

Publications Still Available

The Davenport Schuetzenpark Gilde has published and reprinted some fascinating local German-American histories. These books have been very well received and are still available in limited numbers. "The German Forty-Eighters of Davenport" by Hildegard Binder-Johnson, "Schuetzenpark-Davenport's Lost Playland" and the "Ernst Otto Songbook" may be purchased using the enclosed form.



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The State of Iowa and the Internal Revenue Service recognize this Gilde as a non-profit educational organization.



Nature as Art

On Monday, July 31 members of the local group "Artists Unlimited" came to the Schuetzen Park Historic Site to get inspiration for their work. The Park is home of several varieties of flora and fauna and is especially beautiful this time of year. We look forward to seeing the results of their labours.

Memorabilia on Display

In July and August a portion of the Schuetzenpark Gilde's memorabilia display was on view in the Special Collections Room of the Davenport Public Library. The display is available to other institutions for their use as well and we welcome the opportunity to "show off" our local history. We thank the Library for their hospitality!

This Gilde is Preserving our Heritage

The Davenport Schuetzenpark Gilde was formed in 1996 to preserve the remnants of our lost Schuetzen Park. What are those remnants? Of the many acres that once comprised Schuetzen Park, only about 5-7 remain as they once did. On this land, now owned by the Davenport Good Samaritan Center you will find many wonderful nature trails, trees planted over one hundred years ago by the Parks founders, deer, wild turkey, fox and many other types of birds and plant life. This is also the final resting place of the granite remains of the German Saving Bank. This Gilde is also the repository of artifacts and memorabilia linked to the Park's history. Within this collection we are not only preserving history of the Park, but also of the Turner Associations, The Saengerfest Behoerde and other groups that used the Park for decades--if it happened at the Park we are preserving it! In 1998, the City of Davenport named the StreetCar Pavilion, the Park's only remaining original structure a local historic site. The renovation of the Pavilion by this Gilde in cooperation with the Davenport Good Samaritan Center will ensure that a tangible piece of the Park's history will remain for all to enjoy and study.

You Can Help

Each person interested in the preservation of our local German-American history can help by doing one of the following: order one of the books offered by the Gilde, send in your gift card with your donation, let the Gilde know about artifacts that could become part of our display and volunteer for projects sponsored by the Gilde. Everyone has a talent, let us know what you can do.