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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."*

## CROQUET PARTY ON SUNDAY, AUG. 23



Step back in time for the fourth annual Colonel's Croquet Party on Sunday, August 23 on Arsenal Island at 2:00 p.m. Dress in your croquet whites (not required) to play the same game of croquet you play in your backyard. Croquet courts will be set up on the lawn of the historic Quarters One, next to the Arsenal Golf Club.

Teams of two can play in the fun round-robin tournament. Or there will be courts set up to just join in the fun and play croquet with other enthusiasts in the Quad Cities.

Teams in the tournament portion are awarded a point for each wicket they pass through. There will a review of nine-wicket rules before play begins. Players will compete for the coveted Colonel Davenport trophy.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Join characters from Alice in Wonderland from the Davenport Junior Theatre to play and get your picture taken.



Croquet equipment will be provided. There will be hors d'oeuvres and drinks served al fresco at Quarters One. No -host bar available. Creekside Vineyards Winery in Coal Valley, Ill., will provide a complimentary wine tasting. Attendees also receive a pass for a complimentary guided tour of the Colonel Davenport House.

Tickets are \$25.00 for adults; and \$10.00 for children 11 years and younger to attend the Colonel's Croquet Party. Hors d'oeuvres, croquet play, wine tasting, and tours of the house are included. This is a rain or shine event. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Jessica Waytenick at 309-737-4280 or purchase tickets online at [www.davenporthouse.org](http://www.davenporthouse.org).

This event is sponsored in part by K&K Hardware, American Bank & Trust, Sedona Technologies, WHBF CBS4, Creekside Vineyards, and the Quad-City Times.

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## PIONEER DAYS BRINGS BUCKSKINNERS & FAMILIES

This year the CDHF expanded its third annual Pioneer Days celebration to two days on Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, also it was part of the new Quad Cities Museum Week.

There was an overnight encampment of fur trader re-enactors, called a Buckskinners' Rendezvous, with pioneer portrayers demonstrating hatchet and knife throwing, and craft demonstrators such as wood-working, chair caning, spinning, quilting, basket making, and campfire cooking.

There was also historical re-enactors and activities/demonstrations from the Belgian Lace-makers, Buffalo Bill Museum, Moline



Preservation Society, Rock Island Arsenal Museum, River Share Library, face-painting, hair-braiding, and more.

Larry Lockwood did a demonstration on Saturday on a drum and a recitation on the Indian influence of the pioneer era. Larry Lockwood is a member of the Northern Cheyenne tribe and also belongs to the Native American Coalition of the Quad Cities.



## HOUSE OPEN ALL WEEK FOR Q-C MUSEUM WEEK

On June 13-21, 2015, over twenty local museums came together for the first time ever for the new 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](http://www.QCmuseumweek.com).



## 2014 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WEBSITE

The CDHF hosted its Annual Meeting in May at the Arsenal Golf Club with Kris Leinicke, Executive Director of the Arsenal Museum, as the speaker about the Confederate prison once on Arsenal Island. If you'd like to view the Annual Report, you can find it on the website at [www.davenporthouse.org](http://www.davenporthouse.org) under the News section.

## LOOKING FOR A LITTLE VOLUNTEER WORK?

Everyone is very busy these days, but you might have one afternoon per month from 12-4 p.m. that you could come to the Colonel Davenport House. It's very easy to get to, right in the middle of the Quad Cities. We need people to volunteer in the gift shop or sutlery, as we call it.

You would greet guests as they come for tours and handle ringing up admissions and gift shop purchases. There is a tour guide there that will give visitors tours of the house. You will receive training and you can shadow other gift shop volunteers.

For more information, contact Ginny Bauersfeld at 309-236-0741.

## INTERN HELP THIS SUMMER AT THE HOUSE

Erin Elmer is a Museum Studies student at Western Illinois University-QC Campus. She has been assisting the CDHF this summer by researching and finding photos to be used in several of our new exhibits. One project is a timeline of George Davenport's life and another is a pictorial history of Arsenal Island.

## SUTLERY GETS A NEW LOOK THIS YEAR

Last Cornucopia we included pictures of the empty Sutlery Gift Shop. Here are some pictures with the items moved back in and rearranged to reorient the payment counter.



## BIRDIES FOR CHARITY GIVES GOOD RETURNS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the CDHF through Birdies for Charity. The number of birdies during the John Deere Classic equaled 1990. The invoices were mailed to you and they get returned to the Birdies for Charity office. There aren't many places that have a 5% interest return rate. The CDHF will receive a check in October.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 23 – Colonel’s Croquet Party at Quarters One

September 26 – Ghost Tales at the House

November 11 – Veterans Day at the House

December 13 – Christmas Tea at Quarters One

## NEW WEBSITE ON THE HORIZON

The CDHF is getting a new website at [www.davenporthouse.org](http://www.davenporthouse.org) thanks to an Impact Grant from the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend. Designed by students from the Augustana College Web Guild, it will be designed using what is called “responsive design” so whatever device someone is using—smartphone, laptop, tablet, or desktop computer—the website will be formatted to be readable and easy to use. Look for the new website sometime this fall!