

Schuetzen-Brief

News from the Davenport, IA. Schuetzen Park Historic Site - Fall/Winter 2003

Ach, dat "Platt" !

Oct. 9th, 2003 was more than a celebration of the Park's rebirth, it was also a mini "Platt-fest". As the 200+ guests gathered in the Park to celebrate the successful land reacquisition project, they also enjoyed the very talented low-German band "Fief op Platt". We were happy to see so many friends from the American Schleswig/Holstein Heritage Society in attendance at the Park's celebration.

Our "Roots" Run Deep

We were honored to have Alan Jansen of the Davenport Schuetzen-Verein (DSV) in attendance at the rededication of the old Schuetzen Park on Oct. 9th. The DSV founded this Park in 1870 and operated it on our site until 1923. After operating a range for a brief interlude of 50+ years on Jersey Ridge Road, the DSV is now developing their new "Schuetzen Park" in rural Scott County near Princeton. The DSV takes pride in the fact that they are the oldest continuously operating Schuetzen-Verein in the United States. "Gut Schuß"

New DSV Schuetzen-Kings

Its time to update the list of Schuetzen Kings on page 53 of the "Schuetzenpark: Davenport's Lost Playland" book:

2001 - Robert Nicewanner

2002 - Brad Hebler

Historic Oak Tree is Treated

The century+ old Oak tree that stands at the "Festplatz" at the Schuetzen Park is showing its age. **Davey Tree Service** has generously donated the services needed to help out this old friend! **Davey** has fertilized and trimmed out damage from storms and aging. We look forward to seeing a rejuvenated tree come spring. Thank you **Davey Tree Service!**

Website On The Way

The Schuetzen Park is steeped in the traditions of the past. One way for us to tell the Park's story to the rest of the world is through our much anticipated website. In the new year, you will be

Besten Dank!

D.A.N.K. - QC Chapter: for their gift of a new picnic table, used gas grille and tent.

Rockingham HyVee: for their gift of food to celebrate the Park's successful land project.

MidAmerican Energy: mulch for trails/trees.

City of Davenport: Compost for trees etc.

A gift in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur E. Postel

A gift in memory of Anna Lowe

A gift in memory of Earl G. Jens

A gift in honor of Dorothy Lage

Trail Restoration Continues

Schuetzen Park's nature trails are getting some much needed attention from a variety of community groups.

The 10 minute trail, or *kleiner Wanderweg*, was completed this year with the installation of handrails, timbered steps and mulched trail beds. Work also continued up until the last possible "good-weather day" this fall on the next leg of the Park's trail, the *Mittel-Wanderweg*. Girl Scouts from Davenport North High School, assisted by community service workers provided by the Scott County Sheriff's office, made good progress on this section, completing it from the end of the *kleiner Wanderweg* to the Park's old south gate and then part of the way to the "Hasenheide", behind Vera French Pine Knoll on Telegraph Road.

A grant from the **WalMart Foundation** will help with the completion of the *Mittel-Wanderweg* in the spring. We thank everyone involved for their help!

2004 Veranstaltungskalender / Activities

Dez. 12, 2003 - Annual Park Board Dinner at Frieda's European Restaurant, E. Moline.

24. April - Spring cleanup at Park

1. Mai - Park opens for season

12. Juni - Spring Breakfast in the Park

