

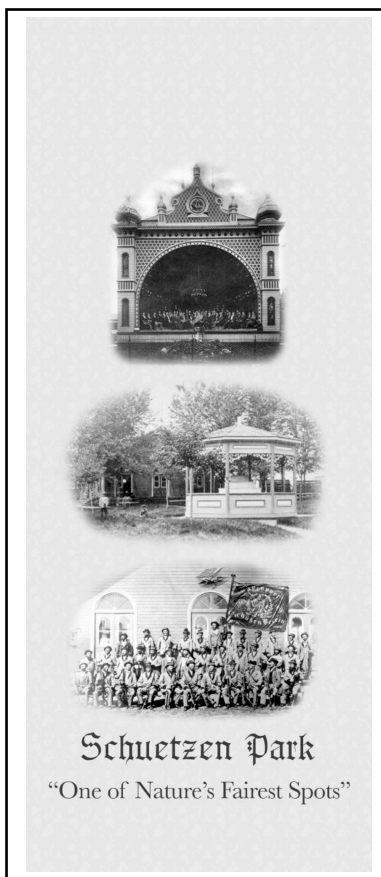
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## Banner Displays Park Images

A project made possible by the Mary Iva Gittens Knouse Charitable Trust in the spring of 2007 is on display in the atrium at Heritage Court at Schuetzen Park. The large 4ft wide by 10 ft tall canvass banner includes historic images of the Park: The 1895 moorish style Musik Pavillion, the original "Prize Pyramid" gazebo and an early photo of Davenport Schuetzenverein members in front of the Park's shooting house. The banner was created to show visitors to the site what the Park once looked like and what activities were undertaken there. A miniature version of this banner is available for your home or business. The small banners are about 7 inches wide by 16 inches tall and are ready for hanging. The sales of these banners will enable us to make further improvements and acquisitions to the Park's archives. Only 25 of these small banners are available and will be sent to you for \$20.00. You may send a check made out to Schuetzen Park to the return address on this newsletters.



# Schuetzen-Brief™

News from the Davenport, IA. Schuetzen Park Historic Site - Spring 2008

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You can do your part by volunteering or contributing towards one of the environmental projects at Schuetzen Park.

## Deer Pond Restoration Begins

A significant element of the Schuetzen Park will be rehabilitated this spring. The “Deer Pond”, which was located just east of the Park’s streetcar railway station, will be dredged out and replanted with native plant species. Working with a hydrology engineer from Shive-Hattery, the Schützenpark Gilde is undertaking this project in partnership with the Davenport Good Samaritan Center and with financial support from the Riverboat Development Authority, the Mary Iva Gittens Knouse Charitable Trust and the Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources. The re-creation of the pond will not only enhance the Park, it will also serve as a major retention area for the water that runs off of the parking lots from the Center and surrounding landscapes. The pond’s original spillway, which is still intact and functioning, will once again provide an escape route for excess water from the pond, which eventually flows into Blackhawk Creek and then to the Mississippi. The Park’s trail system will also be expanded to eventually include a route around the Deer Pond. With excavation set to begin soon, planting of vegetation such as cat tails, snake grass, water lilies etc., will continue into the summer months. Surrounding hillsides will be planted with native woodland plants such as Dutchman's breeches, bleeding hearts, jack-in-the-pulpits . In time, aquatic creatures will return to populate the pond and someday the sounds of frogs croaking will again be heard in the Park.



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