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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."*

## PLAYTIME AT COLONEL'S CROQUET PARTY

Step back in time for the second annual Colonel's Croquet Party on Saturday, August 17, 2013, on Arsenal Island from **2:00 to 7:00 p.m.** (starting one hour earlier). Don your croquet whites (not required) to play the same game of croquet you play in your backyard. Croquet (cro-KAY) courts will be set up on the lawn of the historic Quarters One.

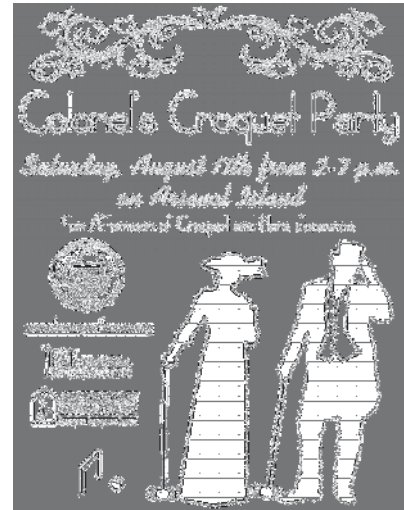
Teams of two can play in the round robin tournament. **OR this year** there will be courts for those who just want to join the fun and play croquet with others.

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.

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 complimentary guided tour of the Colonel Davenport House.

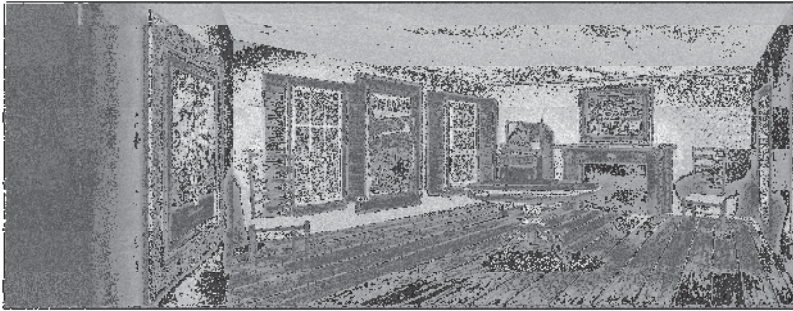
Parking is available at the Arsenal Island Golf Club. This event is sponsored in part by K&K Hardware, American Bank & Trust, WHBF CBS4, and the Quad-City Times.

Tickets are \$25.00 for adults; and \$10.00 for children 11 years and younger to attend the inaugural 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).

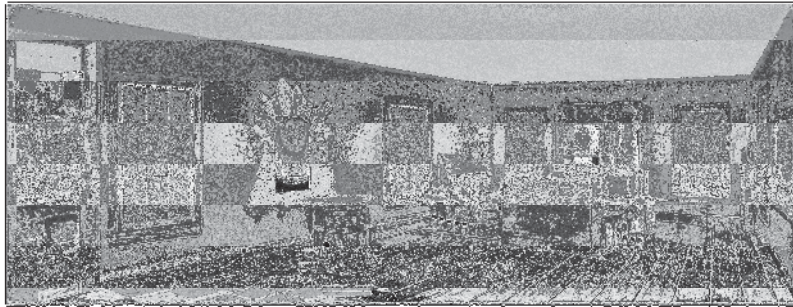


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## RENDERINGS OF TWO NEW EXHIBIT SPACES



In the spring, the CDHF board began meeting with Silver Oaks and Midwest Exhibits to work on plans for new exhibits for the east wing. It was decided to move the fur trade exhibit in upstairs second bedroom downstairs to the new wing so it can be enjoyed more fully with some updates to its information.



### Plans for the upstairs bedroom (top picture) include:

- Create a new large Family Tree wall graphic, detailing Colonel Davenport's family line.
- Create a new wall graphic with a timeline of Colonel Davenport's life with important

dates in history to give visitors context, and a separate timeline of the house.

- Produce a brand-new touchscreen interactive program that is specific to the CDHF where tour guides can reveal layers of an aerial map/image to show Arsenal Island as it was before, during and after George Davenport lived there. The new interactive touch-screen will bring Arsenal Island's past to life.

### Plans for the east wing (bottom picture) include:

- Create a new board game showing the journey to trade furs where players have to make decisions about different obstacles traders faced in the 1800s.
- Transform the existing CDHF video into a touchscreen interactive program so visitors can watch one up to all of the six shorter segments.
- Produce a new touchscreen interactive screen where visitors must figure out how to trade fairly with the Native Americans based on 1820s trading post prices, and how that would compare with today's market value.

These exhibits may use new technology, but they will unobtrusively fit into the historic character of the house. The majority of the house has period furniture and accessories that cannot be handled due to their fragility. By providing these new exhibits it will be a way for the CDHF to encourage participation and engage visitors of all ages with the Davenport family's story.

The CDHF has received \$10,000 from The Hubbell-Waterman Foundation and \$10,000 from the Scott County Regional Authority. The CDHF is currently seeking more funding to finish these exhibits. We also recently received \$600 from the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club to work on the interior construction portion of the east wing.

## GO ON A MYSTERY TRIP WITH THE CDHF

Experienced tour guide and CDHF board member, Judy Vukelich, has a great Mystery Bus Trip scheduled for Tuesday, September 10th. This day-long trip on a comfortable Tri-State motorcoach to an un-named location out of the Quad Cities also includes a lunch buffet, and morning and afternoon snacks. This will be fun trip for both men and women, and will not include a lot of walking.

The bus will leave at 6:45 a.m. and return around 7:30 p.m. Meet at the Tri-State Office, 530 W. 76th St. in Davenport. Cost is \$75 per person. For more information (except the destination) and to reserve your seat, contact Judy Vukelich at 563-322-7522. Deadline is August 1st and over 20 have registered already. Get your friends together for a great day!



## PIONEER LIVING DAY TOOK PEOPLE BACK IN TIME



Our Pioneer Living Day on Saturday, June 15th was a lot of fun, and very educational! Many thanks to the Buffalo Bill Museum, Tri-City Garden Club, Butterworth Center & Deere-Wiman House, Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society and Museum, Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild, Valley Weavers and Spinners, Paul Johnston, and Jason Lewis who provided activities and demonstrations.

Also a thank you to the re-enactors who did such wonderful portrayals—Bill Hannon, and Bob and Dorothy White. We plan on having them all back next year for a bigger and better celebration of our Quad Cities pioneers! Mark your calendar for next year on Saturday, June 7th.



## GHOST TALES COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

Kick off the Halloween season as the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation presents "Ghost Tales" on the grounds of the Colonel Davenport House on Arsenal Island at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2013. Admission for this family-friendly event is \$3 for adults; \$2 for children under college age; and families \$10. Enjoy the refreshments for sale. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair or blanket!







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## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17 – Colonel’s Croquet Party at Quarters One  
September 6-22 – East West Riverfest at the House  
September 28 – Ghost Tales at the House  
October 27 – End of regular hours at the House  
November 11 – Veteran’s Day at the House

### ARE YOU A SNOW BIRD?

Please let the CDHF know your winter address and you can continue receiving CDHF information in your warmer destination residence. It will also save us some resources when we get returned items in the mail. Please contact Membership Coordinator Suzanne Hoskins know at 309-558-6831 or [tecladot@mchsi.com](mailto:tecladot@mchsi.com). Thank you!