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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."

# TRIVIA NIGHT FOR A GREAT CAUSE

You'll have a great time at the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation's trivia night for 8-person teams on **Saturday, April 20th** at the newly-remodeled Arsenal Island Golf Club. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and trivia starts at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 a person.



Food will be available for purchase and simple snacks can be brought in (no drinks). Cash bar also available. 50/50 & Raffles there. The format is ten rounds of questions with ten questions in each round. Contact Judy Tumbleson to make reservations at 786-5980 or 738-8547 cell.

#### WINTER LULL IS TIME FOR PLANNING

Once the annual meeting of the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation is over at the end of January, there is always a lull. This year we decided that it was time for us to start planning events for the upcoming season. The planning meeting resulted in something going each month even before the house is opened.

We also want to take the time to say thank you to all the volunteers who keep the house going. You'll read about separate plans throughout this edition of the Cornucopia and future ones.

The east wing construction is almost done, and with luck (and some grant money) we'll be able to have it open for visitors late this season. Deeply-appreciated grants from the Scott County Regional Authority and The Hubbell-Waterman Foundation will give us a start on the exhibits we've planned for the new space.

We hope to see every one of our members this season. If you come to our events and we don't know you, please come and introduce yourself. As I read through the member list, there are many people who support us that I don't know and I would like to get to know.

Sincerely, Judy Tumbleson CDHF Board President CORNUCOPIA PAGE 2

# CDHF PLANS NEW PIONEER LIVING DAY IN JUNE

The CDHF is bringing pioneer living back to the present this summer on Saturday, June 15th. There will be vendors, demonstrators, re-enactors, music, and guided tours of the house—all on the grounds of the Colonel Davenport House.

If you are interested in participating in the afternoon with your pioneer craft or would like more information, contact Suzanne Hoskins at 309-558-6831 or <a href="mailto:tecladot@mchsi.com">tecladot@mchsi.com</a> by the end of April.



# SNOW POSTPONES ANNUAL MEETING ONE WEEK



The CDHF had to postpone their Annual Meeting one week because of bad weather until Saturday, February 2nd at the Arsenal Island Golf Club.

Almost 40 people heard Beth Carvey talk about Sauk and Meskwaki life and her new book *Twelve Moons: A Year with the Sauk and Meskwaki, 1817-1818*. Ms. Carvey partnered with artist and cartographer Tom Willcockson who designed and illustrated the look at life of local Native American tribes. Carvey has been Director of the Hauberg Museum at the Black Hawk State Historic Site in Rock Island since 1981.

Check out the 2012 Annual Report online at <u>www.davenporthouse.org</u>.

#### GO ON A MYSTERY TRIP WITH THE CDHF

Experienced tour guide and CDHF board member, Judy Vukelich, has a great Mystery Bus Trip scheduled for Tuesday, September 10th. This day-long trip on a comfortable Tri-State motorcoach to an un-named location out of the Quad Cities also includes a lunch buffet, and morning and afternoon snacks. This will be fun trip for both men and women, and will <u>not</u> include a lot of walking.

The bus will leave at 6:45 a.m. and return around 7:30 p.m. The local location to meet has not been set yet. Cost is \$75 per person. For more information (except the destination) and to reserve your seat, contact Judy Vukelich at 563-322-7522. Get your friends together for a great day!

## DAKOTA INDIAN IMPRISONMENT IN DAVENPORT

2013 is the 150th anniversary of the year that Dakota Native Americans from Minnesota were exiled from their homelands and sent to Davenport's Camp McClellan Stockade. Sara James, who has researched the history of the Dakota for the past 25 years, will tell their story which started with a "war" between Minnesota settlers and starving Dakotas in 1862. The program is Thursday, May 9th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Bettendorf Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr., Bettendorf.

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# **HOUSE OPENS FOR SEASON ON MAY 2**

The Colonel Davenport House opens for the 2013 season on Thursday, May 2nd. The house is open for its regular hours starting then, and is open Thursday-Sunday 12 noon to 4 p.m. until the end of October. Come and see the new east wing!



# **GUIDES/SUTLERS INVITED TO OPENING LUNCHEON**

Current guides and sutlers (along with people interested in finding out more about volunteering as a guide or sutler) are invited to the Arsenal Island Golf Club on Monday, May 13th for a luncheon and program at 12 noon.

Faye Waterman from the Tri-City Garden Club is going to give a presentation about the garden at the Colonel Davenport House, and the research that went into picking out the plants and their uses to the Davenport family. Separate mailed invitations to follow. Or you may contact Ginny Bauersfeld with your reservation at 309-757-9020 or gbauer15@aol.com.

#### NEW ITEMS AT THE COLONEL DAVENPORT HOUSE



The CDHF received two early American chairs, several pewter plates and baskets, a wrought iron candle stand, and a shopkeeper's standing desk. The donated objects are the gift of Ms. Ann Huntoon of Moline. The CDHF were pleased to accept these gifts, as they are of a style and vintage of the Davenport House. These objects have been in Ms. Huntoon's family for many years. Her grandparents actually acquired them as antiques in New England in the early 20th century. Plans are to feature the shopkeeper's desk in the recreation of the fur trade exhibit in the new east wing.



#### CDHF GAINS FROM ARSENAL'S FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

The CDHF participated in the Illowa Bi-State Combined Federal Campaign, which is the Arsenal's version of the United Way for federal employees where they can select charities to receive donations automatically taken out of their paychecks. The CDHF received almost \$400 in 2012 contributions. The CDHF's reference number is #93-178 if you are a federal employee and would like to donate to the CDHF in this manor. Thank you!

#### WELCOME NEW CDHF MEMBERS

Rick Paradis, Mike Thomas, Rebekah Wharton

## WHAT'S UP WITH THE HOUSE?

If you weren't able to attend the CDHF Annual Meeting in January, you can easily read the 2012 Annual Report by visiting <a href="www.davenporthouse.org">www.davenporthouse.org</a> and clicking on 'News.' There are great articles from each of the committee chairs.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 20 – Trivia Night at the Arsenal Island Golf Club

May 2 – Opening Day at the House

May 13 – Guides/Sutlers Luncheon

June 15 – Pioneer Living Day at the House

June 16 – Ride the River at the House

August 17 – Colonel's Croquet Party at Quarters One

September 6-22 – East West Riverfest at the House

September 28 – Ghost Tales at the House

October 27 – End of regular hours at the House

November 11 – Veteran's Day at the House



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