



BLOCK HOUSE 1816

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

September 2013 Newsletter

Hello Members:

Our October 3rd program will be given by Guest Speaker Gretchen Small, Program Director for the Butterworth Center and Deere-Wiman House. Ms. Small's presentation will be about Mattie Poole, Moline's first businesswoman. Mattie Poole was a well known china painter, instructor of that craft, and builder of the Poole Building in Moline. There will be various examples her painted china on display.

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu will be house salad, breadsticks, spaghetti and meatballs, and dessert prepared by the Golf Club kitchen, all for \$14.00, including tax and tip. Please have your check or cash ready to give to **Dick Hochstetler** or **Linda Miller** when you arrive.

Reservations are due by noon on Monday September 30th. You may call **Monica Holeman** (563) 650-4349, or **Linda Miller** (563) 355-6165 or you may email Linda at: chiicaliinda@aol.com. Dinner cancellations must be made by the reservation deadline or you will be liable for costs incurred and billed accordingly.

Our meetings are open to both members and non-members. Those who wish to skip dinner and attend just the program portion of the meeting, starting at 7:00 p.m., may do so free of charge.

Drivers and passengers entering the Arsenal must have a valid picture I.D. Let the guard know you are attending a function at the Golf Club. Remember, those coming across the Government Bridge from Iowa need to proceed to the Rock Island Gate as the Davenport Gate will be closed for incoming traffic.

Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Volunteers (August)

Judy Belfer - Board business

Arlis Enburg - Board business

Dick Hochstetler – Board business; Board financial business

Monica Holeman - Historical Society dinner reservations

Anne Jochum – Board business; Board publicity
Jim Jochum – Board business
Jolene Keeney - Board business
Pat Morthland - Board business
Linda Miller - Board business; Historical Society dinner reservations
Martha Wahe – Board business

Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Museum Volunteers (August)

Sarah Blevins - Artifact conservation project; exhibit project
Phillip Bunker - Collections storage project; photographic archives project
Amanda Elliff - Artifact conservation project; exhibit project
Anne Jochum – Photographic archives project
Jim Jochum – Scanning project
Alan Larsen – Photographic archives project
Angelo Malisani - storage project; photographic archives project
Morris Merle – Historical tours of Rock Island Arsenal
Andrew Padavich – Photographic archives project
Greg Shelangouski - Photographic archives project
Pat Steen - Historical tours of Rock Island Arsenal
Lauren VanDerLugt - storage project; photographic archives project

Rock Island Arsenal Museum August 2013 Activities

During the month of August, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities graduate student intern-volunteers, Amanda Elliff and Sarah Blevins, fabricated seven archival polyester pouches as an ongoing project to house vinyl covers in the collection. The students installed the remaining images and text panels of the Warehousing exhibit in the museum. They also worked on updating the arsenal's historical timeline; graphic layout for three timeline kiosks; and continuing work in the photographic archives.

Due to sequestration, museum staff members were on furlough one day a week through the week of August 12th. To maintain the current hours the museum is open to the public, a schedule was established so each employee had one day off Tuesday – Friday. The day of the week changed each week.

On Monday, August 5, 2013, three ROTC Cadet Command interns with RIA-JMTC (Rock Island Arsenal-Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center) assisted museum staff with placing shelves within artifact cabinets and sorting photographic archives.

On Monday, August 5, 2013, Kris Leinicke presented a program on the Rock Island Arsenal Museum and showed the video “The Rock Island Arsenal: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow” for 15 residents of Silvercrest Garner, Davenport, Iowa.

On Friday, August 16, 2013, Kris Leinicke presented a program on the history of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum for local PEO Chapter SJ. The meeting was held in a member's private residence with 25 in attendance.

On Friday, August 23, 2013, Kris Leinicke, Jodean Murdock, and Jodie Creen Wesemann provided a tour of the museum arms room and the weapons wall to four students enrolled in the Campbell Center course, Care of Historic Firearms. Their instructor, David Kennedy, and Matthew Toland, the Assistant Director for the Campbell Center, accompanied the group.

Richard C. Maguire Scholarship Awarded

The 2013 Richard C. Maguire Scholarship was awarded to Mr. Lane Sunwall of Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. Sunwall is a graduate student in the History PHD Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Mr. Sunwall has a B.A. in History with a minor in Theology from Wheaton College, Wheaton. He is a graduate of Savage Public High School, Savage, Montana.

The Richard C. Maguire Scholarship fund was established after Mr. Maguire's death in 1985. Since 1987, the scholarship has been awarded annually to an individual studying for a Master's degree or a Doctorate in history or a related field.

Mr. Maguire was a charter member of the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society, when it was founded in 1972. He served in many capacities as elected officer and volunteer. In 1974, he was elected President and served for eleven years until his death in 1985.

Mr. Maguire was an Armament Engineer for the U.S. Government for 38 years. He helped design tank cupolas, turrets and gun mounts, crew served weapons, and the M16 rifle. He worked for the Detroit Tank Arsenal, for Rodman Laboratory at Rock Island Arsenal, and for the Industrial Based Engineering Agency (IBEA) at Rock Island Arsenal.