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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."*

## GIVING BACK WITH PLANNED GIVING

Our affiliation with the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend also gives donors access to charitable annuity programs which can return direct financial benefits to donors and their families, in the form of lifetime income and tax benefits. This type of "planned giving" can turn low-yielding assets into higher-yielding returns to donors, and at the same time can do much toward preserving and interpreting the story of the Davenport family and pioneer life in the Quad Cities.

As always, we welcome volunteers from among our many friends and members. Feel free to add your name to our list of guides, interpreters or Sutlery volunteers!

It is volunteers who have kept the Col. Davenport House alive since its near-collapse at the turn of the last century. Donors and skilled builders brought new life to its timbers, while volunteers have kept its story alive in the near century that since followed.

Our tour guides and sutlers continue to tell the Davenport story, not just of the historic residence, but of the Davenport family's involvement in building our area, its commerce, and industry. Volunteers make our Lunch and Learn programs come alive with wonderful stories of the past. We are especially mindful of the need to strengthen history education in our schools, and the important focus this brings to learning. Hope to see you at our exciting upcoming events!

John E. Norton, President

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Listen to spooky stories at **GHOST TALES** on the grounds of the Colonel Davenport House on Arsenal Island at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 26. Admission for this family-friendly event is \$3 for adults; \$2 for children under college age; and families are \$10. Concessions will be available. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair or blanket. Come before the main event to get a guided tour of the Colonel Davenport House from 5:45-6:45 p.m.



Guests must enter Arsenal Island via the downtown Moline, Illinois, gate. Attendees ages 16 and older must show U.S. photo I.D. In case of inclement weather, "Ghost Tales" will be relocated to Memorial Field Pavilion on the Island.

If you'd like to volunteer at Ghost Tales doing concessions, taking admissions, etc., please contact Jessica Waytenick at 309-372-8205 or [waytenik@winco.net](mailto:waytenik@winco.net).

## CDHF HOSTS ARSENAL APPRECIATION DAY



The CDHF celebrated Arsenal Appreciation Day on July 16 with free admission to Arsenal employees and their families, in conjunction with the MWR Employee Appreciation Day. 255 people went through the house that day, an increase from 80 last year. Antique cars were again used to shuttle visitors to/from the house, Building 60, and Memorial Field where employee activities were located. Special thanks goes to Dr. Paul Johnson and Tom Altermatt who provided the cars and did a lot of driving that afternoon.

The CDHF is now approved to be part of this year's Combined Federal Campaign, permitting regional federal employees to make gifts to the CDHF by payroll deduction. Jessica Waytenick had the CDHF display board at the Employee Appreciation Day, along with the other local charities.

## CDHF OUT AND ABOUT

The CDHF had a display about the house, its tours, and events at the Hooverfest on Saturday, August 1st, hosted by the Hoover Presidential Library-Museum in West Branch, IA. Kids enjoyed the old-fashioned toys, different fur pelts, and writing with a quill pen.



## CDHF IN THE NEWS

The Tri-City Garden Club was recognized by the Argus/Dispatch in a June 15, 2009, article about their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the wonderful work they do at the Colonel Davenport House with a garden of plants and flowers from Colonel Davenport's time. The CDHF thanks you!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Mary Hughes from Geneseo, Illinois**

**Don Pruter and Vickie Palmer-Pruter from Princeton, Iowa**

**Virginia Wayne from Rock Island, Illinois**

Are your membership dues up to date? Keep up with all of the CDHF happenings and enjoy free tours of the house and a discount of Gift Shop purchases. Have you seen the new CDHF t-shirts?

## RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW FOR THE TWO UPCOMING LUNCH & LEARNS

**Wednesday, September 16 at 12 noon**

**By George, a Musical! - The Story Behind the Making of the Musical, George!**

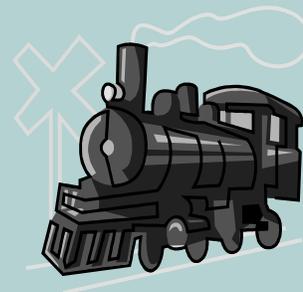
**Presenter: Dr. Ann Boaden**

Dr. Ann Boaden teaches courses in writing and literature at Augustana College, and publishes fiction, creative nonfiction, and occasional poetry in a variety of literary journals. Two of her one-act plays have been produced by the regional professional theatre company New Ground. With her composer colleague Joan Beaumont, Dr. Boaden has written lyrics and libretti for four musicals (George!, Henriette the Queen, An Evening with Emmy Ewald, and The Grand Excursion). In 2005, she received Bettendorf Public Library's Author Achievement Award. Reservations due September 11.

**Wednesday, October 7 at 12 noon**

**Steamboats vs. Railroads - Presenter: Dr. Roald Tweet**

Since 1995, historian and folklorist Dr. Roald Tweet has been spinning his stories of the Mississippi Valley on WVIK. Dr. Tweet has published three books as well as numerous literary articles and recorded segments of "Rock Island Lines." It is from Rock Island's rich heritage that Dr. Tweet spins his histories, biographies and "stretchers." "Rock Island Lines with Roald Tweet" has received awards from the Illinois Historical Society as well as the Towner Award from the Illinois Humanities Council. Dr. Tweet is professor emeritus, retired from the Augustana College English department. A writer and radio personality, Dr. Tweet is also an accomplished woodcarver and whittler. Reservations due October 2.



*Both programs take place at the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club. Cost is \$15 for members; \$16 for non-members. **Reservations in advance are required.** Mail check, payable to CDHF c/o Don O'Shea, 3113 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Moline, IL 61265. Questions? Please contact Don at (309) 762-8156 or [pelagius@qconline.com](mailto:pelagius@qconline.com)*

\*\*Missing the usual Lunch & Learn insert? You do not need to use a special Arsenal pass to get to the Arsenal Golf Club for the Lunch & Learn. You can just let the guard know where you are going. Please send in your advanced reservations and we'll see you there!



### CDHF PARTICIPATES IN PARADE OF HOMES

The Quad-Cities Home Builders Fall Parade of Homes is the weekends of Sept. 12 & 13th and 19th & 20th, open all day. Then it is Tuesday, Sept. 15 & Thursday, Sept. 17 from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00, with a portion returning to the CDHF. The CDHF is manning four houses. Let us know if you'd like to volunteer by contacting the house at 309-786-7336.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

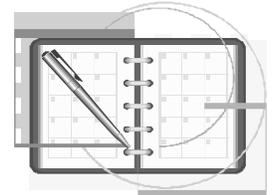
September 16 - Lunch & Learn at the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club at 12 noon

September 26 - Ghost Tales at the Colonel Davenport House at 7 pm

October 7 - Lunch & Learn at the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club at 12 noon

October 10 - Free program with Dick Balzer at the Moline Library at 2:30 pm

October 25 - Closing Day at the Colonel Davenport House from 12-4 pm



## AROUND THE HOUSE

- When you visit the house, take a look at the new door to the sutlery.
- Thank you to Rich Todd for helping repair the pump system near the house in order to provide better water pressure.

## DONATE USED BOOKS

Used books are a big seller in the Sutlery and donations are greatly appreciated. We sell fiction and non-fiction, paperback and hard cover and prefer topics of historical or local interest. They can be dropped off at the Sutlery during open hours. If you are unable to get them there, call Ginny Bauersfeld at 309-236-0741 and arrangements can be made for pick-up.