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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."

CHRISTMAS TEA EVENT AT QUARTERS ONE

Enjoy an afternoon tea on Sunday, December 11 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. Guided tour included with admission. **There are going to be two seatings again--12 noon and 3 p.m.**



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.

NEW NEIGHBORS FOR DAVENPORT HOUSE

The construction of the Army Family Housing project on the Rock Island Arsenal east of the Colonel Davenport House is planned to begin in early November and last more than a year. The project adds over 30 single-family homes, playground, and basketball court.

It will include road and partial parking lot closures getting to the Colonel Davenport House. There will be signs at Hillman St. and Whittemore St. informing drivers that no through-traffic is allowed and that the streets have no outlet during construction.



Photo by USACE

Drivers will be directed to use Davenport Drive from the west to visit the Davenport House. We will have a map on the website and signage directing people where to go when the house opens in May.

Cornucopia is a publication for CDHF members and volunteers. It is published three times yearly. To submit a story for publication, contact Jessica Waytenick, Editor, at 309-737-4280 or jessica.waytenick@gmail.com

DAVENPORT HOUSE RECEIVES GIFT FROM AUGUSTANA

The sewing table and reference booklet gifted to the CDHF was part of an Augustana College student’s Senior Honors Project. Jordan Kirkbride Stockwell was an Art History major, Class of 2014, under the supervision of Dr. Catherine Carter Goebel, Paul A. Anderson Chair in the Arts, Augustana College Professor of Art History.

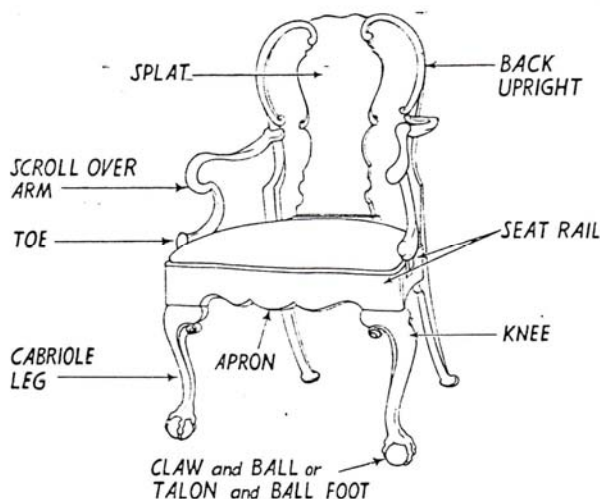


Jordan had been involved as a passionate volunteer for the Colonel Davenport House for many years. As part of her senior project, Jordan and Dr. Goebel researched together and purchased, through the Paul A. Anderson Chair, the small sewing table that Jordan’s research confirmed was appropriate for the house.

The sewing table is a period piece, dating to about 1840, contemporary with the pieces that would have filled Colonel Davenport’s home. It is made in the German Biedermeier style, which occurred alongside other important styles such as French Empire and British Regency. The table is covered in walnut veneer which was a very popular wood at the time. The small table top sits on a single pillar which is supported by three curved feet. These curves are very similar to the ones seen in the pier table and many other pieces in the Colonel Davenport House collection. The table has two small drawers which are divided into smaller sections to hold important sewing implements as this was before the time when sewing machines would be available in domestic settings. Because of the fact that a table like this one is mentioned in the Davenport family will, it is a very important piece that will add authenticity to the home and can be supported by primary documentation.

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY GIVES GOOD RETURNS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the CDHF through Birdies for Charity. The number of birdies during the John Deere Classic equaled 1982. The Birdies for Charity checks were handed out on October 31. The CDHF received \$465 including 10% interest from the John Deere Foundation. What a great program for the community!



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Do you know the parts of a chair?

Congratulations 40 years and counting!

1977-2017 CDHF Collection Committee.

VOLUNTEERS GET FRESH LOOK AT DAVENPORT HOUSE

On Saturday, August 13 an event for CDHF volunteers and guests entitled "Fresh Look" took place at the Colonel Davenport House. About 20 people attended the event. Dr. Catherine Goebel, Professor of Art History, Augustana College, presented the CDHF with a sewing table from the mid-19th century and talked about the background of the table.



Gena Schantz, a charter member of the CDHF, provided the guests with some interesting facts about the Davenport family, the house, and the historical background of the area when the family lived there. Then Gena gave a tour of the House to the attendees followed by a question and answer session.



GHOST TALES HELD ON A GORGEOUS FALL NIGHT



Steven Blair, 57, of East Moline, is the winner of the 2016 Ghost Tales contest sponsored by the Col. Davenport Historical Foundation and The Dispatch/The Rock Island Argus. He will read his story at the Ghost Tales program at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, on the grounds of the Col. Davenport House on Arsenal Island.

Contest entries were required to be tied to early Quad-Cities area history. Mr. Blair, a reading teacher at Wells Elementary School in East Moline, says of his entry:

Taken by The Dispatch/Argus

"Winning the Col. Davenport essay contest is a great honor. I have always been interested in Arsenal Island and its history connected to the Civil War, and this tale reflects that. The two main characters that you will meet are not fictional. They actually could have crossed paths so long ago. One is buried in the Confederate Cemetery in Rock Island, and the other is buried in eastern Iowa.

"I have wanted to enter the contest in the past but never could commit to it. But this year, with my wife Amy's support, I gave it a go. She was a big help with the research and editing."

(Reprinted from the Dispatch/Argus article on Sept. 23, 2016. The story was about his great-grandfather U.S. Army Private Quinn T. Blair and Confederate soldier McDuffie Hastings Byrd. You can read the whole story on www.qconline.com.)

LOOKING FOR A PROGRAM FOR YOUR GROUP?

Bill Hampes is available to come and provide a free program about the interesting life of George Davenport, his family, and life in this area in the early days! Contact Bill at 309-792-1769.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 11 – Christmas Tea at Quarters One
- May 4 – House Opens for the Season
- June TBD – Pioneer Days at the House
- June 17-25 – Quad Cities Museum Week at the House



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? SHOP ON AMAZON!

I think Amazon.com literally has everything for sale on its website. If you shop on Amazon, you can support the CDHF by making purchases like you always do. Just start shopping first at smile.amazon.com. (It's the same as your amazon.com account with all of your settings still there.) You can make the "Colonel Davenport Historical Fnd" your charity of choice. It won't automatically find it, so you'll need to search for it. Then every time you shop, go to smile.amazon.com and 0.5% of your eligible purchases will go to the CDHF. Amazon will periodically direct deposit the total money collected to the CDHF when it gets to a certain amount. We won't see individual names, contacts, or order information.

