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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."

BRINGING ATTENTION TO FUR TRADING

This year's final "Lunch & Learn" at the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club on Wednesday, September 8 will feature the Putnam Museum's Curator of History and Anthropology, Christina Kastell, telling the story of the Davenport Trading Post at Ft. Armstrong, and the new exhibit she is preparing about the trading post for the Putnam Museum, supported by a grant from the State Historical Society of Iowa. It is an opportunity to learn more of George Davenport's commercial successes as a fur trader with the American Fur Company, and his far-reaching trade with the Native Americans of our area.

We will also welcome back our outdoor family program "Ghost Tales" on Saturday, September 25 with a new play authored by CDHF Board member John Donald O'Shea.

Next year promises a continued upswing in the economy, and a related growth in funding our all-volunteer efforts to maintain and interpret the Colonel Davenport House. Negotiations continue with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency on the next phase of restoring the east wing of the House as an interpretive center. Our continued participation in the Combined Federal Campaign will bring welcome new support to our work from the Rock Island Arsenal family.

The economic upswing may also bring higher taxes so we encourage consideration of tax-favored "legacy planning" which can bring donors the twin benefits of tax savings now, and even a lifelong stream of income through programs offered by the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend with which we cooperate.

If you have not been to the house recently, we also invite you to drop by to see the upcoming fall colors on the river, the garden and adjacent prairie restoration, as well as the fine work our restorers have done on the interior this year. Take time to go on a tour with our interpreters—who keep the legacy of the Davenport family alive for all visitors. Welcome!

John E. Norton, President



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 25. 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.

The year's program will feature an original one-act play by John Donald O'Shea. The comedy is called, *"Is the Joint Haunted,"* and tells the story of two ghost hunters who come to the Colonel Davenport House in search of the ghosts of George Davenport and his family members. The play features a cast of five Seton Jr. High School students.

Guests must enter Arsenal Island via the Rock Island or Davenport gates. 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.



MOMENT IN HISTORY: INDIAN AGENCY HOUSE

The Indian Agency House at Fort Armstrong was the diplomatic Embassy on the frontier and the Indian Agent was the official who represented the tribal interests to the United States Government, and the person responsible for mediating conflicts within and among tribes and others living in Indian country. Though a government appointee, the Agent was a highly influential person upon whom peaceful relationships depended.

It was the Indian Agency House where the Indians came to air their grievances with other tribes and white settlers. It was also the place where settlers came to air their grievances with the tribes as well. The Indian Agency was a busy place where the Indians could obtain their provisions and their annuities from the government. It also housed the U.S. Government Interpreter. The most well-known of these was Antoine LeClaire.



The Agency was also the place where traders like George Davenport and Russell Farnam came to obtain licenses to trade with the Indians. Indian traders were not free to follow the Indians into the hunting grounds or conduct business without proper licensing. *- written by Regena Schantz*

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR NEEDED

We announce with regret that Kim Yarbrough is resigning as longtime Membership Chair in order to do more traveling. We thank her so much for her time keeping everything up to date, in order, and membership renewal notices sent out! With that said, the CDHF is now looking for a new Membership Chair to manage the membership roles, send out renewal notices, and receive new members. This work can be done at home and doesn't take too much time each month. If anyone is interested, please contact Kim directly at 563-332-5925 or kay5925@mchsi.com.

WOULD YOU SHOP AT THE TRADING POST? FIND OUT AT THE NEXT LUNCH & LEARN

Wednesday, September 8th at 12 noon

Davenport Trading Post - Presenter: Christina Kastell

The Putnam Museum was recently awarded a grant from the State Historical Society of Iowa to build a new hands-on learning center called the Davenport Trading Post. The project will enhance a visitor's understanding of interactions between Iowa's native Americans and European settlers in the early 1800s.

Christina Kastell, Putnam Museum Curator of History and Anthropology, is preparing the exhibit. It is an opportunity to learn more of George Davenport's commercial successes as a fur trader.

*The program takes place at the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club. Cost is \$15 for members; \$17 for non-members. **Reservations in advance are required. Reservations due September 2.** Mail check, payable to CDHF c/o Don O'Shea, 3113 2nd St., Moline, IL 61265. Questions? Please contact Don at (309) 762-8156 or pelagius@qconline.com*



COLLECTIONS DATA ENTRY

The CDHF Collections Committee would like to input the data about the house's collection into the computer for easier record-keeping. If you are interested or know of a conscientious youth looking to fulfill volunteer hours, please contact Sara Hartsock at 563-441-9346 or sarahart@aol.com.

ARSENAL SUPPORT

The Rock Island Arsenal Development Group is making a \$5,000 contribution to the CDHF's next major project, whether inside restoration or preliminary work on the east wing. Also, 89 Arsenal employees took free tours of the house on July 15 for Arsenal Appreciation Day.

The CDHF part of the Illowa Bi-State Combined Federal Campaign, which is the Arsenal's version of the United Way for federal employees. The CDHF's reference number is #93-178 if you are a federal employee and would like to donate to the CDHF in this manner. Thank you!

CDHF JOINS QUAD CITY TREASURE HUNT

The Quad City Heritage League started a new promotion this year entitled the Quad City Treasure Hunt. It's a small booklet that includes current members. The Treasure Hunt book is targeted to kids four years old and up. The idea is that they must collect a stamp from each organization they visit, and after 7 or more stamps, will receive a small prize. Booklets can be picked up at any participating member.





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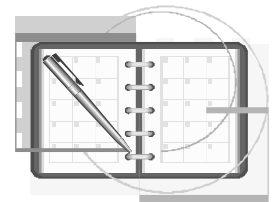
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 8 - Lunch & Learn at the Arsenal Golf Club
- September 25 - Ghost Tales at the Colonel Davenport House
- October 31 - Colonel Davenport House Closes for the Regular Season
- November 11 - Veterans Day at the Colonel Davenport House
- January TBA - CDHF Annual Meeting



LOOKING FOR A PROGRAM

The CDHF has a great DVD about Colonel Davenport and early life in the Quad Cities. This DVD can be used as part of a program, or the CDHF has several speakers who can come to speak to your group about Colonel Davenport and his contributions to the growth of the area. Contact Janice Peterson at 563-359-1988 for more information.

OUT AND ABOUT

The CDHF participated in the Quad City Heritage League Fair at the Blossoms at Butterworth event on June 27. We will also have a table at Hooverfest in West Branch in early August.