Ensemble. This talented group is led by Alice Spencer, with Ron Hillis on the guitar, and zither players Anne Prinz, Michael Hustdde, and Don Ockelman.

If you have never seen a zither, it looks like a cross between a guitar and a harp. The Ensemble positioned their zithers flat on a table with the fretboard closest to the player and horizontal strings running up above the board. The melody is produced with the left hand on the fret, while the right hand plays the accompaniment and the base strings. A thumb ring is used like a guitar pick as the fingers pluck the strings.

Again, thanks to everyone who had a hand in our Christmas celebration! - contributed by Nancy Neuhaus

Next Meeting: "The Great Depression and the Tri-Cities," a presentation from Dr. Maryan Wherry, will be at Bettendorf Public Library (2950 Learning Campus Dr, Bettendorf, IA), at 6:30 pm., on February 8. Please come at 6:00 for a social hour.

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"The Great Depression and the Tri-Cities"

For February, we will be attending a special presentation given by Dr. Maryan Wherry called "The Great Depression and the Tri-Cities." Dr. Wherry has given many excellent presentations for SCHPS and several other groups in the QCA over the past several years. As for her credentials, I would rather she state them in her own words:

"I am a former professor of American history and writing. I hold Master's degrees in History and English and a PhD in American Culture Studies. I taught history, popular culture and English at various universities for nearly three decades. Over the past decade, I have written and compiled a collection of biographies of nearly 30 Quad City women, currently being collected into an anthology entitled, *Quad Cities' Herstories*. I have published articles on the history of women in the American West, military wives and popular romance fiction. I am a docent for the Colonel Davenport House, William Butterworth Foundation and the Rock Island County Historical Society. For over ten years, I have taught local history classes through Comm University, including the history of Rock Island County, the War of 1812, the Rock Island County Poor Farm and the history of Western Township in Henry County, Illinois."

The presentation will be held at our normal meeting time at 6:30 pm on February 8, 2018, at the Bettendorf Public Library. The address is 2950 Learning Campus Dr, Bettendorf, Iowa. There will be a social gathering at 6:00 pm, where all members are welcome to attend.

SCHPS Elections

SCHPS will be having elections for board members and official positions at our June meeting this year. Currently open positions are: President, Vice President, and Secretary. If you're interested in becoming a board member or elected official, please contact our Interim President, Christine Iossi, at 355-6298.

Need a Hand? Maybe Something in These Ads 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!

Last Minute Invitation - Shared by Judy

From: Lee, Marian [mailto:leemariany@sau.edu] **Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 3:42 PM

Subject: Exciting concert coming up Sunday, March 25th at 2pm!

Hello Dear Friend!

I hope you are well! I just wanted to let you know that I am performing with the amazing Naha Greenholz, concertmaster of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, on **Sunday, March 25th at 2pm at the beautiful Figge Museum**. All my friends and family are welcome to use a **special code: Lee20** and save 20% on the regular online adult ticket price.

Our concert is part of QCSO's Signature Series and the link to purchase tickets is: <https://qcso.org/concerts/cat-signature-series> We will be playing Mozart's devastatingly charming Violin Sonata in E minor, Ravel's dazzling "Tzigane," and Brahms' iconic Violin Sonata #1 in G minor.

I hope you will be able to make it and then enjoy the art at the Figge afterwards! If you think any other friends of yours would enjoy this concert, please feel free to share the code and the link - I would really appreciate it! It would be great to really pack the Figge :-)

Thank you for taking the time to read this out of your busy day and have a great rest of your day!

Marian Lee