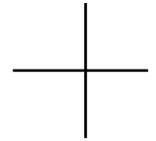


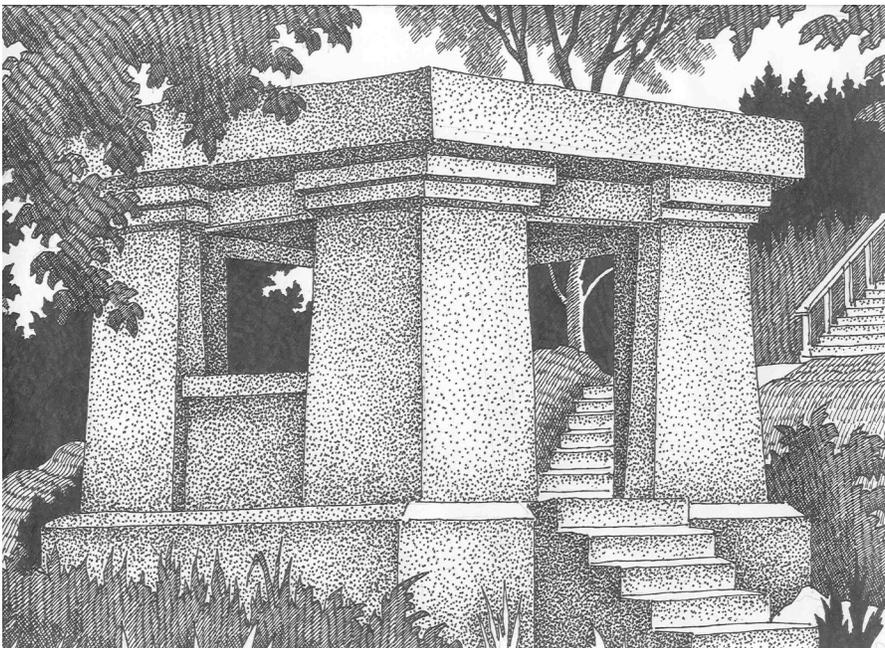
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# Centennial Countdown



The historic streetcar waiting pavilion at Schuetzen Park will be 100 years young in 2011. The significance of the building cannot be overstated: it is the last human-made remnant of Schuetzen Park, the last street car waiting pavilion in the Quad Cities and in the State of Iowa. The Egyptian revival structure is showing its age and is in need of some TLC! If funding can be secured, the pavilion will be renovated and will hopefully see another century of service to all who visit "One of Nature's fairest Spots" - Schuetzen Park.

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# Schuetzen-Brief™

News from the Davenport, IA. Schuetzen Park Historic Site - Spring 2010

## Quick-Shots

As was the case from the beginning, Schuetzen Park is not supported by taxes. Maintenance of this Park depends upon donations, grants and gifts of in-kind labour & material. We will strive to continue with improvements, special projects and cultural events, however, much depends upon your support. Should you wish to aid the Park, you may do so by sending a tax-deductible gift in the envelope provided, or to the return address on this newsletter.

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## Schuetzen Park

### Opens 140 Years Ago

The wooded hills of Schuetzen Park were purchased by Jens Lorenzen in 1868 for the price of \$1,500.00. The cost was later to be repaid to Mr. Lorenzen when the Davenport Schuetzenverein was prepared to take possession of the Park. For two years, members of the Verein, eager to improve the property, yielded spade and shovel, planting trees and shrubbery and laying out walks. After the construction of a shooting hall, target house, bowling alleys, dining room, dance hall, the Park was dedicated on June 12, 1870, with an event attended by 6000 people. A parade on the eventful day started at 9:00 a.m. at Turner Hall, Third and Scott Streets, moved east to Harrison, south to 2nd, west to Fillmore, north to 3rd, and west to the Park. The procession included representatives of the Rock Island Shooting Society, Rock Island Turnverein, Moline Turnverein, Thalia Verein, Cigar Maker's Union, Liberty Engine Comp. No. 1, Rescue Engine Company No. 2, Western Engine Comp. No. 1, Davenport Hook & Ladder Comp. and members of the Davenport Schuetzenverein in uniforms of Army gray, trimmed with green,, and wearing green-feathered hats. Upon arriving at the Park, salutes were fired from an Army cannon procured from the Rock Island Arsenal by August F. Schmidt. The festival was opened with an address of welcome by H.H. Andresen (cashier of the German Saving Bank) and president of the Schuetzenverein, who introduced Ernst Claussen, as orator of the day. M.J. Rohfls, Emil Geisler and Ludwig Bruening also spoke briefly. The first shooting was held on Sunday June 26, 1870, with \$100.00 set out for prizes. An elegant American Flag was presented to the Schuetzenverein by Capt. J.G. Tuark.

Once dozens of Schuetzen Parks existed in the U.S., all created for the same reason as Davenport's "shooting park". Today, only a handful survive. Come celebrate the history, enjoy the moment, and help ensure the future of our Schuetzen Park. An anniversary event is planned for June 12, 2010, see details inside this newsletter.

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