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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."

NEW CROQUET EVENT SUPPORTS HOUSE

Everyone is invited to the inaugural Colonel's Croquet Party on Saturday, August 18, 2012, on Arsenal Island from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. This new event, organized by the CDHF as a fundraiser for the east wing construction project, is a fun afternoon with a croquet tournament and other lawn games like horseshoes and rolle bolle.

Teams of two are encouraged to don their croquet whites (optional) for the casual, round robin tournament 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. Individuals will be teamed up that day. Teams are awarded a point for each wicket they pass through. There will a short training session and review of nine-wicket rules before play begins. Players will compete for the newly-coveted Colonel Davenport trophy.

Equipment will be provided. Prizes will be given to the best dressed team. There will be hors d'oeuvres and drinks served al fresco at Quarters One. Creekside Vineyards Winery in Coal Valley, Ill., will provide a complimentary wine tasting.

Horseshoes, rolle bolle, bocce ball, and other games will played on the lawn of the Colonel Davenport House. Attendees also receive a complimentary guided tour of the Colonel Davenport House.

Tickets are \$25 for adults; and \$10 for children 11 years and younger to attend the inaugural Colonel's Croquet Party. Hors d'oeuvres, croquet play, games, 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.davenport-house.org.



LUNCH & LEARNS FOLLOW HISTORY

Thank you to everyone who attended one or more of the Lunch & Learns this year. We tried something new by moving the Lunch & Learns to different locations around the Quad Cities. Thank you to our members for their assistance with locations. We also want to thank our speakers who graciously give freely of their time.

May - Philip Suiter: First Licensed Pilot - Presenter: Stephen Suiter

June - On the Mississippi - Presenter: Dr. Reuben Heine

July - War of 1812 - Presenter: Mary Ann Wherry

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: EAST WING KEEPS PROGRESSING

It has been an exciting few months as we have watched the work Buster Miller, Jim Westphal, and volunteers have done on the east wing. Now we're in talks with Silver Oaks and Midwest Exhibits to figure out what to do with all that extra space. Anyone with an idea of something they'd like to see can pass on ideas to me at Judy41@qconline.com or 309-786-5980.



Of course, nothing comes cheaply, which is why we decided we needed a fundraiser. We settled on one almost anyone can participate in and one that is unusual in the Quad Cities: a croquet tournament! See the first page if you haven't received our beautiful postcard (thank you Jessica Waytenick) with all of the details. We need every member to come and swing a mallet and bring friends and relations. We hope to see you there.

I'd especially like to thank Virginia Wade and Lois Schoene who stepped forward to make calls to encourage people to attend our special events. And thank you to all of you who take time from your busy schedules to come and support the Davenport House.

Judy Tumbleson
CDHF President

GHOST TALES COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

Kick off the Halloween season as the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation presents "Ghost Tales" on the grounds of the Colonel Davenport House on Arsenal Island at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, 2012. Admission for this family-friendly event is \$3 for adults; \$2 for children under college age; and families \$10. Enjoy the refreshments for sale. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair or blanket.



SPECIAL EVENTS HAPPENING AT THE HOUSE

Opening Day

The Colonel Davenport House opened early for the 2012 season on April 28th for the Rock Island Arsenal Tour of Homes organized by the RIA Welcome Club. Over 250 people visited the house that day as part of the home tour. Another six of the homes that were open to the public were private residences (Quarters 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 34). Also included on the tour was Quarters 1, and the Garden House of Quarters 1.

July 3rd Celebration

Hundreds gathered on the lawn of the Colonel Davenport House to watch the July 3rd fireworks. This year the annual Red, White & Boom! celebration included fireworks launched from Arsenal Island in honor of the Rock Island Arsenal's 150th anniversary.



KWQC reporter Bailey Dietz talks to people waiting for the fireworks. (Photo: Dan Carlson, ASC)

Rock Island Arsenal 150th Celebration

On Saturday, July 7th, the Rock Island Arsenal opened their gates to the public for a free celebration. Despite the temperatures soaring over 100 degrees, over 300 people toured the Colonel Davenport House that day! The house was one of the shuttle bus stops that regularly brought people to visit the house.



VOLUNTEER WITH THE OLDEST HOUSE IN THE AREA

Do you like greeting people, and working in a historic house? We are looking for some more volunteers to help in the sutlery, the gift shop.

Sutlers (as we call them) take admissions and manage the gift shop sales. They work in tandem with a tour guide that gives visitors tours of the house from May through October. The house is open Thursday-Sunday from 12-4 p.m. so any free afternoon you could volunteer would be wonderful! Share this with your family and friends if they might be interested in volunteering! Please contact Connie Patridge at (309) 797-5539 for more information about volunteering as a sutler.

We are looking for about 6 people to assist with getting our educational traveling trunks out to local schools either before field trips or for classes or groups like after school programs. If you're interested, please contact Judy Tumbleson at Judy41@qconline.com or 309-786-5980.

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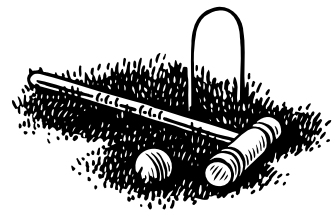
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 18 - Colonel's Croquet Party (new fundraiser for the Colonel Davenport House) 3-7 p.m.
- September 29 - Ghost Tales at the Colonel Davenport House at 7 p.m.
- October 28 - Colonel Davenport House Ends Regular Hours for Season
- November 11 - Colonel Davenport House Open for Veterans Day
- January - CDHF Annual Meeting



BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

Thank you to everyone who pledged a donation for the CDHF through Birdies for Charity! After an exciting finish to the John Deere Classic, 2113 birdies were made. If you guessed the correct number, the Birdies for Charity office will be in contact with you. Invoices will be sent to you soon so you can return your donation directly to the Birdies for Charity office. The CDHF will receive out total check, plus bonus bucks, at the end of October.

WELCOME NEW CDHF MEMBERS

Reuben Heine, Stephen Suiter, Joanne Updegraff