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6:30

**1530 5th Avenue
Moline, Illinois**



In November we are crossing the Mississippi River to Moline, Illinois to tour the Moline Club! The club was founded in 1895 as a private social and business club for Moline's business men and civic leaders. Prominent members included Charles Deere, William Butterworth, and George Cable.

The building is in classical revival style with a limestone façade and elegant columns. Inside is a grand staircase with very detailed woodwork. There were dining rooms, a reading room, a billiard room, and ballroom. The club hosted many elegant dinners, business meetings, community fundraisers, and formal balls.

In 2018, the Moline Club underwent renovations to restore it with original designs, beautiful woodwork, and plaster details.

Currently, the club hosts wedding receptions, cultural events, and corporation meetings.



Thank you, Terri Toppler for the great program on the DAR. It was very informative as well as the handy booklets about the Hannah Caldwell Chapter and the historic markers around the area.

In September we went to Prospect Park in Davenport. Diane Franken provided research on the park and its history. She explained the work it took to get this historic marker installed. We appreciate all the hours she spent researching and printing all the handouts!



Meet a new board member:

Michele Darland

Michele is honored to serve as vice president of the Scott County Historic Preservation Society. A lifelong history enthusiast, she is fascinated by the rich stories of the Quad Cities and looks forward to learning alongside fellow preservation advocates. Michele first became involved with SCHPS in the summer of 2025 and is eager to deepen her engagement and contribute to the society's mission. Michele's roots in the community run deep. She moved to Bettendorf in 1979, attended Pleasant Valley schools, and later earned her bachelor's degree in Broadcast/Film Communications from the University of Iowa. After spending 12 years in Cedar Rapids, she returned to Davenport in 2005 with her young sons Jack and Max. Over the years she has built a diverse career in advertising, IT, and the nonprofit sector, while also dedicating her time to community service. Today Michele and her husband Dan Darland share a blended family of five grown children and enjoy their home in Davenport's Prospect Park neighborhood. Whether through volunteering or her leadership role with SCHPS, Michele is passionate about preserving the past while helping shape a vibrant future for the Quad Cities.

** newest info – Michele is now the Relationship Advancement Director with the Putnam Museum!

Announcements:

- Don't forget to vote on November 4, 2025!
- November 24, 5:30, debut of a new film "The History of Beaver Island" Currently tickets are sold out, but watch for another showing of the movie.
- November 12, 2:00, 250 years of the Army, Rock Island Public Library

Upcoming SCHPS tours:

December	Annual Christmas party
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