

Davenport's First Neighborhood

2016 Gold Coast-Hamburg Historic District

Davenport, Iowa

Home Tour



Awesome Clausen!

The Homes of Architect F. G. "Fritz" Clausen

September 17, 2016; 10 am – 4 pm

September 18, 2016; 12 pm – 4 pm



F. G. "Fritz" Clausen was Davenport's premiere architect during the last quarter of the 19th century and beyond. A young German immigrant, he arrived in the city in 1869. He began working as a draftsman for the T. W. McClelland Company, but soon opened his own firm designing residential and commercial buildings.

Clausen made his home in the Gold Coast. He designed both the residences and workplaces of his neighbors. The 2016 tour includes six Clausen-related buildings, including the architect's residence, three homes and an apartment building.

The structures were built between 1870 and 1906; the variety of styles and materials reflect both Clausen's skill as a master of his craft and Davenport's architectural tastes of the period. Several are newly restored and some have never been open to the public.

The Hamburg Historic District 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 large homes had been divided into rental properties; the area entered a long decline. In the 1980s, people began moving back into the neighborhood, restoring the buildings and returning many to single-family homes.

<p>Tickets: Adults \$10.00; Children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult Tickets on sale at each tour home on tour days.</p>
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532 W. 7th Street



630 W. 6th Street



705-711 Gaines Street



712 W. 8th Street



811 W. 7th Street



702 Western Avenue

