

Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.



Behind the Scenes @ Putnam Museum & Science Center

By reservation only.

1717 W. 12th St.

Davenport, IA 52804

8 November-6:30 pm

If you have reserved your place, use the door off the parking lot - not the door to the main lobby.



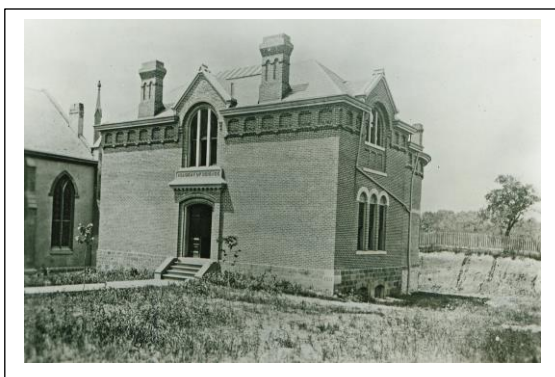
In 1961 the museum set the cornerstone for a new building at 12th and Division streets. The Putnam opened an IMAX theater addition in 2002.

The Putnam Museum and Science Center was established on December 14, 1867, as the Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences. Between 1865 and 1866, the idea of forming such a society had been discussed among a small group of like-minded individuals---A. U. Barler, Alfred Sanders, William Riepe, Prof. D. S. Sheldon, Dr. C. C. Parry, A. S. Tiffany and W. H. Pratt. A trip by Pratt to Ottawa, Illinois, in the spring of 1867, where he made the acquaintance of members of that city's natural science academy, encouraged the group to attempt to establish a similar institution for Davenport.

The current Putnam Museum, one of the first museums west of the Mississippi River, is a museum of history and natural science. It houses 160,000 historical artifacts and specimens and is located at 1717 West 12th Street, at the corner of Division and West 12th Street on "museum hill," near Fejervary Park.

The Giant Screen theater has one of the largest movie screens in the state of Iowa, 57' by 70'. Formerly associated with IMAX large screen theater corporation, the museum became a National Geographic Giant Screen Theater in June 2012. The partnership with National Geographic allows the Putnam access to one of the world's largest Giant-Screen film libraries in 2D and 3D digital formats.

SCHPS members will be given a tour of the collections areas through pre-registration.



Original Davenport Academy of Natural Science building, c. 1895, located at the corner of 7th and Brady streets, Davenport, Iowa.

Attention: December Meeting!

SCHPS Christmas Pot Luck
13 December 2018; 6:30 p.m.
Renwick Mansion
901 Tremont Avenue
Davenport, Iowa
Please bring a salad or vegetable to share.
Make your reservation by calling Jean
Froehlick at 563-324-7643.

Quad City Historical Organizations

German American Heritage Center: <http://www.gahc.org>

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society and Museum:
<http://www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org>

Rock Island County Historical Society: <https://www.richs.cc/>

The Putnam Museum: <http://www.putnam.org/>

The Karpeles Manuscript Museum: <http://www.rain.org/~karpeles/RIfrm.html>

Moline Preservation Society: <http://www.molinepreservation.org/>

Some Local Upcoming Events:

November 11, 2018, The German American Heritage Center & Museum (GAHC), 712 W 2nd Street, Davenport, IA 52802, will offer a program at 2:00 pm on *The Demise of German-Iowan Newspapers During World War I*.

November 20, 2018, Local History Book Club meets at Sunset Marina, Rock Island, to discuss *A Keelboat Journey during the Civil War* by Leslie Boothroyd. 7:00 pm contact Judy Tumbleson for details [judyt100741@gmail.com]

November 25, 2018, the Davenport Zither Ensemble will present their annual Christmas Zither Concert at St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2363 W 3rd St, Davenport, IA 52802, 2:00 pm

December 9, 2018, there will be a tea for the Colonel Davenport House at Quarters One (Rock Island Arsenal) – contact Judy Belfer for details [belferj@att.net].

December 15, 2018, Christkindlmarkt Craft Fair @ GAHC, 712 W 2nd Street, Davenport, IA 52802. 10:00-4:00

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