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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."*

## TIME TO PLAY CROQUET ON AUG. 23



Step back in time for the third annual Colonel's Croquet Party on Saturday, August 23, 2014, on Arsenal Island at 2:00 p.m. Don your croquet whites (not required) to play the same game of croquet you play in your backyard. Croquet courts will be set up on the lawn of the historic Quarters One.

Teams of two can play in the round robin tournament. Or there will be courts set up to just join in the fun and play croquet with other enthusiasts in the Quad Cities. **We are going to**

**have shorter courts for faster play this year!** The championship court will still be full-size.

Teams in the tournament portion are awarded a point for each wicket they pass through. There will a review of nine-wicket rules before play begins. Players will compete for the 'coveted' Colonel Davenport trophy.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Kids can join characters from Alice in Wonderland from the Davenport Junior Theatre to play a kid-sized version of croquet during the event and get their picture taken. (Adults can get their pictures taken too!)



Croquet equipment will be provided. There will be hors d'oeuvres and drinks served al fresco at Quarters One. No host bar available. Creekside Vineyards Winery in Coal Valley, Ill., will provide a complimentary wine tasting. Attendees also receive a complimentary guided tour of the Colonel Davenport House. Parking is available at the Arsenal Island Golf Club.

Tickets are \$25.00 for adults; and \$10.00 for children 11 years and younger to attend the Colonel's Croquet Party. Hors d'oeuvres, croquet play, wine tasting, and tours of the house are included. This is a rain or shine event. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Jessica Waytenick at 309-737-4280 or purchase tickets online at [www.davenporthouse.org](http://www.davenporthouse.org).

This event is sponsored in part by K&K Hardware, American Bank & Trust, Sedona Technologies, WHBF CBS4, and the Quad-City Times.

## HOUSE OPENED A LITTLE LATE THIS YEAR



The Colonel Davenport House reopened for public tours a little later this year . It started tours again right before Memorial Day Weekend in May. The local media was alerted in mid-May about the damage resulting in a later opening, and many covered the story of the damage.

In the last Cornucopia, it was reported that in late March damage was discovered in the parlor ceiling. A small portion of the floorboards of the bedroom above the parlor had to be carefully removed to get to the damage. The contractor found a rotten ledger board and part of the floor beams. The floor was sturdily shored up and the house has been open for tours.

Since then, the CDHF has learned that its insurance company will not cover the cost of repairs. A bid has been received from B&W Home Improvement in Moline. A supporter of the Colonel Davenport House, who wishes to remain anonymous, has given a donation to aid in the repairs and it will hopefully cover the costs.

## STUDENT VOLUNTEER PRESENTS AT CONFERENCE

Now a very recent graduate from Augustana College, Jordan Kirkbride has volunteered for two years with Sara Hartsock on the collections at the house. Jordan completed her college honors paper on artifacts in the house, and was a student presenter at the Midwest Art History Society's conference in St. Louis in April. Sara reports that "Jordan was delighted with the very favorable response to her presentation."



As part of her research paper, Jordan writes: "The results of my research will ensure a more accurate historic preservation site, enabling members of the community to discern a deeper understanding of an integral part of the community's history. Research like this contributes to the preservation of an important period, and a significant and colorful historic figure, in Midwestern American history."

Read more about Jordan in an Augustana interview here: <http://www.augustana.edu/x59647.xml>

## 2014 JOHN DEERE CLASSIC IN THE BOOKS

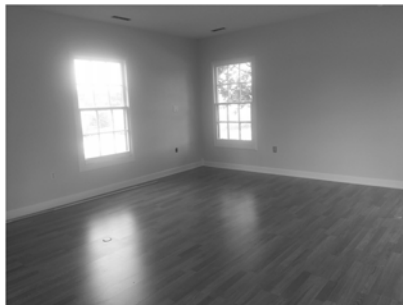
The John Deere Classic had another new winner, and the CDHF was a winner as well! As you know, the CDHF participates in the Birdies for Charity program. This year 2,040 birdies were made during the tournament. If you pledged, you will receive a bill in the mail from Birdies for Charity. This money receives a 5% bonus from John Deere and will be awarded in October. Please return all pledge money to Birdies for Charity as directed. Thank you!

## PIONEER DAY BRINGS EXCITEMENT TO HOUSE

Pioneer Day returned to the Colonel Davenport House on Saturday, June 7th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. There were demonstrations from George Davenport's time and other historic periods from costumed actors. There were also Civil War re-enactors who played period music and the Buckskinner group that had a typical camp set up the fur trade period and hatchet-throwing.



## EAST WING PROGRESS



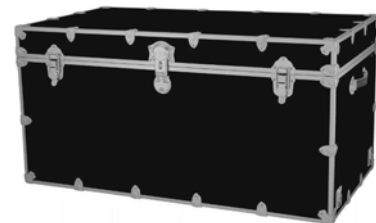
While all of the excitement was happening inside the main house, progress was slowly being made on the east wing project. As of the middle of July, the floors, walls, HVAC, new doors, paint, and electrical is complete. Yet this month the lighting will be also be completed. As pictured on the right, one portion of the wall will be covered in Plexiglass to show off the house's interior wooden construction.



## STILL READY TO EDUCATE TO SCHOOLS

Because school field trip funding has been cut, fewer classes are coming to visit the Colonel Davenport House. In addition, structured lessons leave less time for teachers to create their own units. It is still the CDHF's mission to educate, however, so our traveling trunks are being offered as a presentation opportunity for schools.

We will offer to take the trunk to classrooms to let the students experience artifacts from times past. Traveling trunks include information about fur trading and life in the 1800s with worksheets, hands-on activities, and the DVD to show.



If any of our members reading this newsletter would be interested in this project or know of a classroom teacher that might be interested in a presentation, call or email Judy Tumbleson at 309-786-5980 or [judy41@qconline.com](mailto:judy41@qconline.com)



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 23 – Colonel’s Croquet Party at Quarters One  
September 5-21 – East West Riverfest at the House  
September 27 – Ghost Tales at the House  
November 11 – Veterans Day at the House

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### Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation Membership Form

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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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.*