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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."

ANNUAL PIONEER DAYS BROUGHT SMILES

The fourth annual Pioneer Days took place June 18-19. Over the two days, 130 attended. They saw pioneer activities such as quilting, basket weaving, ice cream making (a favorite!), washboard washing, and wood carving. A traditional Buckskinner's camp showed animal pelts, hatchet throwing, clothing, traded items, and more.



Guest historical speakers Gena Schantz and Maryan Wherry were on the schedule, as well as period musician Wesley Wells. Exhibits included the Fort Armstrong Anniversary time capsule, local DAR group, and a Happy 200th Anniversary card for George Davenport. There was also popcorn and Dickey's Barbeque Pit in Moline.

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY FORM ENCLOSED

This year the John Deere Classic has moved to August 8-14 because of the Olympics in Rio. That means that Birdies for Charity pledge forms aren't due until August 12.

Enclosed you will find a Birdies for Charity pledge form and a return envelope so you can mail it directly to the Birdies for Charity office by August 12.



It's a great way to support the CDHF and your donation goes even farther because of the 5% of bonus bucks added to each pledge! The CDHF continuously raises money for house maintenance. As you probably know home repairs are not cheap, and the Colonel Davenport House is 183 years old!

HOUSE OPEN ALL WEEK FOR Q-C MUSEUM WEEK

On June 18-25, 2016, twenty local museums came together for Quad Cities Museum Week. Quad Cities area museums partnered together to create an entire week filled with fun activities, special events, and exhibits to showcase the wealth of museum offerings in the region. The Colonel Davenport House had special hours and was open every day that week from 12-4 p.m. Information on the participating museums was available at www.QCmuseumweek.com.



VOLUNTEER EVENT ON AUGUST 13

The CDHF volunteers are important! Without your interest and dedication the Colonel Davenport House, the Quad Cities' oldest pioneer home, would not serve the community by interpreting our early local history.

Gena Schantz is a charter member of the CDHF, and a respected historian of the Davenport family. On Saturday, August 13 at 10 a.m. at the House, Gena will present a retrospective study on the Davenport family and their role in America's history of westward expansion. Over a period of 25 years (1817-1845), the Davenport family achieved great economic success, and the residence and its contents illustrate a wealthy lifestyle.



Also we are privileged to have Dr. Catherine Carter Goebel, Professor of Art History, Augustana College, and Jordan Kirkbride, who completed her Senior Honors Project at Augustana College by doing a catalog of the furnishings in the house. Dr. Goebel, The Paul A. Anderson Chair in the Arts, will present a gift to the collection of the Colonel Davenport House. Volunteers are invited to register their attendance by putting a registration slip in the box in the sutlery.

DID YOU KNOW GEORGE DAVENPORT WANTED A RAILROAD?

The recent news about AMTRAK receiving funding to have a route from Chicago to Moline reminds us of the very first railroad to reach the Mississippi River in 1854. Never known to shy away from progress, George Davenport saw the potential of transportation by rail rather than the river. In 1845, Davenport invited a group of local businessmen to his house to discuss investing in a project that would link the Mississippi River with the Great Lakes for the first time. Davenport died a month later, but the train reached the river in 1854, and then a bridge was completed in 1856, and the rest is history....

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The CDHF welcomes two new board members in 2016—Richard Rowe and Maryan Wherry.

If you're interested in joining a board committed to preserving local history, contact Judy Tumbleson, 309-786-5980.

FOUNDATION WELCOMES SUMMER INTERN, JULIA EVANS

As a native Midwesterner, I've always been fascinated in the unique history and fascinating stories of this region. I grew up on a farm in eastern Iowa near Monticello helping my dad with large animal veterinary medicine, but later moved to Carroll, Iowa, a mid-sized city in western Iowa where I went to middle and high school.

While I thought I would follow in my dad's footsteps and go into medicine, the study of history really seemed like the right path to down as I entered my first year at Wartburg College. I graduated with a my Bachelor of Arts in 2015 majoring in history and minoring in Spanish.

While at Wartburg I was fortunate to study abroad three times—Costa Rica, Spain/France, and England/Wales. Those experiences both inside and outside the classroom prepared me to enter the museum field. I'm currently in the Western Illinois University Quad Cities Museum Studies Program where I expect to graduate with my Master of Arts in December 2016. In addition to being a full-time student at Western, I am also a part-time graduate assistant at The Muscatine Art Center where I work with collections ranging from early 19th Century dresses to French Impressionism paintings.



I've spent this past summer working as an intern at the Colonel Davenport House where I've observed and learned about the ups and downs of managing an entirely volunteer-run organization. I organized the annual Pioneer Days event (due to an unexpected turn of events) with lots of help from the enthusiastic volunteers at the organization. The event went as smoothly as it could have, considering the situation, and the Davenport House can proudly add another successful event to its books. I've also worked with Chet Doyle and Richard Larson to erect a brand new partition wall in the East Wing and repair various aspects of the House that were in dire need of attention.

My internship is not quite over, and I plan to continue to volunteer with the organization after my internship period is complete. I'm eager to help in whatever way I can in the upcoming months, and I'm excited to see what the future holds for the Colonel Davenport House.

DON'T FORGET YOUR I.D.

All Arsenal Island visitors should go to the Moline gate first, if you don't have a pass. Using just your Iowa picture ID is sufficient. If you live in Ill., Minn., Missouri, or Wash., you need a 2nd approved ID, such as a passport, birth certificate, SS card, FOID card, military ID card, etc.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 13 – Volunteer Event at the House
September 24 – Ghost Tales at the House
November 11 – Veteran’s Day at the House
December 11 – Christmas Tea at Quarters One

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