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President's Message

From the time your Board of Directors assumed its respective duties of office this February, there have been a number of operational and procedural tasks that needed to be addressed and have been at this time.

Awareness and promotion still remain at the top of our list. Knowledge of upcoming events and encouraging attendance and participation are of great importance to your board.

We realize that time is precious. Therefore, making the best use of that time is the goal. Currently, we are looking to you, the membership of the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation for assistance. There are a number of committees that need need a helping hand. Committees meet occasionally with the time arranged by the Committee Chair. There is also an opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors, which meets monthly. As you can see, there is a degree of flexibility which would be ideal to anyone's busy schedule!

Everyone has an idea that he would like to share. Creative and unique ideas are sought at this time which could be honed and implemented to generate those much needed funds for our organization. We would like to hear from you.

Keep your eyes on the CDHF calendar, review the opportunities and look at the website. Tell your friends about your organization and get involved together.

Have a great day!

-Bob Holliday, President
E-Mail: YncCpo@aol.com

Ghost Tales

Sat., Sept. 30th
Davenport House
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Free admission to hear spooky tales including a special appearance by the Dispatch/Argus contest winner.

Refreshments will be served for a nominal charge.

Antique tractor rides are available for \$.25. Bring your family and a lawn chair for this family friendly event.

Cornucopia is a quarterly publication for CDHF members, volunteers and Board of Directors. To submit something for publication, contact Jamie Lange, Editor, 309-743-2166, or e-mail jamielynn880@mchsi.com.



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HOUSE HOSTS SEASON RE-OPENING

The Colonel Davenport House opened for the 2006 season on Saturday, May 6, to greet visitors. In celebration of our annual opening, the Foundation offered free admission for the weekend and treated guests to refreshments including soda pop and cookies.

We sincerely appreciate the guides and sutlers who worked that weekend as well as the Public Relations Committee who helped organize the event. It was a very successful weekend, hosting fifty-four visitors and with the gift shop doing a brisk business. In addition to new visitors to the house, three people expressed an interest in becoming either a volunteer guide or a sutler.

Thank you to Pete Peterson, Eunice Schlichting, and Bill Hannan for guiding, Janice Nahra, Joan Sherwin and Schar Blevins for working the sutlery, and to Dee Anderson for hosting story time and promoting the Foundation's books.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert Miller Bettendorf, IA
Mrs. I.B. Payne Bossier City, LA
Barbara Ray Davenport, IA

WELCOME NEW GUIDES

Anne Klimex Bettendorf, IA
Ruth Swab Davenport, IA

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH THE QC PARADE OF HOMES

Joyce Johnston	Arlene Sax	John Lacina
Nancy Strohl	Joe Ortiz	Arnie Shilney
Jessica Waytenick	Lily Thompson	Barb Hanson
Duane Wilker	Joan Sherwin	

CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN LEGENDS AND LOCAL HISTORY WITH CDHF BOOKS-A GREAT GIFT FOR THE HISTORY BUFF IN YOUR FAMILY

Quad city storyteller, Dee Anderson of Rock Island, has retold two Native American stories entitled "Otter Gets Tricked" and "Beaver's New Coat." Both are filled with educational tidbits and historical information on the settling of the Quad City area and are invaluable for those interested in history. "Beaver's New Coat" also contains the history of the fur trade in our area and along the Mississippi River told by Dr. Will Leinicke. In "Otter Gets Tricked", the latest CDHF publication, Regina Schantz relates the story of the Colonel Davenport family. These books are available at the CDHF gift shop, The Iris Garden, Watermark Corners, and the Rock Island County Historical Society.

Coming Soon! "Wildcat's Wily Dinner," a third legend retold by Dee Anderson, includes a narrative of the Mississippi River up through the 1860's by Dr. Roald Tweet. Check out the final edition of *Cornucopia* for the exciting details.

Beaver's New Coat \$3.00
Otter Gets Tricked \$5.00

**IN CONJUNCTION WITH IOWA HUMANITIES, CDHF PRESENTS
POPULAR LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES THAT WILL DELIGHT AUDIENCES**

“Lewis and Clark in Iowa” begins with the sale of the Louisiana Purchase to the United States. Tracing the 1803 course from Elizabeth, Pennsylvania to St. Charles, Missouri, Shurr discusses the background of the many “players” of the expedition including York, the engages, and Seaman. Moving up the Missouri River focus shifts to events occurring in Iowa such as the death of Sgt. Floyd. An accompanying PowerPoint presentation shows the keelboat and the pirogues with actual photos taken in St. Charles and at the Onawa Lewis and Clark State Park. The audience will be exposed to the many “firsts” that occurred in Iowa.

When: Tuesday, August 7th Noon

Where: Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club

Cost: \$12 CHDF members

\$15 Non-members

RSVP: For reservations, mail check payable to CDHF to Helen Macalister, 1351 Pineacre Ave., Bettendorf, IA 52722. If you have questions, please contact Helen Macalister at (563)-355-9232. **RSVP by August 1.**

An evening program will be held on Monday, August 6th at 7 p.m. at the Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Drive in Bettendorf. This program is co-sponsored by CDHF, Iowa Humanities and is free and open to the public.

“Women of the West- A Modest Reconstruction of Margaret Davenport” Maryan Wherry, professor at BlackHawk College, will recreate the elusive character of Colonel Davenport’s wife, Margaret, and describe her life on the prairie in the early 1800’s.

When: Tuesday, October 3rd Noon

Where: Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club

Cost: \$12 CHDF members

\$15 Non-members

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A special Thank You to the following contributors:

Hunt and Diane Harris Family Foundation for a \$3,000 grant toward the Colonel Davenport video project.

Rock Island Arsenal Women’s Club for their grant of \$300 toward the curtain refurbishing project.

HISTORY BUFFS APPLY HERE TO HELP CDHF

Do you enjoy history or would like to know more about our community’s history? Do you enjoy meeting people from across the county? Then perhaps you should consider becoming a tour guide at the Col. Davenport House.

Col. Davenport House guides tell the story of George Davenport, his family and house to visitors to the site. They escort visitors around the exterior and interior of the house, giving information about the significant role the family played in founding Davenport and Rock Island. They also describe the house and its architecture, and explain pioneer life in the 1830s through the artifacts in the house and the reconstructed fur trading post room.

Guides receive a prepared script and other historical information on the family, house and its contents. Training includes attending an annual informational session and shadowing experienced guides. Guides are asked to give two afternoons per month, Thursday through Sunday from May to October, noon to 4:00 p.m.



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COLONEL DAVENPORT HISTORICAL FOUNDATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

****All events take place at the House unless otherwise noted.**

July 10-16 John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity Pledge forms are available at the House or by calling Jamie at (309) 743-2166. Please ask for the CDHF pledge form. Pledge a penny per bird or a flat amount. Help CDHF meet their \$1,000 Birdies goal. Bonus Bucks from Birdies for Charity means that more than 100% of your donation will benefit the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation. Pledges are due by July 1st. OUR BIRDIES # IS 1372.

August 6 Evening Program 7:00 p.m. Bettendorf Public Library. This event is free to the public. Dr. Donal Shurr presents "Lewis and Clark in Iowa." This event is co-sponsored by CDHF and the Iowa Humanities.

August 7 Lunch and Learn Noon Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club, Dr. Donald Shurr presents "Lewis and Clark in Iowa." This event is co-sponsored by CDHF and the Iowa Humanities.

September 5 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m. American Red Cross –QCA, Moline

September 17 - September 21 RiverWays Storytelling Event Various activities taking place throughout the Quad Cities. Check out the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau website at www.visitquadcities.com for more information.

September 30 7:00 p.m. **"Ghost Tales"** Hear local ghostly tales. Free to the public. This event takes place on the lawn of Colonel Davenport House. Lawn chairs are encouraged.

October 3 Lunch and Learn Noon Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club Maryan Wherry presents "Women of the West- A Modest Reconstruction of Margaret Davenport."