

Upcoming Tours & Talks

- 8/13 6:30p Ellen Shapley, Designing the Quad Cities: Untold and Unusual Stories @ Davenport Library, Fairmount Branch*
- 8/20 6:30p Hose Station No. 7 built in 1905 @ 1354 W 4th St. Davenport
- 9/10 6:30p Lambrite-Iles-Petersen House @ 510 W. 6th St Davenport
- 10/8 6:30p Rivermont Collegiate @ 1821 Sunset Drive, Bett.
- 11/12 6:30p Unconfirmed - Abner Davison Home @ 1234 River Drive, Davenport

Preserving the Legacy of the Battery B



After standing for more than 110 years, the historic Administration Building and Stables of Battery B of the Iowa National Guard were demolished earlier this year. Designed by the Davenport architectural firm of Temple & Burrows, the buildings were constructed in 1916 and served as important landmarks in Scott County's military and architectural history.

Before demolition, the Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center partnered with the Davenport Community School District to document the buildings through photography as part of a historic preservation effort. These images, along with the original architectural plans dated June 13, 1916, preserved in the Special Collections Center's archives, will help ensure the legacy of these buildings lives on for future generations.

While historic buildings cannot always be saved, documenting them preserves their stories and their place in our community's history. Every photograph, blueprint, and historical record becomes an important piece of Scott County's architectural heritage.

The Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center welcomes anyone interested in researching local historic buildings. Staff also encourage residents to report significant building alterations or demolitions so they can be documented and preserved as part of Scott County's historical record before they are lost.

Battery B contd.



We recognized that for SCHPS to thrive, we need to create an environment that is welcoming and attractive to all ages in our community. We hired Allison Stoker to design a vibrant logo and update our brochure. Each icon represents elements of our mission and historic preservation. The wagon wheel is a nod to our early settlers, the egg and dart to architecture, the lamppost to historic districts and community, the arrowhead to the Indigenous peoples and their land and culture, the building to historic sites, and the Centennial Bridge for landscapes and meaning. A huge thank you to **Allison Stoker** for her patience and creativity!

Building Community, One Old House at a Time

Have you ever dreamed of restoring a historic home? While the idea is romantic, the reality often comes with questions about time, money, skills, and where to begin. A recent National Trust video, *Building Community with Cheap Old Houses*, reminds us that there is rarely a "perfect" time to take on the challenge, but the rewards can be well worth the effort.

Successful restoration starts with understanding both yourself and the house. Do you enjoy hands-on projects, or will you need to hire experienced craftspeople? Either approach can lead to a successful restoration if you plan carefully and move thoughtfully. One of the video's most memorable messages is to slow down and let the house reveal its history and needs before making major changes.

Perhaps the greatest takeaway is a new vision of the American Dream—not one centered on constantly seeking something bigger and newer, but on investing in existing places, preserving their character, and strengthening our communities. Every restored historic home helps protect our shared heritage and contributes to the unique character of Scott County.

Looking for your own restoration project? Explore listings at CircaOldHouses.com or follow @CheapOldHouses on Instagram for inspiration.

A Memorable Evening at Lost Valley Farm

The Scott County Historic Preservation Society was delighted to welcome a full house of members and guests to the beautiful Lost Valley Farm on July 9 for an evening celebrating preservation, history, and community.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our gracious hosts, Dick and Judy Kreither, for opening their remarkable property to our members. Guests enjoyed the picturesque grounds, toured the historic home built in 1844, and admired the iconic red barn that has long been a cherished landmark. The evening provided the perfect setting to celebrate the dedication of individuals who work tirelessly to preserve Scott County's rich heritage.

As part of the program, SCHPS proudly recognized several outstanding preservationists for their contributions to our community:

- Residential Preservation Award – Dick and Linda Stone
- Preserving Local History Award – Chris Ales
- Lifetime Preservation Award – Judy Belfer

Congratulations to this year's award recipients, whose commitment to preserving our local history and historic places continues to inspire us all.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special evening. Gatherings like these remind us that preserving our past is not only about protecting historic buildings and artifacts, it is about celebrating the people whose passion ensures Scott County's stories will be shared for generations to come.



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