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Schuetzen - Brief

News from the Davenport, Iowa Schuetzen Park Historic Site



Besten Dank

Many thanks are offered to the following for their assistance with the many projects underway to preserve the memory of our lost heritage at old Schuetzen Park. The Riverboat Development Authority-Pavilion restoration, The Rock Island Arsenal Women's Club-wildlife feeding, The Davenport Jaycee's Foundation-general project support, The Quad Cities Homebuilders Association-Pavilion restoration, Boy Scout Troop 85 of Redeemer Lutheran Church of Bettendorf-nature trail improvements, and the W.E. Bettendorf Foundation-Historic Materials Preservation.

Gilde Receives Award

The Davenport Schuetzenpark Gilde received a "Public Awareness" award this past spring from the Scott County Historic Preservation Society. The Society cited the Gilde's work including the book "Schuetzenpark-Davenport's Lost Playland", it's historical memorabilia collection and the events it sponsors to bring attention to this important piece of local heritage.

Musikfest in Schuetzenpark

A "Musikfest" was held in old Schuetzenpark on Saturday, June 3. The Fest honored Professor Ernst Otto who was one of the well known Bandmasters who performed in the Park for many decades. More than 300 people enjoyed the event that was sponsored in part by the Iowa Arts Council. Preparations for next years "Fest" at the Schuetzen Park Historic Site are already underway.



German-Republican Booklet Reprinted

The Davenport Schuetzenpark Gilde is proud to continue with its efforts to preserve the heritage of our German-American forbearers with this special project. Though not a political organization, the Gilde finds the content of this story very important to our local history. The booklet, a pocket edition of 32 pages, tells the story of the influence our local Germans had on the Republican convention in Chicago in 1860. Would Abraham Lincoln have been elected president had it not been for German Davenporters like Hans Reimer Claussen and others? You be the judge. The book contains a "foreword" by former Iowa Governor Norman A. Erbe and it is yours free if you give a gift of \$25.00 or more to the Gilde. Please use the enclosed gift form to order.

THE GERMANS OF DAVENPORT



AND THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION OF CHICAGO - 1860