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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."

EAST WING CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES

The work on the new east wing continues to progress. In early December, Quad City Home Builders members—Ehrecke Construction and J.D. Coussens Construction—added the detail work to the eaves, tied the new addition in to the main house, and began on the wood shake shingling. The U.S. Navy Seabees returned to complete the shingling. Then Jim Westphal, Rick Cronbach, and Brian Saum capped the roof and closed in the new addition.



Jim and Rick installed the windows on the south side of the new wing last month. The windows sashes were salvaged from our old ones, as well as some other parts. Carver Lumber was gracious enough to remake the windows as a good will gesture. Now the remaining siding can be installed on that side.

A sturdy door for the river side of the new wing was procured from the Habitat ReStore. The river side will have to be painted, but the siding has been pre-painted for the other side using volunteer and drafted youth labor. Sterling Roofing has donated the labor for the "Yankee Gutter" system to be installed in April.

ANNUAL MEETING SHOWS A GREAT YEAR

CDHF Board Member and outgoing Board President Buster Miller gave a light-hearted tribute to President Ronald Reagan at the CDHF Annual



Meeting on Sunday, January 29th at the Arsenal Golf Club. Buster is a former Presidential Communications Officer so he had some great behind-the-scenes stories about working for President Reagan's team and videos that showcased Reagan's humor and gift for storytelling. The event was expanded to include a silent auction and raffle and over \$800 was raised that evening. Thank you to all of our attendees!

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SAVE THE DATE FOR A BRAND-NEW PARTY

You are invited to the Colonel's Croquet Party on Saturday, June 9th taking place on Arsenal Island. Break out your vintage whites (optional) for a fun afternoon of competitive or casual croquet, other lawn games, and refreshments. More details and invitations to follow.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING LUNCH & LEARNS

This year we are trying something new by moving the Lunch & Learns to different locations around the Quad Cities. Please note the places, and turn in your reservations for the May program!

Tuesday, May 15 at 12 noon (Reservations due May 7th.)

Philip Suiter: First Licensed Pilot - Presenter: Stephen Suiter

Golden Leaf Banquet Center, 2902 E. Kimberly Rd., Davenport, Iowa

Philip Suiter moved his family to LeClaire in 1836. One of the first settlers in LeClaire, he began studying the rapids, learning its cross-currents, locating the rocks, and charting the channel. He soon became recognized as an expert in navigating the rapids, and was the first licensed floating raft pilot in the area.

Tuesday, June 12 at 12 noon (Reservations due June 4th.)

On the Mississippi - Presenter: Dr. Reuben Heine

Outing Club, 2109 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa

Dr. Heine is an associate professor of geography at Augustana College. He has a great presentation to show the changes in its course the Mississippi River has undergone through the years. Dr. Heine has taken students out on the river to conduct research for the Illinois DNR.

Tuesday, July 17 at 12 noon (Reservations due July 9th.)

War of 1812 - Presenter: Mary Ann Wherry

Oakwood Country Club, 1067 US Highway 6, Coal Valley, Illinois

This program is to mark the 200 years since the War of 1812 that started on June 18, 1812. Mary Ann Wherry will give some interesting history about the war, including George Davenport's role.

Cost is \$18 for members; \$20 for non-members. There is no form to make a reservation to attend any of these Lunch & Learns. Reservations are due in advance by the stated dates.

To reserve a spot, please mail a check payable to CDHF, c/o Don O'Shea, 3113 2nd St., Moline, IL 61265. Questions? Please contact Don at (309) 762-8156 or pelagius@qconline.com

WELCOME NEW CDHF MEMBERS

Linda Carius, Mark Bowker, Sharon Bowker, Bill Sweeney, Donna Sweeney, Donna Kitchell, Jan Stoltenberg, Jolene Keeney, Lawrence Ashpole, Larry Lorio, Jean Booth, Barbara Hess, Theresa Day, Duane Timm, Linda Lentz

HOUSE OPENS EARLY THIS YEAR FOR SPECIAL TOUR

The Colonel Davenport House opens for the 2012 season on Saturday, April 28th, especially for the Rock Island Arsenal Tour of Homes from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Six of the homes open to the public to tour are private residences (Quarters 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 34). Also included on the tour is Quarters 1, and see the Garden House of Quarters 1 which has never been on the tour before.

While on the island that day, also tour the Colonel Davenport House, Rock Island Arsenal Museum, Lock & Dam 15, and the National and Confederate cemeteries. Lunch is available for purchase at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse or at the Arsenal Club Food Court in Building 60.



Tickets are \$25 per person, and include a historical homes booklet and shuttle bus service. Adults and children 12 years and over only are permitted. Purchase tickets in advance at <http://riawc.org> or purchase them on the day of at Quarters 1. Please contact the Arsenal Attic Thrift Shop at 309-782-6977 with any questions.

Regular hours resume at the house on Sunday, April 29th and it is open Thursday-Sunday 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. Come and see the new east wing!

RESTORATION TIPS FROM THE 1800'S

William Morris, famous in the Arts & Crafts Movement, established in England in 1877 the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. In their literature we find this:

“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.”

The mission of the CDHF over the past 30+ years in the restoration of the Colonel Davenport House ties in so well with the above.

~Shared by Connie Runge, CDHF Board Member

CDHF GAINS FROM ARSENAL'S FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

For the third year the CDHF participated in the Illowa Bi-State Combined Federal Campaign, which is the Arsenal's version of the United Way for federal employees where they can select charities to receive donations automatically taken out of their paychecks. The CDHF received almost \$300 in 2011 contributions. The CDHF's reference number is #93-178 if you are a federal employee and would like to donate to the CDHF in this manor. Thank you!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 28 - Arsenal Island Tour of Homes, House Opens for the Season
- April 29 - Colonel Davenport House Starts Regular Hours for Season
- May 15 - Lunch & Learn at the Golden Leaf Banquet Center at 12 pm
- June 9 - Colonel's Croquet Party (new fundraiser for the Colonel Davenport House)
- June 12 - Lunch & Learn at the Outing Club at 12 pm
- July 7 - Rock Island Arsenal 150th Anniversary Celebration
- July 17 - Lunch & Learn at the Oakwood Country Club at 12 pm
- September 29 - Ghost Tales at the Colonel Davenport House at 7 pm

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

If you weren't able to attend the CDHF Annual Meeting in January, you can easily read the 2011 Annual Report by visiting www.davenporthouse.org and clicking on 'News.' There are great articles from each of the committee chairs.