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"The mission of the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation is to preserve the Colonel Davenport House and site, and foster knowledge of the history and development of the Quad Cities region through tours of the house, exhibits, and educational programming."

NEW CHRISTMAS TEA EVENT FOR CDHF

Enjoy an afternoon tea on Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 p.m. with scones, and savory and sweet delights. It will be held at the historic Quarters One mansion on Arsenal Island beautifully decorated for the holidays.



Tickets are \$25.00 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Judy Tumbleson at 309-786-5980, any of the board members, or purchase tickets online at www.davenporthouse.org.

ANOTHER FUN DAY OF CROQUET

The second annual Colonel's Croquet Party was Saturday, August 17th. Over 50 played the same game of croquet you play in your backyard on the lawn of the historic Quarters One.



Creekside Vineyards Winery in Coal Valley, Ill., provided a complimentary wine tasting. WHBF-CBS4 anchors Andy McCray and Jay Kidwell were the emcees and tested the croquet competition.

Teams of two played in the round robin tournament. Team 23, comprised of David Bailey and Thomas Bahls, won the coveted Colonel Davenport trophy.



GHOST TALES IS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT

This year's annual "Ghost Tales" program at the Colonel Davenport House on Saturday, September 28, could have started like any classic mystery novel "It was a dark and stormy night...."

We knew that the weather forecast did not look good for that Saturday night, but we held out hope the local forecasters were wrong. At about 6:30 p.m. it started to pour rain so we moved everyone inside the east wing.



Even though it was rainy, almost 50 people came to enjoy the spooky stories. And Halloween-themed basket was raffled off.

Susan Serre, 35, of Lynn Center, was the winner of the 2013 Ghost Tales contest sponsored by The Dispatch, The Rock Island Argus, and the CDHF. The winning story was selected by members of the foundation.

She says she got the idea to write her story one night when she went out to her barn to do her nightly check on the horses. "I was thinking about how different things sound at night, especially in the country," she said.

"I could hear my horses moving around, and even though I knew right where they were, it sounded eerie and far away. I was thinking about spooky ghost horses when something else crashed through our woods, and I nearly jumped out of my skin. That's when I knew my thoughts were creepy enough to write down." Serre's story was published in the September 28th edition of The Dispatch/Rock Island Argus, or read it online at www.qconline.com.



PIONEERS IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Davenport's granddaughters and the Old Settlers & Pioneers group were leaders in the preservation movement when work started to save and restore the main structure of the Colonel Davenport House in 1906-07.

Although the actual term "historic preservation" did not become popular until the 1960s, the first state historic preservation group started less than 20 years before the Davenport House project. The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities was founded in 1889 in Richmond, Virginia. The preservation of historic places then hit the national scene in 1949 when the U.S. National Trust for Historic Preservation developed a specific set of goals for preservation.

HOUSE OPEN FOR VETERANS DAY

The Colonel Davenport House, located on the north shore of Arsenal Island, will be open for special hours on Monday, November 11, 2013, for Veterans Day from 12-4 p.m. Admission is only \$1.00 and free for military.

Guides will be available to answer questions. The gift shop will also be open, selling Early American items like toys and candle molds, souvenirs, and books, including two that give information about Colonel George Davenport and his military service, new books about the Mississippi River, and Mississippi River mud t-shirts.

Colonel Davenport was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving for ten years. He came to Rock Island in 1816 as a civilian who had a contract to supply rations to the soldiers at Fort Armstrong. He supervised construction of the bake house, the first building on Arsenal Island.

During the Black Hawk War, Gov. John Reynolds of Illinois commissioned Davenport as an assistant quartermaster with the Illinois Militia. This is how he got his honorary title of colonel.

SENIORS SAVE TAXES ON CHARITABLE IRA DISTRIBUTIONS

The IRS continues to make it possible for persons over the age of 70 1/2 to make tax-free distribution of IRS funds *directly* to charitable institutions. This is especially helpful if you find yourself forced to take unwanted or unnecessary Required Minimum IRA Distributions, leading to unnecessary taxation.

Most IRA custodians or financial advisors can provide detailed information on making this simple tax-favored gift to your favorite charity or charities, including the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation which is a registered 501(c)3! Make 2013 a happier tax year with a Charitable IRA Required Minimum Distribution!

DAVENPORT HOUSE JOINED 2ND EAST WEST RIVERFEST

From September 6 to 22, 2013, over 375 events took place at venues across the Quad Cities including the Colonel Davenport House as part of the 2nd annual East West Riverfest. Taking a look at the eastwestriverfest.com website usage:

- The Colonel Davenport House was listed in the 33,000 printed event guides and slightly over 200 people clicked on the website link.
- Website usage was up from last year with over 32,000 page views, and 47% visitors to the website were from out-of-market.
- The Quad Cities and Chicagoland were the top areas the visited the website.
- Visitation from eastern Iowa, Rockford, and Milwaukee was over 50% higher than last year.
- Illinois and Iowa topped the list of where people visited the website lived, followed by Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Missouri.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11 – Veterans Day at the House
December 8 – Christmas Tea at Quarters One
January 26 – CDHF Annual Meeting, Location TBA
May 1, 2014 – House Reopens for the 2014 Season

Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation Membership Form

Mr. Mrs. Ms.

New Renewal Gift

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: (Kept confidential) _____

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| _____ Individual - \$25 | _____ Patron - \$50 |
| _____ Family - \$30 | _____ Sustaining - \$100 |
| _____ Senior (60 & older) - \$20 | _____ Benefactor - \$500 |
| _____ Student - \$15 | _____ Life - \$2,000 (submitted to the Endowment Fund) |

Also included is a tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$_____. TOTAL ENCL: \$_____

Please send me information on volunteer opportunities. *Please return with check enclosed.*