

“No Home Left Behind”

*A celebration of houses restored by Gold Coast neighbors featured during the
2018 Gold Coast-Hamburg Historic District Home Tour*

Five homes will be open for view during the 2018 Gold Coast – Hamburg Historic District Home Tour. Examples of various architectural styles popular between the 1850s and the early 20th Century, such as Greek Revival, Italian Villa, Queen Anne, and Four Square, houses large and small and spanning seven decades of the neighborhood’s history, will open their doors to visitors. Many owners are still hard at work completing finishing touches as the neighborhood counts down the days to the September tour. The houses have been restored to their historic appearance or adapted to reflect 21st century lifestyle preferences. Several of the homes, once vacant and deteriorated, now gleam. Some are the work of Davenport’s preeminent architects; the work of Cochrane, Clausen, and Harfst are represented on the tour. Joining the tour will be the German American Heritage Center and the Jipp Home & Grocery.

The Hamburg Historic District, known popularly as “The Gold Coast,” was listed in the National Register in the 1980s. It was home to many successful German immigrant families who helped fuel the economic might of 19th century Davenport. By the 1930s, many of the homes had been divided into multi-unit rentals; the area entered a long decline. In the 1980s, new owners began rescuing vacant properties, restoring the buildings and returning many to single family homes. Today, engaged residents make it one of the city’s most vibrant neighborhoods. In 2011, it was the first neighborhood in Iowa to be named a “Great Place” by the American Planning Association.

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23, 12N – 4PM.

Tickets: Adults \$15.00. Children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. Tickets for sale at all tour homes and the German American Heritage Center and the Jipp Home & Grocery on day of tour.

Transportation and Parking: Ample parking is available along all neighborhood streets and in the parking lot on the north side of 5th street between Western Avenue and Scott Street. Limited shuttle service will be available, beginning from the parking lot, and circulating through the neighborhood during tour hours.

Homes on Tour: A complete listing and photos begin on page 2.

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510 W. 6th Street- The Lambrite-Iles-Peterson House (1857) When 23-year-old architect John Cochrane designed this house for lumber manufacturer Joseph Lambrite, it was the first independent design of his career. Cochrane would go on to have an impressive career that included designs for the Illinois and Iowa Capitols. After Lambrite's house spent many decades as home to other notable citizens, it fell into disrepair. Intervention by the city of Davenport attracted new owners who are carefully restoring all elements of its splendid exterior and interior including removing later additions and porches that hid the original south façade. Work on this iconic Gold Coast property to prepare it for the September home tour is still underway.



The Lambrite-Iles-Peterson House
510 W. 6th Street
Left, severely deteriorated 2013 condition. Right, workers finishing exterior rehabilitation.

714 W. 6th Street- The Ferriday/Rothschild/Techentin House (c 1855) Recent research has placed the date of construction of this brick Greek Revival home at 1856. It passed through the hands of a number of early owners. The most prominent were Emanuel Rothschild who owned a clothing store, and Henry Techentin, a harness and saddle maker. After spending many years as a rental property, it began to be restored as a single family home in the 1990s. The interior has been adapted with an open floor plan in some areas. First time on tour.



The Rothschild/Techentin House
714 W. 6th Street

817 W. 7th Street- The Henry and Ottelie Koehler House (1895) Generations living side-by-side is a Gold Coast tradition. The Koehlers likely built their impressive Queen Anne Free Style to be near their daughter who lived next door; a staircase still connects the two properties. The house was designed by architects Clausen, Hubbell, and Burrows. The Koehlers were prominent brewers in St. Louis and Davenport. They co-owned the Arsenal Brewery once located in the Village of East Davenport. The current owners recently completed a total rehabilitation of this handsome home.



The Henry and Ottelie Koehler House
817 W. 7th Street

519 W. 8th St. - The Charles and Minnie Meier House (1905) This Four Square house was designed by Davenport architect Diedrich J. Harfst for Charles and Minnie Haack Meier. The woodwork throughout the home comes from the Chicago Decorator Supply Company. With the exception of the kitchen, the first floor layout's lack of a central hallway is an early 20th century version of today's open floor plan. Charles worked with his father's insurance company and Minnie, to whom the house legally belonged, was the daughter of cigar manufacturer Ferdinand Haack. After Minnie's death in 1942, the Rosenberg and Smith families were long-time residents, with the home becoming an owner-occupied duplex. The house was restored in 1997 as a single family home.



The Charles and Minnie Meier House
519 W. 8th Street

537 W. 9th St. - The Birhahn/Goettsch House (1915) William Goettsch and his wife Maude were thirty-year residents of this cozy Four Square. Goettsch was a Davenport native who worked for the Davenport Fish Company for forty-five years. The home has recently undergone complete restoration of original interior and exterior elements, including a creative adaptation of an enclosed pantry that retains original elements while enlarging a compact kitchen. First time on tour.



The Birhahn/Goettsch House
537 W. 9th Street

732 Gaines Street—The Jipp Home and Grocery (1868/1878) The store, celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, was constructed for Christian H. H. Jipp in 1868 and served as his work place and home to the Jipp family for ten years. In 1878, he built the attached two-story house. The building now houses the Architectural Rescue Shop, operated by Gateway Redevelopment Group, as well as the history room for the Gold Coast. A restroom is available for tour guests.



The Jipp Home and Grocery
732 Gaines Street

712 West 2nd Street-The German-American Heritage Center (1862/77) The German American Heritage Center began life in 1862 as the William Tell House, a “Gasthaus” or guest house, built to accommodate thousands of immigrants who arrived in the area during the great migration after the Civil War. It operated under various names including Germania House, the Miller Hotel and the Standard Hotel; it closed in 1990. In 1994, the German American Heritage Center was incorporated with representatives from various local German-American, historical and genealogical organizations. A rest room is available for tour guests.



The German American Heritage Center
712 W. Second Street