



BLOCK HOUSE 1816

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May 2016 Newsletter

Hello Members:

Welcome new members:

Geri and Dick Dulaney

Our June 2nd program will be presented by Faye Waterman, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Master Gardener. Ms. Waterman does the plantings and maintains the gardens at the COL Davenport House on the Rock Island Arsenal. Her presentation will be a discussion of the historical plantings of the time of COL Davenport. If you have any gardening questions for current or past times, please have them ready for a question and answer session after her presentation.

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu will be a garden salad, roasted pork with natural gravy, new potatoes, veg medley, and strawberry shortcake all 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 May 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.

Notice: It's election time for board members with terms expiring in June. Please complete the attached ballot and return it by mail to the address therein or bring it with you to the June 2nd meeting.

Attention: New requirements for accessing the Rock Island Arsenal as of December 1, 2015. Please use the following link to learn more about the new process.
<http://www.usagria.army.mil/AccessRequests/>

Regarding the use if an Illinois driver's license to obtain access/a pass, please see the link below:
<http://www.army.mil/article/160963>

Note: An Illinois driver's license is acceptable to use with a pass if you already have a pass issued before the current Department of Defense guidance concerning Illinois driver's licenses.

The Rock Island Historical Society/Rock Island Arsenal Museum website is up and running. Please take some time and visit - <http://www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org>. Feel free to forward the link.

New Museum Hours

Beginning June 1, 2016, the museum will be open to the public, Tuesday – Saturday, noon to 4 pm.

Museum News

On June 1, 2016, Jodie Creen Wesemann begins a new job as a Visual Information Technician, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS), United States Army Garrison-Rock Island Arsenal. Prior to joining the museum staff on January 14, 2002, Jodie was a volunteer and a SUPRA contractor updating the museum's collection database. As the Registrar, she was part of a team that obtained US Army Museum certification twice during her tenure. Jodie was responsible for completing the biennial non-weapon artifact inventories for approximately 11,000 artifacts and accessioned 903 new artifact acquisitions. She acquired equipment drawings on microfilm for the Museum Resource Center, led the effort to organize and digitize the most relevant equipment drawings, and served as the expert for research requests for equipment drawings. Jodie served on two US Army Museum certification inspection teams, participated in a project to pack artifacts at the ARDEC Museum Activity, Picatinny Arsenal, NJ, and participated in the post-Katrina and Rita recovery at the Jackson Barracks Museum, New Orleans, LA. For her participation in the recovery of the Jackson Barracks Museum, she received The Louisiana Commendation Medal from the Louisiana National Guard on May 23, 2006.

Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Volunteers April 2016

Judith Belfer – Board business
Dick Hochstetler –Board financial business; permission to operate renewal packet
Monica Holeman - Historical Society dinner reservations
Anne Jochum - Board business and publicity; newsletter
Jim Jochum – Board business; newsletter; permission to operate renewal packet
Jolene Keeney – Board business
Linda Miller – Board business, Historical Society dinner reservations
Martha Wahe – Board business

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Anne Jochum – Photographic archives project
Jim Jochum – Requests for information
Greg Shelangouski – Photographic archives project

BALLOT

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Board of Directors

Please vote for three directors for the board of the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society, each will serve a three-year term to expire in 2019.

- _____ Anne Jochum (incumbent)
- _____ Richard Hochstetler (incumbent)
- _____ Jolene Keeney (incumbent)
- _____ _____(write in your choice)
- _____ _____(write in your choice)
- _____ _____(write in your choice)

Current members of the Board of Directors

<u>Term expires 2016</u>	<u>Term expires 2017</u>	<u>Term expires 2018</u>
Anne Jochum	Judy Belfer	Jim Jochum
Richard Hochstetler	Linda Miller	Vacant
Jolene Keeney	Martha Wahe	Vacant

This ballot is due Thursday, June 2, 2016, at the annual meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m.,

Or, ballots can be mailed to: Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society

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