

Davenport's First Neighborhood Presents

The Gold Coast Home Tour

A Holiday Showcase

Thursday, December 1, 2005

Friday, December 2, 2005

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 4, 2005

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



The Louis Naeckel House – 633 Ripley Street

1880 Queen Anne

Owners: William Rogers & Cristina Bucksbaum

This charming holiday-trimmed home will enchant each visitor with its high style and sparkle. Several neighbors have come together to decorate this home, just as in days long past.

Traditional decorations reflect the handwork of families gathering to decorate the trees and house. Stringing popcorn and berries in the warm scent of a woodstove and inviting neighbors to help conjures memories of trimming the tree, hanging garland and spruce boughs, and making sure those stockings are carefully hung. All made doubly special by the delicious smell of ginger cookies baking in grandma's kitchen.

The dining room is set with heirloom china, crystal and silver for an elegant dinner party. The parlor, staircase and living room each have their own tree decorated from crystal icy-white and silver, to a fantasy elf-themed tree, to a hand-blown ornament collection of Santas, sleds and stars.

The Ernest Claussen Home – 624 Western Avenue

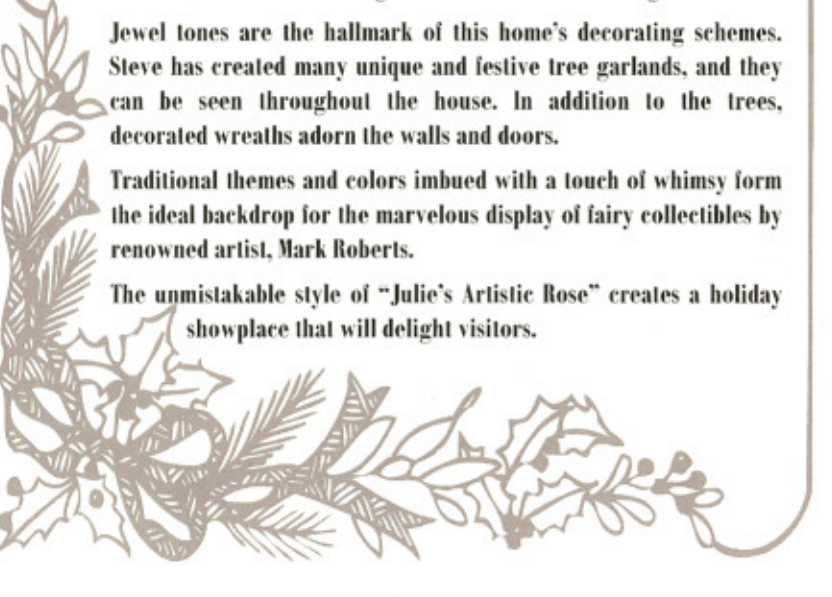
1860 Greek Revival – Owner: Steve Andrews

This homeowner has been a Festival of Trees designer for several years, and his creations are sure to bring a smile of wonder to tour-goers.

Jewel tones are the hallmark of this home's decorating schemes. Steve has created many unique and festive tree garlands, and they can be seen throughout the house. In addition to the trees, decorated wreaths adorn the walls and doors.

Traditional themes and colors imbued with a touch of whimsy form the ideal backdrop for the marvelous display of fairy collectibles by renowned artist, Mark Roberts.

The unmistakable style of "Julie's Artistic Rose" creates a holiday showplace that will delight visitors.



HOLIDAY HOMES

*The Charles Beiderbecke Sr. Home – 532 West 7th Street
1881 Stick Style – Owners: Pam & Dennis LaRoque*

The owners of this bed and breakfast, The Beiderbecke Inn, know hospitality, and every inch of this home shows it. Pam and Dennis deck the halls (and then some), ready to entertain guests and family alike.

From the fireplace mantels to the grand staircase, every nook and cranny of this gracious mansion sparkles with light and color.

Huge trees under tall ceilings and yards of lighted garland showcase an impressive display of Christmas jewelry. Pastels, gold and silver are the dominant color schemes, a classic contemporary look that this home wears well.

The dining room is set for the whole family, and the party looks like it could begin at any moment. The scale and grandeur of the rooms transcends the passage of time, and evokes a “Currier & Ives” sense of nostalgia that Pam and Dennis hope will take you through the holidays and into the New Year.

Don't miss the “Precious Moments” tree, and the nook under the staircase.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Ⓢ Palmer College of Chiropractic

Ⓢ Major Art & Hobby Center

Ⓢ The Davenport German American Heritage Center

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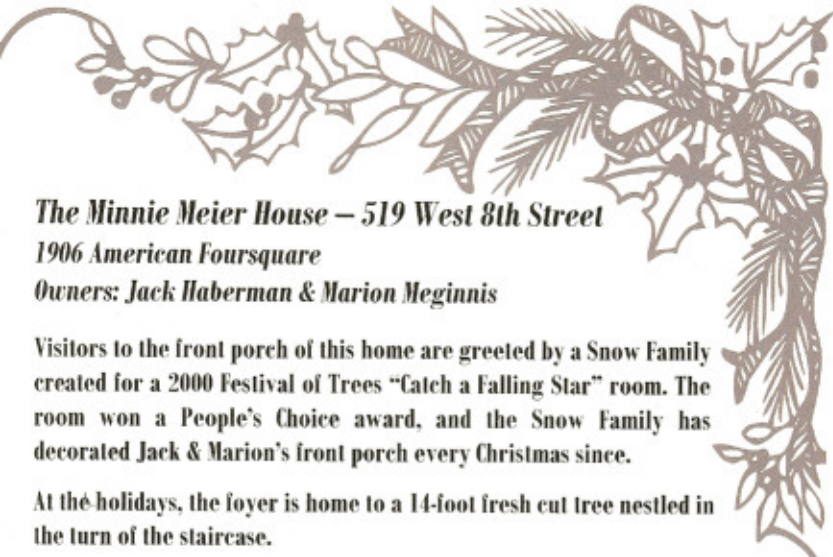
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The Minnie Meier House – 519 West 8th Street

1906 American Foursquare

Owners: Jack Haberman & Marion Meginnis

Visitors to the front porch of this home are greeted by a Snow Family created for a 2000 Festival of Trees “Catch a Falling Star” room. The room won a People’s Choice award, and the Snow Family has decorated Jack & Marion’s front porch every Christmas since.

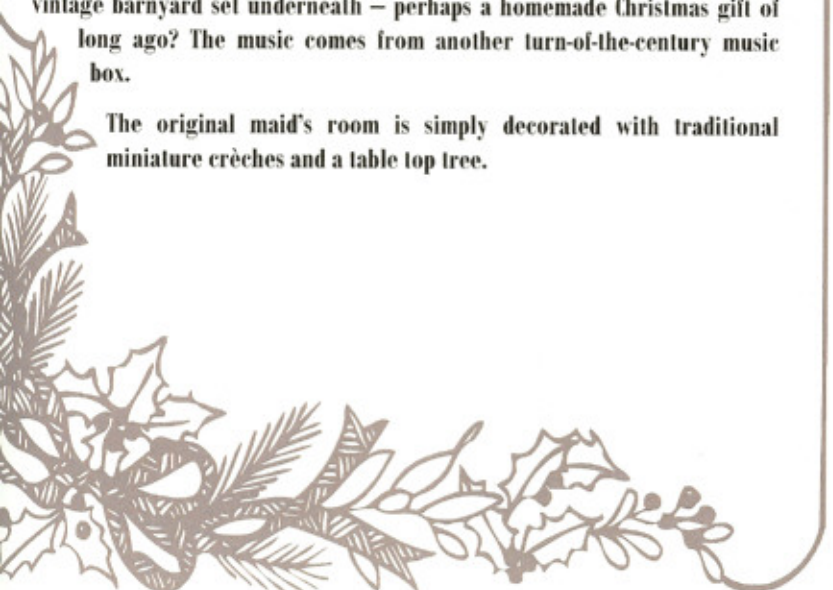
At the holidays, the foyer is home to a 14-foot fresh cut tree nestled in the turn of the staircase.

The ornaments are part of an eclectic collection that began over 35 years ago and include both contemporary and antique decorations that hold many memories of Christmases past and friends who shared them. The owners have, of course, added a Quad City Christmas tree tradition. Can you find the pickle?

The back parlor features a 1903 Regina music box playing “Silent Night.” A Yule log burns in the mission-style fireplace. The dining room table has been set for an intimate Christmas dinner for two.

The second floor parlor features a children’s tree, complete with a 1950’s vintage barnyard set underneath – perhaps a homemade Christmas gift of long ago? The music comes from another turn-of-the-century music box.

The original maid’s room is simply decorated with traditional miniature crèches and a table top tree.



Germania Haus Hotel, 1862
712 West 2nd Street

The German American Heritage Center

Every year at this time, the German-American Heritage Center puts on its Christkindlmarkt, literally "Christ Child Market." The Center will also be decorated for the holidays with traditional German holiday ornaments and crèches. The Center will be open during four hours, so please take time to stop in and look over their wonderful German and German-inspired gifts.

Regular Hours

Sunday & Tuesday:

1:00 – 4:00 pm; other weekdays by appointment.

Holiday Hours

November 19 through
December 23

Monday through Friday

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Gold Coast Christmas Tour Map



TICKET

ADMIT ONE ADULT

\$10.00

Children 12 & Under FREE

When Accompanied By An Adult

Group rate - 10 or more, \$8.00 each

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