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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."

HOUSE OPENING DELAYED

In late March water damage was discovered in the parlor ceiling. At the time of printing this Cornucopia, the contractor had not yet been to the Colonel Davenport House to determine the extent of the damage and to estimate a timeline of making repairs. The floor of the bedroom above the parlor will have to be carefully removed to get to the damage. The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation's (CDHF) insurance company has been to the house to take pictures and survey the damage.



Typically the Colonel Davenport House would open on May 1st. The CDHF Board made the decision to delay the opening of the house until the contractor can give more information about the repairs. CDHF members and the public will be notified when more information is available. The Volunteer Training for guides and sutlers has been postponed as well.

CDHF VOLUNTEERS HONORED

In April the Rock Island Arsenal honored its volunteers as part of a National Volunteer Week recognition ceremony. The CDHF's volunteers were also honored as part of this ceremony. Pictured here are some of the CDHF board members that could attend and COL Elmer Speights, Jr. Commander of the U.S. Army Garrison at the Arsenal.

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 jwaytenick@rtcnet.net



CDHF HOSTS A CHRISTMAS TEA AT QUARTERS ONE



The CDHF hosted a Christmas Tea & Tour on the snowy Sunday, December 8th at Quarters One on Arsenal Island. Attendees of the Christmas Tea enjoyed savory and sweet delights, several types of teas, and a guided tour of the historic Quarters One mansion decorated for the holidays. Almost \$800 was raised for the CDHF.



CDHF HOSTS ANNUAL MEETING IN JANUARY

Attendees learned from Terri Applegate of LeClaire Antiques & Appraisals about how to pass on their family heirlooms on Sunday, January 26th at the CDHF Annual Meeting at Modern Woodmen Park Suite Level. Then everyone brought an item to be appraised. Terri appraised pictures, a marble bust, jars, hairbrush set, dolls, stuffed animals, tea set, figurines, and more.



Credit Quad-City Times

Terri Applegate offers five considerations when someone wants to pass along an object:

- Make sure it's yours before you give it away. "Take time to attach a written memory with your items" so they can remember it's history.
- Get your story straight. "Whose was it originally? What is the history behind it?"
- Kill the burden. "Do you want them to feel obligated to receive an item? If you do, you want to exert the story." If the person doesn't want the item, then consider donating it to a historical society or museum.
- Take a poll. "What does the recipient remember about the item? This will help you decide who should receive it.
- Become a preservationist. "Store items where you would be comfortable. Try not to operate 'a la packrat.' Fewer items that you pass down will make those items more special."

2013 ANNUAL REPORT ON CDHF WEBSITE

Take a minute to look through the CDHF's Annual Report with articles from board members and pictures throughout. You can easily browse the PDF online by going to www.davenporthouse.org; click on 'News' on the left side; then scroll down to view the Annual Reports.

PIONEER DAY RETURNS IN JUNE

Pioneer Day returns to the Colonel Davenport House on Saturday, June 7th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We hope to see you there! Bring the kids and grandkids! Be a part of history from George Davenport's time and other historic periods and join the demonstrations and activities. See Civil War re-enactors and the Buckskinner group that re-enacts the fur trade period.

And if you'd like to participate in a bigger way, we always need volunteers—to work at the ticket booth, interpret the history of the Quad Cities and the part that Colonel Davenport played in it, teach games and pastimes of the 17th century, and show off your skills! Many of you have talents or ideas that would help make this a successful event! And if you are a business or organization that would like to join by spreading your message, we would love to have you!

If you have questions, would like to have a booth, or would like to volunteer, contact Suzanne Hoskins at 309-558-6831.



ILLINOIS MUSEUMS HAVE GREAT ECONOMIC IMPACT

New statistics from the Illinois Association of Museums shows museums in the state have a \$2 billion economic impact annually. The association's economic impact statement also found museums in Illinois employ more than 6,240 people, spend more than \$576 million on goods and services, and have more than 21 million visitors a year. That includes 3.4 million school children and 119,500 teachers.

A BIT OF FUR TRADING HISTORY

Russell Farnham was a member of the American Fur Company long before George Davenport. Farnham was a member of the Astor Expedition headed by Wilson P. Hunt during 1810-1812 and he was the first American to semi-circumnavigate the world, travelling by foot from Fort Astoria (now Astoria, Oregon) to St. Petersburg, Russia in 1814.

John Jacob Astor employed Farnham to oversee his business interests of the American Fur Company in the Great Lakes region, but Farnham was arrested as a spy in late 1814 during the War of 1812. The whole trading party was sent to St. Louis and Farnham lost a year of trading because of that. George Davenport began to buy goods from the American Fur Company after that time, on Farnham's credit. Sometime around 1820, Farnham and Davenport became partners. Russell Farnham died from cholera in 1823. Then Davenport actually contracts with the American Fur Company in June 1826.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7 – Pioneer Day at the House
August TBA – Colonel’s Croquet Party at Quarters One
September 5-21 – East West Riverfest at the House
September 27 – Ghost Tales at the House

Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation Membership Form

Mr. Mrs. Ms.

New Renewal Gift

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: (Kept confidential) _____

_____ 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.