

One and one half acres added to Schuetzen Park

Thanks to several very special groups and individuals, another 1 & 1/2 acres of woodlands have been added to the overall area of the Schuetzen Park. The acquisition, which was completed early this year, was made possible by gifts from the Quad City Audubon Society, Alcoa - Davenport Works, donations from individuals and an in-kind gift from Barbara E. Maness, Attorney at Law. The land has been placed into a preservation trust along with the other woodlands already owned by the Park.



Special Postmark Commemorates Historic Visit

The U.S. Postal Service will honor the Graf Zeppelin's visit to Davenport in 1929 with a special postal cancellation. You can obtain your cancellations at the Davenport Post Office on 2nd Street on August 28th, or you may purchase special canceled "Graf Zeppelin Over Davenport" black & white postcards at Schuetzen Park on Saturday, August 29th. You can have a postcard mailed to you by sending \$2.00 per card in the enclosed envelope. We must receive your order prior to August 26. Please indicate what address to mail the card(s). More Info: 563-499-6789



A Walk In The Woods Is Good For Your Brain

Imagine a therapy that has no known side effects, is readily available, and can improve your memory and "brain power" at zero cost. Such a therapy has been known to philosophers, writers, and lay people alike: interacting with nature. Many have suspected that nature can promote mental functioning and overall well-being, and now these effects have recently been documented by experiments at the University of Michigan and published in "Psychological Science", an online magazine. The research, according to the article, demonstrates the restorative value of nature as a means to improve and maintain thinking skills. It further claims that "To consider the availability of nature as merely an amenity fails to recognize the vital importance of nature in effective thinking" We couldn't agree more! A visit to Schuetzen Park is a great way to "commune" with nature and test the assumptions of this research.

Another Water Feature Soon to be Added

Thanks to a generous gift from the Mary Iva Gittens Knouse Charitable Trust, a small, yet important and practical water feature will be built this spring at Schuetzen Park. Similar in nature to the "Deer Pond" on the Park's east side, this new pond will catch water from the surrounding landscape of the Park's west side "Hasenheide" (rabbit meadow). Once excavation of the shallow pond is complete, landscaping with trees and native grasses and aquatic plants will complete the project. A "Trees for Teens" grant from MidAmerican Energy and the Iowa Department of Natural resources will help pay for the trees at the site. Trail maps are available near the Jens Lorenzen Pavillion, which will direct you to various points of interest in the Park, including this new feature.



2009 Summer Concert Series

Admission always Free

We welcome guests to the Schuetzen Park for the 2009 Summer Concert Series. All performances will be given from the bandstand in front of the Jens Lornezen Pavillion. Seating is limited so we encourage you to bring a lawn chair. **All concerts begin at 1:00p.m.** unless otherwise noted below. Food and refreshments will be available at each event in the Pavillion, the sale of which support the Park.

Sunday, June 21 - *Serenata String Trio* “Father’s Days Concert”. Classical favorites including: Mozart, Handel, Beethoven, Weill and more.
Sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank.

Sunday, July 26 - *Barley House Band* (Irish / Celtic)



Saturday, August 29 - Tribute to the “Graf Zeppelin” airship. Performance by: The Quad City Brass Quintet, Susan McPeters & Jonathan Turner. Band Sponsored by Seiffert Lumber Company. Event underwritten by the American /Schleswig-Holstein Heritage Society Endowment Fund.



Sunday, October 4 - German-American Day” Festival and concert. German language church service 10:00, Volksmarch, German style meals starting at 11:00, live German music from 11:00-2:00, Traditional German “bird shoot” beginning at 12:00 for youth and 1:00 for adults. Sponsored by St. Mark Lutheran Church Endowment