

Earth Day 2005

In the tradition of our German, Swiss, Liechtensteiner and Austrian forbears, the Schützenpark Gilde planted trees in the Park to celebrate Earth Day / Arbor Day. 4 bur oaks, which were purchased with a gift from MidAmerican Energy through a program coordinated by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources called "Trees for Kids". On April 20th, members of the Boys and Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley wielded shovels to plant the trees in the Park's "Hasenheide". District Forester for MidAmerican Energy Dennis Haack instructed the members on how to properly plant and care for a tree, and also spoke to why trees are important to the communities in which we live. Not only will these trees beautify the Park and the City, they will soon be producing large, juicy acorns for our woodland friends to eat! *Guten Appetit!*

Booklet Commemorates 1906 Turner Fair

The Schützenpark Gilde will soon publish a booklet consisting of 40 pages which tells the story of the 1906 Turner Fair. The Fair, which was an annual celebration of the Davenport Turngemeinde, was a major event in which the entire German community of this area participated. The theme for the 1906 Turner Fair was "Alt Heidelberg". The booklet describes the wonderful decorations in the Central Turner Hall that transformed the building into an old Heidelberg street. Read about the talented singers and musicians that entertained the thousands who attended and the humor of the "Pretzel Alley" gang. The booklet has several illustrations of the event, lists of those who participated and many entertaining anecdotes. The booklet will be available this fall to anyone making a donation to the Schuetzen Park of \$50.00 or more. Watch for full details in the fall edition of the "Schuetzen-Brief"

"Gut Heil"

- Ehren-tafel -

Honour Roll

Those who volunteered their labour, time and talent to build the "Jens Lorenzen Pavillion"

Glenn Stewart	Jack Ahlers
Ron Ruggenberg	Erhard Kormann
Avis Willer	Bill Lehman
Brandon Busch	Andy DeDoncker
Ian Wiles	Dave Olson
Mark Gilmour	Blake Burns
Dale Thomas	Curt Determan
Doug Seals	Matt Blake
Perry Tebbe	Robert Anderson
Donald Mitchem	Robert Stradt
Kory Darnall	Greg Stecker
Barry Smiley	Leo Ruth
Craig Canfield	Robert Schadt
Virginia Ott	

Builders Sand & Cement
Daniels Gutter Service
Midwest Concrete Pumping Ltd
Sherwin-Williams of Davenport



The Jens Lorenzen Pavillion

2005 Veranstaltungskalender -Activities-

August 14 - Annual German American Family Club Picnic at Schuetzen Park. (563) 322-5489
September 25 - Annual *Oktoberfest Sunday* at Schuetzen Park. (563) 322-5489 for info.

Bark in the Park



On May 28, 2005 The Quad City Animal Welfare Center held their first ever "Bark in the Park" at the Schuetzen Park Historic Site.

200 visitors, most with their hounds in tow, walked the Park's trails, visited the numerous vendor booths and observed performances by the Mächtigt Storm Schutzhundverein (German Shepherd Dog Club). Other area Humane Societies also set up at the Park that day to help ensure a better life for pets and for those animals abandoned or homeless. One local society provided micro-chipping for identification of your pet in case it was lost or stolen while another showed off pets available for adoption. Visit the Quad City Animal Welfare Center online at: www.qcawc.org.

Park Board Members Needed

The Schützenpark Gilde is looking for a few good people to serve on its Board of Directors. If you like nature, history or culture and would rather "do" than sit around and talk about it, then we need you in this group. If you want to make a positive difference in your neighborhood or community, please contact a Park Board member at 323-4225, 322-5489 or by e-mail at SchuetzenPark@aol.com.

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Wilhelminia RAHM and Louisa ENGHOLM, the former of Chicago, the latter of Evanston, both daughters of the deceased brother, John TECHENTIN, are bequeathed \$1,000 each. One thousand dollars is bequeathed to the Mississippi Valley spiritualist association of Clinton, Ia. The same legacy is left to the Schuetzen Verein for the beautifying of the park. To the Davenport Turngemeinde \$750 together with ten shares of the building stock of the society is devised.

Rest Easy with Trail-Side Benches

For the fifth consecutive year, an eagle scout and his troop are transforming the landscape of the Schuetzen Park. Pat Varilek, of troop #89 based at Bettendorf Presbyterian Church, has built and installed 6 trail-side benches in the Park. With the assistance of Wells Fargo Bank and Menards, Pat built and installed the wood benches so walkers in the park will have a place to sit, reflect and enjoy the Park's green surroundings. Pat also plans on installing a number of bird nesting boxes in the Park as part of his project to ear his Eagle award. Thanks Pat, for all your hard work to help improve Schuetzen Park.



Scouts installing bench in Schuetzen Park

