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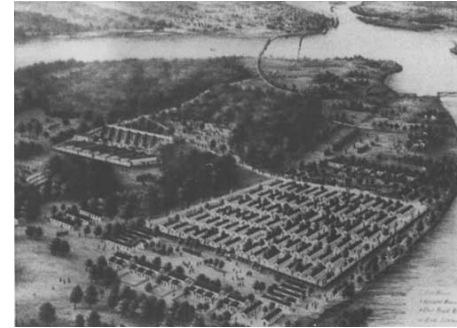
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"The mission of the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation is to preserve the Colonel Davenport House and site, and foster knowledge of the history and development of the Quad Cities region through tours of the house, exhibits, and educational programming."

ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCH ON MAY 17

Learn about the Civil War prison camp located on Arsenal Island at the CDHF Annual Meeting & Lunch on Sunday, May 17 at 1 p.m. at the Arsenal Golf Clubhouse.

Kris Leinicke, Rock Island Arsenal Museum Director, will give an overview of the history of the Rock Island Barracks, 1863-1865. The presentation is primarily illustrated with photographs and graphic images from the time period. Included are stereoview images and two John Gisch paintings in the collection of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum.

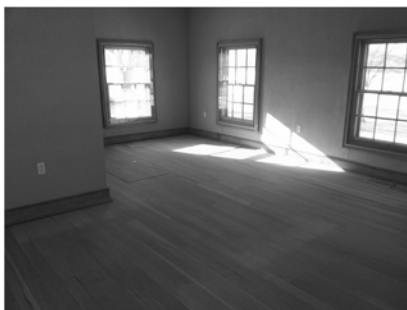


Tickets are \$20.00 per person. To make reservations, send a check to the CDHF at PO Box 4603, Rock Island, IL 61204-4603, or purchase tickets online at www.davenporthouse.org. Deadline is May 10th.

HOUSE OPENS WITH REDONE SUTLERY

The Colonel Davenport House opens for the 2015 season on Friday, May 1st. 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.

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



This spring the Sutlery gift shop received a spring cleaning with a newly-sanded and refinished floor, new coat of paint in a lighter color, and a reorganization of merchandise.

In other house news, the main floor beam above the parlor that broke last spring has been repaired and the final tasks from that major job are currently being finished.

HOUSE PARTICIPATES IN NEW Q-C MUSEUM WEEK

On June 13-21, 2015, twenty local museums will come together for the first ever for the new Quad Cities Museum Week. Quad Cities museums have partnered together to create an entire week filled with fun activities, special events, and exhibits to showcase the wealth of museum offerings in the region. Information on the participating museums is available at www.QCmuseumweek.com. The website features descriptions of each museum, the events and activities they will be offering, and a printable flyer with a map and museum listings.

The Colonel Davenport House is taking part in Quad Cities Museum Week. The house will have special hours and will be open every day that week from 12-4 p.m., and will be open longer during Pioneer Days. AND the annual Pioneer Days has been scheduled as part of the Museum Week festivities, and is going to be expanded to two days!



PIONEER DAYS EXPANDS TO TWO DAYS IN JUNE



As stated earlier, Pioneer Days is expanding to two days—Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 12-4 p.m. on Sunday.

There is an overnight encampment of fur trader re-enactors, called a Buckskinners' Rendezvous, with pioneer portrayals and craft demonstrators such as quilting, basket making, lace making, rope making, campfire cooking, hatchet throwing, fishing, and musicians in period costume. Food vendors available.

Plan to spend the day on Arsenal Island on the Mississippi Riverbank, just like Colonel Davenport's family. Tours of the house included. \$10.00 admission for 13 years and over; free 12 and under.



PARTNERING WITH BLACK HAWK SITE

The CDHF loaned the Black Hawk State Historic Site a trunk to take artifacts to a book conference in Las Vegas. They went to a school there and taught the lessons from the lesson plans they are building about early pioneer life and used several items from the trunk to demonstrate the lessons. The kids were wildly accepting of the project. The traveling trunks include information about fur trading and life in the 1800s with worksheets, hands-on activities, and the DVD to show.

NATIONAL STUDY FINDS ARTS/CULTURE ARE BIG BUSINESS

Americans for the Arts, a national research organization, shared the report facilitated by the Quad Cities Chamber that measured the economic impact of local nonprofit arts and culture organizations and their audiences in the Quad Cities region. The Colonel Davenport House was one of the 70 local arts/cultural/heritage organizations that participated.

The study revealed that the nonprofit arts and culture organizations are a \$71 million industry in the Quad Cities region—one that supports 1,906 full time equivalent jobs and generates \$7.79 million in local and state government revenue.



Local nonprofit arts and culture organizations, which spend \$32.88 million each year, leverage a remarkable \$38.46 million in additional spending by arts and culture audiences—spending that pumps vital revenue into local restaurants, hotels, retail stores, and other businesses.

The research shows that communities that support the arts and culture not only enhance their quality of life, they also invest in their economic well being. It is important to continue sharing the message that arts and culture are a big part of the Quad Cities economy, and cuts that threaten funding is only doing a disservice to the entire community.

Contact Jessica Waytenick at jessica.waytenick@gmail.com or 309-737-4280 if you would like to see a copy of the local study results.

ICE ISN'T VERY NICE FOR THE HOUSE



For the second winter in a row, the Colonel Davenport House has experienced large ice dams when thick ridges of solid ice build up along the eaves. The CDHF is going to have an architectural conservator look at the house to determine why this is happening, how it can be fixed, and a priority of major maintenance projects on the house.

SEEKING TAXIDERMIST TO DONATE SERVICES

The CDHF is seeking a taxidermist to donate his/her services for a mink that we can have stuffed for the fur trade exhibit at the house. Please contact Jessica Waytenick at jessica.waytenick@gmail.com or 309-737-4280.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1 – House Opens for the Season
- May 17 – Annual Meeting at the Arsenal Golf Club
- June 13-14 – Pioneer Days at the House
- June 13-21 – Quad Cities Museum Week

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.*