

# Schuetzenpark Stiftung

*Stiftung* means “Foundation” or “Endowment” in German. The *Schuetzenpark Stiftung* is an endowment fund for the benefit of the Park. The fund consists of gifts that are permanently invested. Each year, a portion of the total investment return is available to use to meet priority needs in the Park. The rest is reinvested so the fund will grow and continue to be a source of permanent revenue to aid in maintaining and preserving the Park. Establishing this fund demonstrates sound planning by those who care about the Park because the future of Schuetzen Park truly depends on building a foundation through this endowment today.

- The Community Foundation of the Great River Bend will match new endowment gifts on a one to two basis in the calendar year 2007. If we raise \$10,000 in new gifts to the *Schuetzenpark Stiftung*, we will receive the maximum \$5,000 matching gift that is available. This incentive program is being offered for a limited time only.

Schuetzenpark was resurrected through much hard work, determination and dedication to preserving the past in order for it to be enjoyed today, and well into the future. You can ensure the Park’s future by making a gift to the *Stiftung* today. We have enclosed an envelope for you to use when making your gift to the *Schuetzenpark Stiftung*.

*Danke Schön.....*

## New Shed Donated to Park

Thanks to a \$500.00 gift from WalMart of West Kimberly Road, and the assistance of Heartland Industries, the Park now has a place to store some basic items on the east side of the site. The shed will ensure that volunteers have the tools they need when working near the Park’s “Hasenheide”. We are very grateful to those who made this project possible, including Builders Sand & Cement of Davenport, which donated the cement for the shed’s foundation pad, which was formed-up and finished by Glenn Stewart.

## Volunteers Needed

You might be surprised to learn, that this beautiful site called Schuetzen Park is maintained solely by volunteers. Every flower bed, each trail, all events, programs and projects are groomed and completed by dedicated individuals and organizations that believe in the our mission: “To restore and maintain the historical, cultural and natural vestiges of Schuetzen Park”.

The Park is always in need of more individuals and groups interested in real “hands on” volunteering. We need volunteers to serve on our Board of Directors, or any one of the subcommittees that operate the Park: trails (& forestry), buildings, archives, Festplatz (lawns & gardens) events, and publications & mailings. If you are interested in helping, please contact us at (563) 323-4225, 322-5489 or [SchuetzenPark@aol.com](mailto:SchuetzenPark@aol.com).

### Granite From German Savings Bank Delivered to Schuetzen Park 80 Years Ago

Davenport’s German Savings Bank was torn down to make way for what today, is called the Wells Fargo Bank Building in downtown Davenport. The demolished structure was Made entirely from gray Vermont granite.

The salvaged granite was purchased by the Chiropractic Psychopathic Sanitarium, the institution which occupied the Park’s grounds at that time, to help construct a new “fireproof structure that measured 120 feet long and 40 feet wide”. That structure still stands and is called “Home 1” of the Davenport Good Samaritan Center.

On your visit to the Park, notice the two large front columns, now painted white, and the numerous granite corner stones used on the building.

Hundreds of pieces of unused granite still litter the surrounding wooded areas of the Park. Remnants of a grand building that served our community for many years.

## Earthday / Arbor Day Project

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources and MidAmerican Energy Corp. will again partner with the Schuetzenpark Gilde to plant several new trees in the Park. Support from Alderman Frink's & Meyer's City Beautification Fund will also provide for the purchase and planting of woodland flowers, bulbs, grasses, bushes and trees. Youth from area civic groups will plant the trees during environmental awareness days in April & May.

### Improvements Continue in the Park

Hardly a weekend passes without some type of improvement activity in the Park. Here are a couple examples:

Fall 2006 - Joe Nagle, of Scout troop #373, spent an entire weekend with his troop to help rid the Park of invasive honeysuckle and black locust. This entailed pulling up the honeysuckle, when possible, or cutting it off & spraying the stumps with herbicide. The black locust trees, which are not native to the Park and starve native species for sunlight and nutrients, were girdled and left standing to provide habitat for cavity dwelling birds. Joe also installed hand rails and steps on a section of trail as well as 100 ft. of split-rail fence. Thanks Joe for all your hard work!

Spring 2007 - Schuetzen Park Lane, on the Park's east side, was further improved with the assistance of Scott County. The access road is becoming an important part of our drive to enhance the east side of the Park.

## 2007 Veranstaltungskalender -Activities-

**Concert Series: See dates on outside cover.**

### April 17-23 - Earth Day / Arbor Day

Tree plantings and other projects at Schuetzen Park. Call (563) 323-4225 to volunteer.

**August 19** - Annual German American Family Club Picnic at Schuetzen Park. (309) 234-5340

**September 30** - Annual *Oktoberfest Sunday* at Schuetzen Park. (563) 322-5489

**Special Notice:** The annual "Founders Day" Memorial Day event will be held on Saturday May 26 at Fairmount Cemetery - 10:00 a.m.

## American Zither Verband Second Annual Congress

*June 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1913*

**Davenport, Iowa**

This spectacular event was organized by the Davenport Zither Club under the leadership of its Director A. K. Fahrner and President William Reuter. And while the headquarters for the event was the Central Turner Hall, concerts for the event were also held at Schuetzen Park. Of special note are the performances of Mrs. Hilda Matthey- Contralto, Mr. Ludwig Becker- Violin, and Professor Ernst Otto- Baritone, who sang for the audience "Mein Liebe ist Grün" and "Willkommen mein Wald". An original example of the event's official program exists in the Park's archives. ([www.SchuetzenPark.info](http://www.SchuetzenPark.info))



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