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“The mission of the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) 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.”

LETTER FROM CDHF BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friend,

In 2020, we all thought COVID was only going to cause one rough year, but it turned out COVID has continued to affect our ability to raise funds for the repair of the Davenport House. In 2021, we were able to reopen but it wasn't until July 1.

Additionally, we continue to struggle with limiting event restrictions. As we continue to press forward with our mission of preserving this historic local landmark, we are asking you to join us in our efforts by volunteering and with contributions.

We continue to live in unprecedented times and getting back to “normal” means we need to redefine our operating capabilities. We have not yet been able to replace our cedar shake roof, and the replacement is still our number one priority, but other house repairs must also be made.

During the year, we had to temporarily tape off the ramp to the house and make emergency repairs. We will have to finish a complete reconstruction of the ramp in the coming year. Also, the west side of the Sutlery has severely deteriorated and we have had to add that to our list of exterior projects.

2021 has also allowed some accomplishments:

- Replacement of the HVAC units for the main house and Sutlery were completed.
- By following the CDC guidelines, Illinois guidelines, and Rock Island Arsenal guidelines, we opened in July and gave guided tours on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through October.
- We continued our Facebook presence.
- We continued to host a historic book club.
- Our one and only event, the annual Ghost Tales, was held on September 25, with 90 attendees.

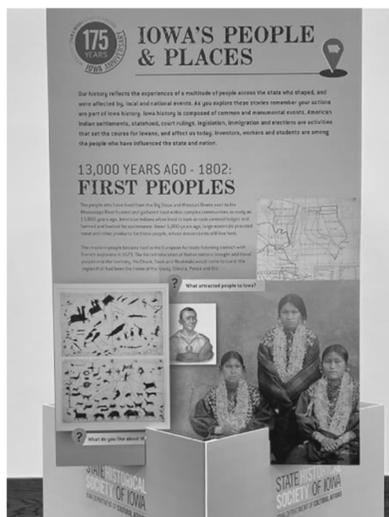
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“Watch an old building with an anxious care; count its stones as you would jewels of a crown; bind it together where it loosens; stay it with timber where it declines. Do not care about the unsightliness of the aid; better a crutch than a lost limb; and do this tenderly, reverently, continually, and many a generation will still be born to pass beneath its shadow.”

Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, England



Thank you to the members of the Tri-City Garden Club for maintaining the historic garden at the house. It is the first thing visitors walk by and it is a beautiful welcome.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IOWA!

On December 28, 2021, Iowa will mark a major milestone: 175 years of statehood. The CDHF received one of the 275 pop-up displays that is now in the east wing. it is a great way to share Iowa's rich history.



YOU CAN MAKE THE CDHF PART OF YOUR RMD



People aged 72 or 70½ (if they turned age 70½ before Jan 1, 2020) and who have to make required minimum distributions (RMD) from their IRA, 401(k), profit-sharing, 403(b), or other defined contribution plan can exclude any part of the distribution of the RMD made directly from the retirement account to the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation.

Although it may be too late in the year to make a new distribution to the CDHF, you can start next year's tax planning by reducing their taxable RMD with a donation in January.

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We would be especially thankful if you would include the 501(c)(3) Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) in your year-end giving so the all-volunteer CDHF can move forward with the roofing project and other repairs needed to preserve the Colonel Davenport House.

Our yearly cash operating revenue continues to be approximately equal to our yearly cash expenditures. In order to save the house, we will need the support of generous individuals and businesses in our community. Your support is critical to the preservation of The Colonel Davenport House as we continue to work towards our 200th Anniversary in 2023.

If you have any questions about any of our repair projects, volunteering or the CDHF, please contact me at 563-823-0792. I would be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,

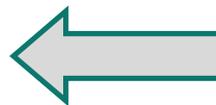
Jolene Keeney

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The RIA Garrison held a Town Hall for Island residents on October 7th for the first time. Arsenal groups had tables there to showcase the services and activities found on the Island.



The Quad Cities Archives Fair was held on October 31 at the Butterworth Center. The CDHF had a table along with many other organizations in the region. Some are pictured here. It was well attended. Harvey and Jolene handed out all of our materials and answered questions about the Arsenal.





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