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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."

PIONEER DAYS RETURN JUNE 9-10 FOR FUN TWO-DAY EVENT

We will bring the Colonel Davenport House alive for a weekend in the spirit and activity of 1835 during Pioneer Days on Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10 from 12-5 p.m. both days. It's a great chance to show kids and grandkids activities to be unplugged from their phones and tablets!

For the brave, there will be a rustic rope bridge, approx. 40' long from the Boy Scouts. See re-enactors demonstrate a variety of crafts (quilting, spinning, lace making, and chair caning). Take a tour of the House, see the new east wing exhibits, or try one of the games that involve aiming and throwing (quoits and tomahawks) from the Buckskinners.



A color guard will raise and lower the historical 25-star flag in front of the house. In the outdoor kitchen, see open hearth baking of soda bread and calico pudding, pan-fried catfish, and blueberry cobbler. More children's activities include scrub board washing, making a yarn doll, scavenger hunt, walking on stilts, bucket racing, and punched tin designs.

At 2 p.m. Saturday there will be a Birds of Prey show. Food and refreshments for sale. Tickets are \$10 for adults 13 yrs. and older; \$8 for seniors; FREE for kids 12 and younger and active military. Tickets are available online at www.davenporthouse.org in advance or at the House day-of. Pioneer Days has been declared a special event so no pass is need to get on Arsenal Island on June 9-10. Just show your U.S. picture ID at the guard gate and tell them you're going to Pioneer Days at the Colonel Davenport House.

NEW EXHIBITS FOR THE START OF THE SEASON

The CDHF unveiled new permanent exhibits in the east wing at the Colonel Davenport House for the start of the 2018 season. The original east, west, and south wings of the house were razed in 1907 due to disrepair. The west wing of the house was reconstructed in 1998. Construction of the east wing of the Colonel Davenport House began in 2011 and it was completed in 2015.



During the reconstruction of the east wing, a portion of the wall connecting to the main house was covered in plexiglass so visitors could see the interior construction of the house. Also displayed are porch pillasters that were removed from the house during earlier renovations.

The CDHF produced a video in 2007 about George Davenport. The DVD program explores the life and contributions of Colonel Davenport, an early settler and a founding father of Davenport and the surrounding region. It also includes his impact on

the economic development of eastern Iowa and western Illinois. This video is now available for visitors to watch in shorter segments and closed-captioned.

The CDHF, with the help of Silver Oaks Communications in Moline, created a new board game to take a look at Davenport's life as a fur trader. The game takes players down the Mississippi River to deliver the furs to be sold in St. Louis. Along the way, players encounter good or bad situations to speed or delay their trip.

The new hands-on interactive touchscreen allows visitors to explore Arsenal Island and its landmarks including the Colonel Davenport House, Mississippi River, railroad bridge, Fort Armstrong, and Native American life.

On the walls of the east wing, visitors will see a new family tree of George Davenport that starts with his birth in Lincolnshire, England, and shows the descendants. The other new static display is a timeline of George's life and the world events happening then.

To be completed later this summer, the CDHF will install a chronological photo display of the house.

"We're very excited about these new exhibits," says CDHF President Jolene Keeney. "It adds an interactive, hands-on component to our tours that we didn't have before with the historic house and its furnishings."

The east wing construction and new exhibits were funded through a combination of grants, donations, volunteer time and effort. Major contributors include the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, Doris & Victor Day Foundation, Hubbell-Waterman Foundation, Regional Development Authority, RIA Development Group, Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club, and Scott County Regional Authority.

2017 ANNUAL MEETING COMPLETED, GET THE REPORT

The CDHF held its annual meeting in May at the Butterworth Education Center. Rock Island Reference Librarian Dr. James Shearouse has taken a closer look at the local markers on the Illinois side of the river. He presented his findings and information for the program. As part of the event, the CDHF produced a 2017 Annual Report with a summary of information that can be read online at

www.davenporthouse.org/annual-report.php.

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DAVENPORT HOUSE ADDS PAYPAL TO WEBSITE

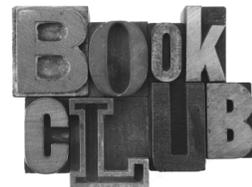
Being in charge of an historic house is a constant battle in vigilance to keep a house that's 185 years old still standing. Underneath this siding and plaster, it's very much like a log cabin that we are maintaining through the years of Midwest weather without all the modern conveniences houses today have.

Completing the east wing is not the finish line for the CDHF. There are more major renovation projects. Those projects include a new roof, new gutter system, new siding, and finishing off the porch roof. We are asking for help with these projects. Enclosed is the Birdies for Charity form to fill out and return as one way to help, and there is a new Paypal donation on the website at www.davenporthouse.org to receive easy one-time donations online.



NEW BOOKS FOR THE HISTORY BOOK CLUB

The Local History Book Club next meets on **Tuesday, July 17 at 7 p.m.** The book discussion is about "The Leon Bix Beiderbecke Story" by Phillip and Linda Evans. A location is being secured. The September book is "A Culinary History of Iowa" by Darcy Dougherty Maulsby. The group will meet Tuesday, September 18 at 7 p.m. The November book is "A Keelboat Journey during the Civil War" by Leslie Boothroyd. Everybody is welcome.



LOOKING FOR A PROGRAM FOR YOUR GROUP?

Bill Hapes is available to come and provide a free program about the interesting life of George Davenport, his family, and life in this area in the early days! Contact Bill at 309-792-1769.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 9-10 – Pioneer Days at the House
- June 9-17 – Quad Cities Museum Week at the House
- July 17 – History Book Club at Location TBD
- July 29 – Quarters One Tours organized by CDHF
- September 18 – History Book Club at Location TBD
- September 29 – Ghost Tales at the House
- October 27 – House ends regular tours for the season



BIRDIES FOR CHARITY GREAT WAY TO HELP THE CDHF

Enclosed is your Birdies for Charity form to give back to the Colonel Davenport House. Each donation will be increased by 5% as part of the Bonus Bucks program. There is no better return rate than that! Please send the form and your pledge directly to the Birdies for Charity office in East Moline at the address on the form. They will take care of all the follow-up.

