

# Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.



September 2018

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Next Meeting: The Round Barn is located at 9478 145<sup>th</sup> Street, Blue Grass, Iowa. The tour will start at 6:30 p.m., but please feel free to come at 6 p.m. to socialize.

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Hello again, friends!

In July, Mr. Craig Beek was kind enough to give us a private tour of his private collection of brass Ford cars. Unfortunately, there were several members who were unable to find Mr. Beek's museum. Understandably, most of them were very upset by this.

After contacting Mr. Beek again, he was gracious enough to allow us to come out a second time in August. We really can't thank him and his lovely wife enough for their understanding and generosity.

## September Tour: The Round Barn



Listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1986, the Round Barn is located on Knoll Crest Farm near Blue Grass.

In 1914, the owner of Knoll Crest, Charles Nebergall, contracted an architect named Benton Steele to build the structure. Steele was a specialist who had built barns throughout the Midwest. This barn is the last remaining example of his work in the entire state.

The barn itself is about 56 feet in diameter, with the bottom half made up of clay tiles, with square windows set in.

The upper half is covered in red siding and is set with rectangular windows. The structure is topped by a cupola at the apex of a double-pitched, conical roof.

Horse stalls are situated on one side of the structure with cattle stalls on the other, separated by a driveway through the center. Grain bins and feedways are located on either side. Hay chutes were on either side of the barn, one to serve the horses and the other the cattle. This was done so that the different feed for the animals could be stored separately and more efficiently.

## Like Us on Facebook!

The grand frontier of the internet has, like so many other people, beckoned us forward into the great unknown in an effort to serve! In other words, we're on Facebook now.

Our page is 'Scott County Historical Preservation Society.' We'll have information about upcoming tours and events for our own organization, as well as others across the area. Make sure that you stop by and 'follow' or 'like' or new page!

## Book Club Corner with Nancy Neuhaus

We recently met at the River Music Experience to discuss Bix: The Leon Bix Beiderbecke Story by Philip and Linda Evans. Ten were in attendance. We got an after-hours tour of the Bix museum in the basement before settling down to talk about this jazz legend.

'Bix' was not a classic biography, but more a linear collection of facts and quotes organized by year. While some of these facts have been called into question, we still appreciated the references from Davenport's past, such as the Old Garden Theatre.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 18. The book is 'A Culinary History of Iowa' by Darcy Dougherty Maultsby. Venue yet to be determined, but there will be food!

## Upcoming Events

September 2-3: Labor Day Weekend Festival, Pioneer Village Scott County Park, 11 am - 5 pm: Blacksmithing, spinning, weaving games & kids crafts, food and ice cream for sale in the soda fountain. \$2 for adults, \$1 for kids, under 5 free.

September 7: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Frolic Gala, 5-8 PM Outing Club, Davenport - Cocktail hour, silent auction, and a homemade dinner served, followed by a piano-violin duo for entertainment. Tickets \$5, RSVP 563 322 8844

September 9: 'From Humble Stew to Elegant Kaffee,' 2-4 pm, GAHC - Join Antje Petty from the Max Kade Institute for t his talk about German-speaking Europe coming to Wisconsin in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, brining with them their culinary tradiitions. Through the German language cookbooks from that time, catch a glimpse of their lives.

September 29: 'The Cow War: Farmer Rebellions in America's Heartland During the Great Depression,' 1 - 2:30 pm, GAHC - Michael Luick Thrans brings this program to the GAHC, discussing the different agrarian rebellions that took place during the early years of the Great Depression.

September 30: Scott County Historical Society's Annual Threshers Meal, Our Savior Presbyterian Church, Argo, Iowa, 5-7 pm - Join the Scott County Historical Society for their annual Thresher's Meal as they raise funds for the preservation of Historic Summit Church.

**The Round Barn is located at 9478 145th St, Blue Grass, Iowa. When travelling, do NOT use GPS, as you will end up on a partially washed out road. Directions are as follows: Take River Drive (Rt. 61) west toward Blue Grass. After you pass the I-280 interchange, you will see a large American flag on the right side of Rt. 61 for the Camping World RV Sales. Turn north (right), on to 110 Avenue, just before the trailer sales itself. This is a stoplight intersection. Here, take the first left (West again), which should place you on 145th Street. Go straight to our meeting from here. The last mile is gravel, but it is well-packed and straight. As usual, the meeting and tour will start at 6:30 pm.**



