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## ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### November 2016 Newsletter

Hello Members:

Our December 1st program will be a program on kaleidoscopes. It will be presented by Mr. Tom Chateau, kaleidoscope craftsman and creator of larger than life kaleidoscopes. Mr. Chateau has worked his magic in this imaginative world for at least two decades, and he specializes in wonderful structures that incorporate kaleidoscopic views with large recognizable forms such as the cosmic cannon, a traveling trunk, a captain's wheel, and similar transformations.

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu will be a tossed salad with celery, roasted onions, toasted pumpkin seeds with Dijon vinaigrette and bread stick; roasted top sirloin; mashed potatoes and gravy; buttered corn; rolls; and dessert along with coffee, tea, and water all prepared by the Golf Club kitchen, all for \$15.00, 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 November 28th. You may call **Monica Holeman** (563) 650-4349, or **Linda Miller** (563) 355-6165 or you may email Linda at: [chiicaliinda@aol.com](mailto: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.

**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/>

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. A new feature has been added. Each month a new topic paper is added to the website. Topic papers can be on artifacts in the museum, people who worked at Rock Island Arsenal, or an aspect of the history of Rock Island Arsenal.

## **Christmas Tea at Quarters One**

Remember the big fund raiser for the Col Davenport Historical Foundation is the Christmas Tea at Quarters One on Rock Island Arsenal is Sunday December 11th. Please call Judy Tumbleson for details 309-786- 5980 or email her at: [jackt2906@gmail.com](mailto:jackt2906@gmail.com). The tea has been a sellout for the past two years.

## **Final Farewells**

The historical society's oldest member, Lou Turilli, passed on August 26, 2016, at the age of 101! Lou and his wife Osvalda (Ozzi) were longtime members of the historical society. Lou retired in 1976 as a US Army Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command (AMCCOM) Contracting Officer with 24 years of civilian service. From 1976 to 1995, he was a self-employed marketing consultant for private Department of Defense contractors.

Elaine Vinzant, longtime historical society member and museum volunteer, passed on August 30, 2016. Elaine worked as a procurement analyst for AMCCOM for 14 years and retired in 1993. Elaine was a member of the Board of Directors, compiled the monthly newsletter with her special creative writing flair, and volunteered for many museum-related special events.

Another longtime member and volunteer Jeanne Smith passed on October 28, 2016. Jeanne worked as a secretary at Rock Island Arsenal for 35 years. She passionately took pictures at many of the historical society events, volunteered in the gift shop, and loyally processed the monthly newsletter for mailing for countless years.

## **Thanks to Historical Society Volunteers** (October 2016)

Judith Belfer – Board business, 2016 Preserve Iowa Summit  
Dick Hochstetler –Board financial business  
Monica Holeman - Historical Society dinner reservations  
Anne Jochum - Board business and publicity; newsletter  
Jim Jochum – Board business; newsletter  
Jolene Keeney – Board business  
Morris Merle – Military Retiree Appreciation Day  
Fred Miller - Military Retiree Appreciation Day  
Linda Miller – Board business, Historical Society dinner reservations, Military Retiree Appreciation Day  
Martha Wahe – Board business

## **Thanks to Museum Volunteers** (October 2016)

Dee Anderson – Photograph organization project  
Louise Erps – Brochure project  
Julia Evans – Collections related projects, monthly artifact inventory  
Pat Hagedorn – Brochure project  
Anne Jochum – Photograph organization project

Jim Jochum – Research requests,  
Maureen Lonergan – Collections related projects, Integrative Pest Management (IPM) program  
Morris Merle –museum desk duty, research requests, photograph organization project  
Greg Shelangouski - Photograph organization project

### **RIAHS and Museum Activities**

Lawrence Ventures, Inc. have announced that the Gift Shop located in the Rock Island Arsenal Museum will have a *Going Out Of Business* Sale. All merchandise, including items with Arsenal logos, will be on sale. The Gift Shop will be closing its doors around November 30th after over 35 years in business. The closure of the Gift Shop does not affect the Rock Island Arsenal Museum's operations. The Gift Shop is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 4:00 p.m. The Museum and Gift Shop are closed Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving.

The City of Davenport hosted the 2016 Preserve Iowa Summit on September 15-17, 2016. Judith Belfer hosted the registration table and provided additional information about Rock Island Arsenal to attendees. Rock Island Arsenal brochures were included in the attendee information packets. The US Army Sustainment Command (ASC) Historical Office staff conducted a tour of the island for two busloads of attendees.

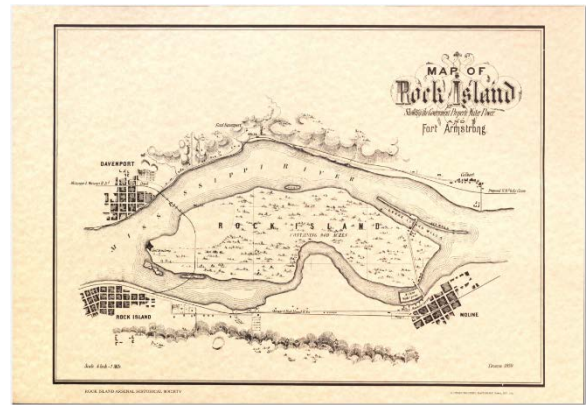
Morris Merle, Fred Miller, and Linda Miller hosted an information table at the Military Retiree Appreciation Day on October 15, 2016. The historical society has participated in this event since 2002.

Pat Hagedorn and Louise Erps have distributed Rock Island Arsenal brochures to the following local organizations and obtained brochures from them for the museum's brochure rack:

Buffalo Bill Cody Homestead	Putnam Museum special exhibits
German American Heritage Society	Figge Art Museum
Davenport House	Palmer College
Iowa 80 Truck Museum	Butterworth Center
Buffalo Bill Museum	Blackhawk State Historic Site
Rock Island County Historical Society	

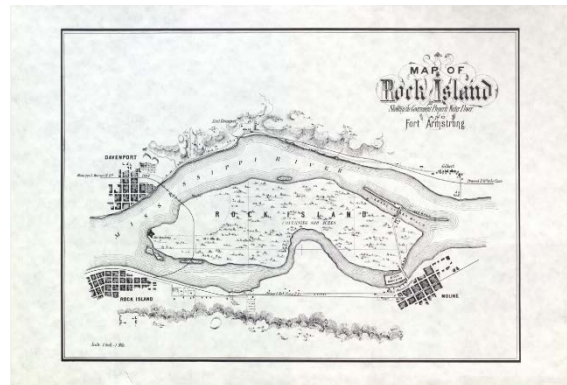
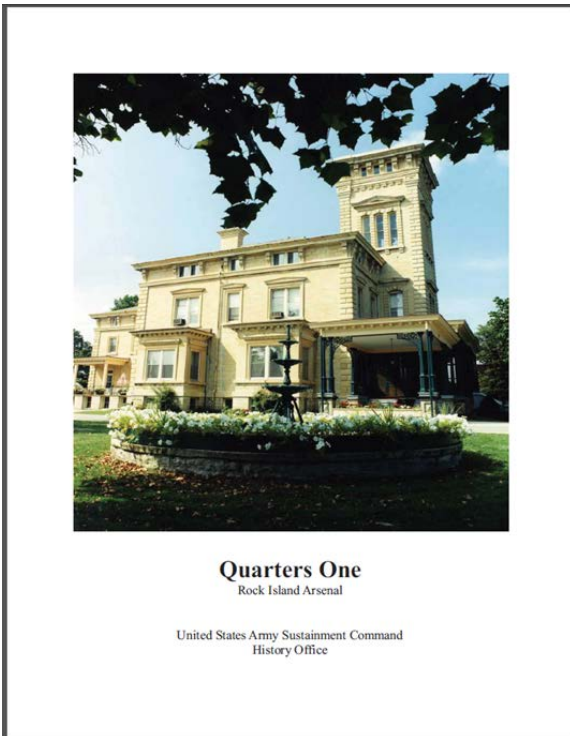
On October 8, 2016, Kris Leinicke conducted a behind the scenes tour for members of the Augustana College History Club.

The DVD: The Rock Island Arsenal – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow for \$10 each;



20X14 inch Peach Parchment Map of Rock Island Showing Government Property, Water Power and Fort Armstrong Drawn in 1859 and included the 1861 Appeal to Congress

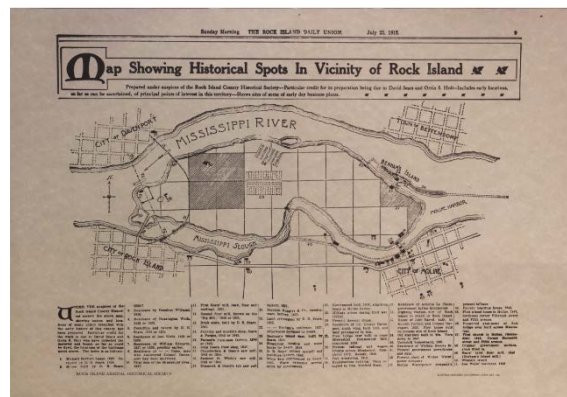
The book: Quarters One, Rock Island Arsenal for \$15 each;



21x14.5 inch Antique White Parchment Map of Rock Island Showing Government Property, Water Power and Fort Armstrong Drawn in 1859 and included the 1861 Appeal to Congress

and the maps below for \$10 each.

All prices include postage and handling.



20X14 Map Showing Historical Spots in Vicinity of Rock Island from the Rock Island Daily Union July 25 1915