



BLOCK HOUSE 1816

## ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### October 2018 Newsletter

Hello Members:

For our November 1<sup>st</sup> program, Courtney Lyon the Artistic Director for Ballet quad Cities will lead the program to discuss what professional ballet is like in our community, highlighting the successes and challenges. She'll bring pointe shoes, costumes and share with the audience how we impact our community everyday with our innovative community engagement programs.

Ballet Quad Cities is a ballet company located in Rock Island, Illinois. It was founded in 1996 by Joedy Cook. The company performs both classical and contemporary dance at various venues in the greater Quad Cities region of Illinois and Iowa.

Ballet Quad Cities began a collaboration with Orchestra Iowa starting in the 2012-2013 season.[3] Two performances featuring the two artistic groups are held in both the Paramount Theatre in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where Orchestra Iowa is based, and the Adler Theatre in Davenport, Iowa. The Adler is one of the ballet's primary venues.

Ballet Quad Cities supports its own school of dance, which is also located in Rock Island. The schools philosophy is based on the principles of the Vaganova method from Russia. Beside classical ballet, the school also teaches: creative movement, pointe, character, repertoire, jazz, hip-hop, conditioning, yoga, tap, rhythm tap and adult ballet.

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Golf Course Clubhouse. The menu will be lemon ranch salad, barbecue grilled chicken, roasted new potatoes, green beans with bacon and onion, peanut butter oatmeal cookies. rolls, coffee, tea, and water all prepared by the Golf Club kitchen, all for \$12.00, 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 October 29th. 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.

## **Museum News** From the Director

Between 1 October and 5 October, the museum hosted over 1000 8th grade students from the Davenport Community School District. Students visited sites across the island, learning about Col. Davenport, Lock and Dam 15, Quarters One, and exploring the exhibits of the museum. Overall the event was a success and we anticipate this becoming a yearly event.

Behind-the-scenes work continues on a number of projects including an updated website for the museum and historical society. Headway has also been made on the reopening of a gift shop at the museum. Stay tuned for updates!

I am also beginning a monthly brown bag lunch lecture series and museum open house that will kick-off on 3 December. The open house will last from 1130 – 1330 with the talk starting at 1200. I hope this lunchtime series will raise awareness of the museum among the island workers. I am also working on an evening lecture series, more accessible to those off-island in the QC community.

### The RIA Historical Society Dinner

By  
Nancy Neuhaus

The Rock Island Historical Society met for a classy sit-down dinner in the ballroom of the Golf House Club on October 4th. Our guest speakers were Wesley Arnold and Danielle Pinkerton from the Arthur Murray Dance Studio. We learned that Arthur Murray is the second-oldest franchise in America. It was started by Moses Teichman, who changed his name due to the anti-German sentiment during WWI. He set up in warehouses, mostly on the second floors where there was room enough to dance. He always said “If you can make it up the stairs, you can learn to dance.” Arthur Murray is now represented in 25 different countries.

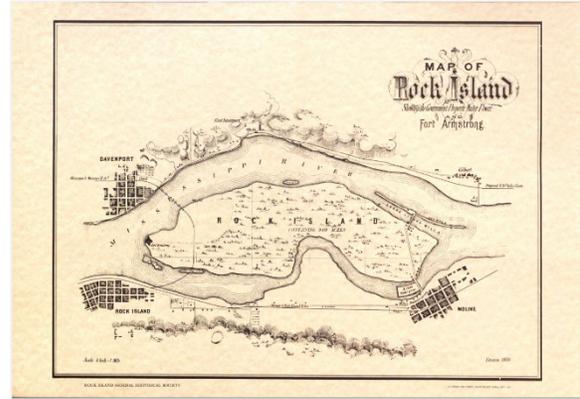
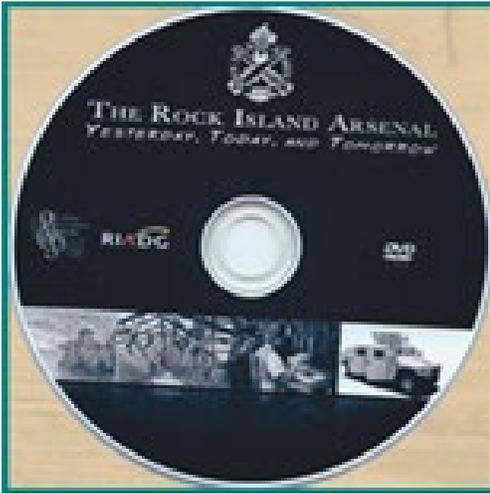
Wesley Arnold explained the dancing principle: there are only four steps to any dance. These are walking, rocking, side-stepping, and a combination of side-together and rock. He and Danielle demonstrated how easy it is to learn, simply mixing up the order and speed of the steps from waltzing to rumbas to sambas.

Our local Arthur Murray Dance Studio opened in 1947 and has only had three owners up to the present day. They follow a learning triad of private 40-minute lessons, group practices, and parties. They are open and welcoming and will tailor their instruction to what you want to get out of your sessions.

Dancing is great exercise for those of us who have forgotten how to run in formation, and you only have to keep up with one partner!

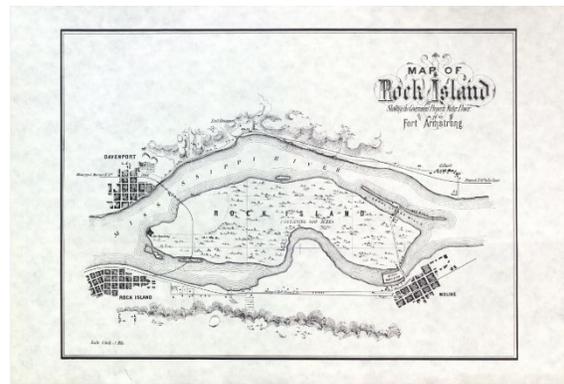
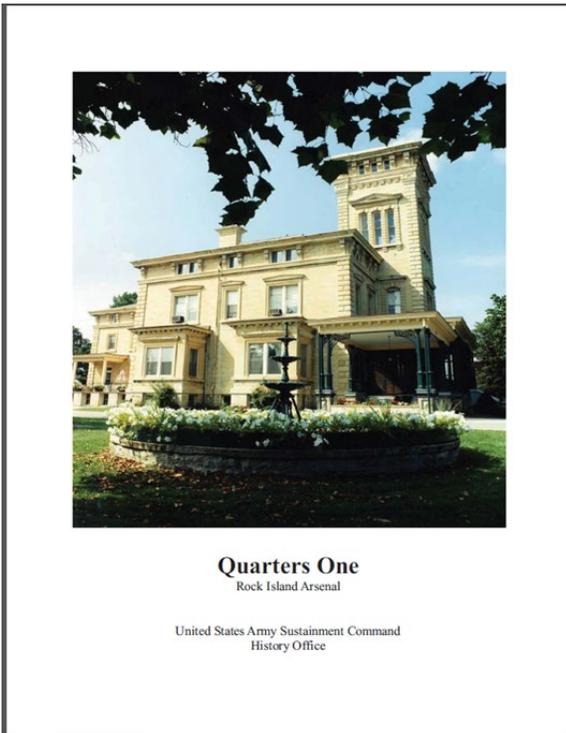
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The DVD: The Rock Island Arsenal – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow for \$10 each;



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

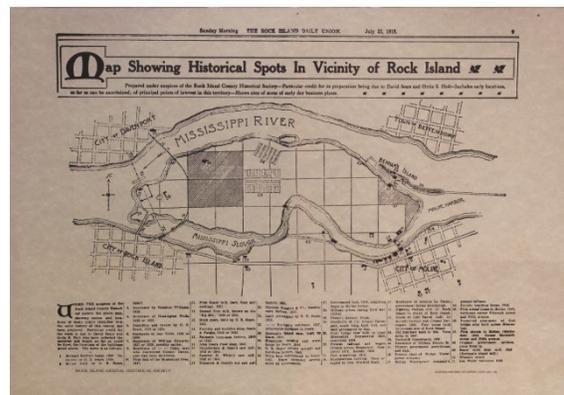
The book: Quarters One, Rock Island Arsenal for \$15 each;



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