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Old House Enthusiasts Grant Program

Each year the Old House Enthusiasts fund a grant program. As a charitable organization, the group promotes historic preservation, conservation, education and awareness. This funding opportunity is open to area nonprofits with a 501(c) (3) designation. Any group which has applied for the grant must conform to city and federal guidelines for the structure. If the building is in a preservation district, work must be approved by the city of Dubuque Historic Preservation Commission. Any National Historic Landmark work must comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation. The grant project must be located within the city of Dubuque. Proceeds from our 2011 House Tours will help to fund our Grant Program. Recipients of this year's grant award will be announced at each of our tour homes.

Ticket Information:

Tickets may be purchased at any of the homes during tour hours. Please return your ticket to the ticket taker at your final home, filled out with your name, email address and telephone number to be eligible for our prize drawing.

The drawing will be held the following Thursday at our regular OHE meeting. The prizes will be:

- Two baskets filled with gifts from the tour's supporting businesses (find a list of these sponsors at www.dbqohe.org)
- A one night stay at Marvin Gardens—a private cabin over looking the Mississippi River at the Four Mounds Inn and Conference Center in Dubuque.

Advance tickets are available by calling or writing:

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A courtesy van will be making rounds to the tour houses and free parking will be available in the Medical Associates Employee lot at the corner of Hill and Langworthy Streets.

A portable toilet will be available in the parking lot. Medical Associates is not responsible for accidents while vehicles are parked in its lot.

Homeowners are not liable for accidents, injuries, or personal loss.

No cameras will be permitted.

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Thein House

THE COLONIAL REVIVAL HOME AT 351 WINONA was built around 1900. The first owner, Dr. Jonas T. Williams, a dentist, lived here only one year. The second owners were Charles and Frances Coleman. Charles came to Dubuque from Minneapolis to take charge of the operations of Carr, Ryder and Adams Company, a manufacturer of windows, doors and moldings.

As would be expected of an owner who worked at Carr, Ryder and Adams, the woodwork is lovely in this home. It is red pine and is used throughout the home. A unique feature of the dining room is an original vaulted ceiling and gracious wainscoting surrounds the room. An original pocket door, gas lines for lighting and an original coal burning fireplace boasting original blue tiles remain as reminders of times past.

One of our owner's favorite "finds" is the 8 foot by 8 foot widow's walk on the roof. You can see it from the street surrounded by a wrought iron fence. Also reminiscent of times past is the unheated but intact maid's room on the third floor.

THIS HOME IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE DUBUQUE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 2011 PRESERVATION AWARD!



Mission on the Hill

MISSION ON THE HILL, AT 257 HILL STREET, was built by Paul and Nellie Strelau in 1913. The Strelaus were pioneers in the hauling, transfer, fuel and moving business; their firm, Martin-Strelau, was one of the largest hauling companies in the Midwest and specialized in piano moving!

The Mission Revival style of this historic home can be seen in the battered corner walls, gable roof centered front dormer, arched front porch and stucco exterior.

After many months of neglect, vacancy and foreclosure, current owners, Bryce and Cyndi Davis have begun extensive renovations. They are seeking to balance environmental responsibility with good stewardship of a beautiful historic property. Their goal is to retain and restore most of the home's features such as the beamed ceilings, built-in bench seating, hard wood floors, original light fixtures, and built-in bookcases. They have spent much time researching historically correct restoration products and the results are stunning. Bryce and Cyndi plan to continue improvements to the exterior as well as landscaping this summer.



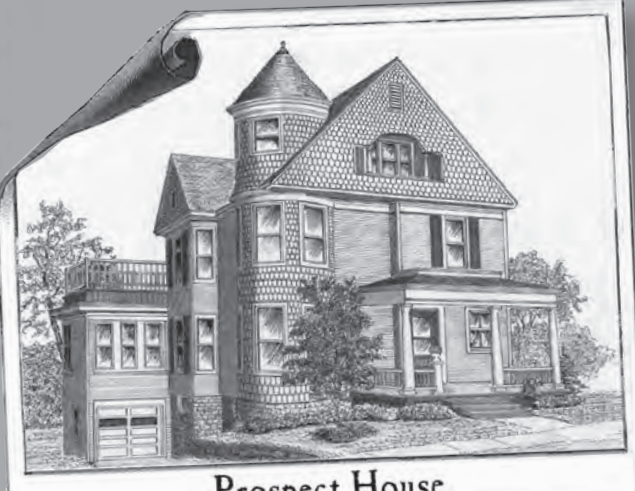
Wheeler House

THE HOUSE AT 692 WILSON STREET was built in 1879 by William H. Wheeler and his wife Sarah. The Wheelers appear to have lived in the house until about 1889 during which time William worked at the W.W. Carr Company which made windows and doors.

This Eastlake Victorian home, although modest looking from the outside, features extensive period woodwork detail and trim throughout the first floor as well as original wood floors, pocket doors and arched French doors, all of which may have been custom made for the house by its original owner. The most impressive feature of the home is its gorgeous "flying staircase" and exquisite newel post...both of which seem to be one-of-a-kind beauties!

Over the years the property has changed hands numerous times. Owners include familiar Dubuque names such as John A Kerper (c 1961) and Joseph Mulgrew (c 1987-2007).

The current owners of Wheeler House are recent transplants to Iowa having moved from Raleigh, NC to join the IBM team here in Dubuque. The homeowners are grateful to have such a much loved historic property to call their own. They have chosen to memorialize the Wheeler family by naming the house after them.



Prospect House

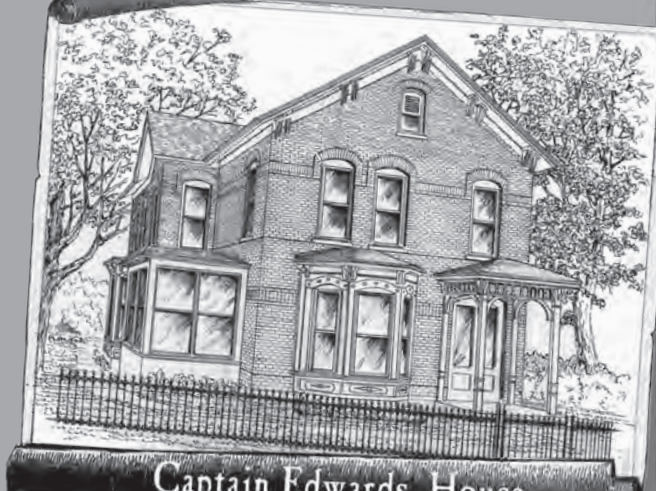
THE HOUSE AT 560 FENELON PLACE was built in 1901 on a bluff formally known as Prospect Hill. Originally this bluff was used for mining and was owned by Sylvester Saucier. He later divided the bluff into parcels and it became one of Dubuque's finest neighborhoods.

The first owner of the home was William Ott. Originally from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, William worked for the railroad. He and his brother Joseph would harvest wood from the Eau Claire area and float it down the Mississippi to Dubuque to be milled. In future years the brothers decided to move to Dubuque. They were co-owners a very large sawmill operation known as the Ott Mill.

This shingle-style Victorian home features a front porch with a grand turret and Victorian columns. Once inside you will note original oak trim throughout the first story, ornate steam radiators, detailed egg and dart crown molding in the living room, pocket doors, remnants of gas lighting, and maid's quarters. One of the homes most valuable assets is the stunning view from the first floor sun room and the third story deck which was added within the last few years.

The present owners would like you to note not only the beauty and history of this home but the combination of old and new that has provided comfort and joy to families for generations and continues to do so today.

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Captain Edwards House

THE HOUSE AT 385 BURCH STREET was built between 1880 and 1885. According to Dubuque city directories, a Mr. Frank Carberry, editor of the Commercial Times is listed as the owner in 1886. At one point, Mr. Carberry rented all the upstairs bedrooms to mail carriers. Both the transoms and the doors to each room could be locked from the inside to protect any special mail the carriers had with them.

Perhaps the most prominent resident was Captain Samuel Edwards, who lived in the home many years until his death in 1922. Captain Edwards had great faith in river transportation and was instrumental in the plans for the harbor of Dubuque. His dream was a "modern and adequate harbor, buttressed with a sea wall extending from a point below the toll bridge and flanking a frontage of docks and deep water anchorage."

Captain Edwards' death was highly publicized as was his wife's, Fannie, who died one week to the day after her husband. Both funeral services took place in their home at 385 Burch.

This Italianate home features exterior brickwork in various patterns, an impressive entryway with an elegant newel post, pocket doors, oak and maple floors and a very unique stained and etched glass door leading to the back sun room. The new owners have special artwork depicting scenes of Dubuque, Chicago and New Orleans, their hometowns.