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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 MEETING & LUNCH ON MAY 15

Learn more about Mrs. Antoine LeClaire at the CDHF Annual Meeting & Lunch on Sunday, May 15 at 1 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Golf Clubhouse. Her husband, Antoine, was larger than life so during this afternoon you'll receive an introduction to Marguerite LePage LeClaire.

Our speaker Dr. Maryan Wherry holds a Master of Science in History and a Master of Arts in English from Illinois State University. She earned a PhD in American Culture Studies from Bowling Green State University. Over the past decade, Dr. Wherry has written and compiled a collection of biographies of nearly 30 Quad City women, collected into an anthology entitled, *Quad Cities' Herstories*. She is working on a history of the Rock Island County Poor Farm and is expanding the history of Western Township in Henry County.



MARGUERITE LE CLAIRE

Tickets are \$20.00 per person. To make reservations, send a check to the CDHF at PO Box 4603, Rock Island, IL 61204-4603, or purchase tickets online at www.davenporthouse.org. **Deadline is May 8th.** Enter at the Moline gate. If you have an Iowa picture ID you only need that. If you have an Illinois picture ID, you will need a second approved ID. For the list, please visit www.usagria.army.mil/AccessRequests/. If you have questions, contact Jessica Waytenick at 309-737-4280.

HOUSE OPENS FOR SEASON ON MAY 1ST



The Colonel Davenport House opens for the 2016 season on Sunday, May 1st. The house is open for its regular hours, and is open 12-4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday. This year celebrates the 200th anniversary of the founding of Fort Armstrong on Arsenal Island. George Davenport secured supplies for Ft. Armstrong.

PIONEER DAYS IS SIGNATURE EVENT IN JUNE



The fourth annual Pioneer Days is Saturday and Sunday, June 18-19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 12-4 p.m. on Sunday.

There will be quilting, basket weaving, butter & ice cream making, pottery making, and wood carving. Guest historical speakers include: Roald Tweet, Gena Schantz, Maryan Wherry, Jack Tumbleson, and Curt Roseman. There will also be exhibits that include a

Buckskinnners camp and a model of the first railroad bridge across the Mississippi River. You'll also enjoy authentic era songs and one actually written about Colonel George Davenport. Food vendors available.

Plan to spend the day on Arsenal Island on the Mississippi Riverbank, just like Colonel Davenport's family. Tours of the house included. \$10.00 admission for 13 years and over; free 12 and under.



HOUSE PARTICIPATES IN 2ND Q-C MUSEUM WEEK

On June 18-26, 2016, the second annual Quad Cities Museum Week takes place with over 20 local museums participating. The Colonel Davenport House again joins this promotion with its Pioneer Days event.

The house will also have special hours and will be open every day that week from 12-4 p.m. for guided tours. As an added twist, each location will have Mystery for visitors to solve.

Information on the participating museums is going to be available at www.QCmuseumweek.com. The website features descriptions of each museum, the events and activities they will be offering, and a printable flyer with a map and museum listings.



NEW ARSENAL SECURITY MEASURES

This year getting to the Colonel Davenport House is going to be different than last year. Starting December 1, visitors older than 16 yrs. need to get a background check to get on the island as part of the enhanced security at military installations. It doesn't take long, and all visitors should go to the Moline gate. If you visit the island a lot, you can get a one-year pass to show at any gate with your ID instead of stopping each time. Using your Iowa picture ID is sufficient. If you live in Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, or Washington, those states are not compliant with the Federal Real ID Act. That means a second approved ID is needed, such as a passport, birth certificate, SS card, FOID card, military ID card, etc. To learn more, go to www.usagria.army.mil/AccessRequests/

KEEP WATCH FOR THE BIRDIE

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. The CDHF will mail you a pledge form this summer. 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!

FOUNDATION OPPOSES ARSENAL MUSEUM CUTS

MG Kevin O'Connell
U.S. Army Sustainment Command
1 Rock Island Arsenal
Rock Island, IL 61299-6500
March 21, 2016

Dear Master General O'Connell,

As President of the Col. Davenport Historical Foundation located on Arsenal Island, I wish to express the board of directors disappointment that a large portion of the archives of the Arsenal Museum is being moved from the climate controlled facility where the records are pertinent to a warehouse in Anniston, AL.

In addition, it seems that the long-range plan is to do away with the Museum. I cannot tell you the number of visitors that we get at the Colonel Davenport House that first heard about us when they visited the Museum. That Museum is a destination for history buffs, gun enthusiasts, and grandfathers trying to put their grandchildren in touch with their history.

This move will not only impact the Museum but the Visitor Center at Lock & Dam 15 and the Davenport House. We hope that dismantling of the local history can be rethought.

Sincerely,

Judy Tumbleson, President
Col. Davenport Historical Foundation

Rock Island Arsenal Museum Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Rock Island Arsenal Museum in the theater room

IN REMEMBRANCE

We remember Suzanne Hoskins, who passed away in November. Suzanne served on the CDHF board as Membership Coordinator 2011-2016 and started the Pioneer Days in 2013. She also volunteered at the house as a sutler. Elliott "Jack" McDonald passed away this month. He was a long-time board member and volunteer. He stepped down from the board in 2010.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1 – House Opens for the Season
- May 15 – Annual Meeting at the Arsenal Golf Clubhouse
- June 18-19 – Pioneer Days at the House
- June 18-26 – Quad Cities Museum Week 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

COLONEL DAVENPORT JOINS FACEBOOK

The Colonel Davenport House has joined Facebook and you can follow along too. To ‘Like’ our page, go to www.facebook.com/coloneldavenporthouse or go to the website at www.davenporthouse.org and click on the Facebook logo to head directly to the page to Like it. The more followers we have, the better it is!

