



# Surveyors Rendezvous 2024



## GLO: The Prairie Years

September 18-21, 2024

Hotel Julien - Dubuque, IA

**D**ubuque, Iowa's oldest city and one of the earliest settlements west of the Mississippi River, traces its origins to French-Canadian fur trader Julien Dubuque, who arrived in 1785. At that time, the region was inhabited by the Mesquakie (Fox) Indians, who guarded the secret locations of abundant lead mines, recognizing its value to Europeans. Developing a rapport with the Mesquakie through fur trading, Dubuque gained knowledge of the rich lead deposits and collaborated with them to extract the resource. Eventually, he gained control over the mines, which he named the Mines of Spain, and operated them successfully until his death in 1810.

In 1833, under the Black Hawk Purchase Treaty, the land Dubuque had developed became open for settlement by the United States Government, leading to the establishment of the city of Dubuque in 1837.

Situated along the Mississippi River and endowed with fertile land and plentiful resources, Dubuque attracted a wave of immigrants, particularly Irish and Germans seeking a better life away from the overcrowded east coast cities. Referred to as the "Key City" by those who saw it as the gateway to their aspirations, Dubuque became a hub for various industries such as mining, fur trading, button making, boat building, logging, mill working, and meat packing. Over time, it evolved into a thriving center for manufacturing, retail, healthcare, education, and employment, serving as the nucleus of the tri-state area.

Great speakers at this year's Rendezvous will share the early history of the state boundaries of Iowa, Missouri and Minnesota, as well as the nearby Principal Meridians. A trip to the "Field of Dreams" movie site, complete with a Surveyor's Olympics, will be a highlight of the Rendezvous.

We are returning to our Rendezvous roots by having a Show & Tell or Buy & Sell meet on Friday. Bring items to share. We'll cap things off with an optional river boat cruise on Saturday.

Fall in the upper Midwest is a great time of year. We look forward to reuniting with old friends and forging new connections.

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# Program

## Wednesday, September 18

- ◆ Board of Directors Meeting
- ◆ Welcome Reception (Cash Bar)
- ◆ Annual Membership Meeting

## Thursday, September 19

- ◆ Education Sessions (5 hours)\*
- ◆ Lunch at the Hotel
- ◆ Field of Dreams Outing with Dinner

What's the best thing about Rendezvous? The people! Join us each evening in our *Hospitality Room* to share a beverage (adult or otherwise) and catch up with old friends.

## Friday, September 20

- ◆ Education Sessions (4.5 hours)\*
- ◆ Lunch at the hotel
- ◆ Show & Tell, Buy & Sell Swap Meet
- ◆ Social Hour, Annual Banquet, Raffle and Auction (Cash Bar)

## Saturday, September 21

- ◆ Optional Outing - Mississippi River Museum & River Cruise with Lunch

*\*Individual licensees are responsible for determining if specific educational sessions are acceptable for license renewals in the jurisdictions where they practice.*



# Spouse/Guest Program

- ◆ **Wednesday:** Welcome Reception and Annual Membership Meeting
- ◆ **Thursday:** Tour of Dubuque with Lunch and Field of Dreams Outing
- ◆ **Friday:** Tour of Galena, Illinois with lunch and Annual Banquet

# Hotel & Airport Information

## Hotel Julien

200 Main Street  
Dubuque, IA 52001

- ◆ The Rendezvous room rate is \$139 (single/double) per night plus tax. Parking is complimentary.
- ◆ To reserve your room, call the Hotel Julien directly at 800-798-7098 or 563-556-4200 and mention Surveyors Historical Society. A valid credit card is required at the time of booking.
- ◆ The Rendezvous rate is valid until August 11, 2024 or until the room block sells out.



## Airports

There are two regional airports less than 100 miles from Dubuque: Quad City International Airport (MLI) and Cedar Rapids (CID). Both are approximately a 90-minute drive to Dubuque. There is no public transportation to Dubuque from either airport.

# Presentations & Speakers

## Wednesday, September 18

*Finding the Charcoal Mounds* – Milton Denny, PLS

## Thursday, September 19

*Beginning of the GLO* – Ann Besch, PS

*The Fifth Principal Meridian: Its PM and Its Errors* – Dick Elgin, PhD, PE, PLS

*GLO Plats and Notes* – Greg Chlebicki, PLS, PE

*The South Line of Iowa/North Line of Missouri* – Darrell Pratte, PLS

*The Iowa/Minnesota Border* – Don Borcharding, PLS

## Friday, September 18

*GLO: The Prairie Years - Instructions and Practice* – Milton Denny, PLS

*The History of Dubuque Surveys and Lead Mines* – Jeff Brandt, PLS/RLS & Hugh McCarron

*History of Australian Surveyors until 1824* – John Brock, PLS

*Letters of the GLO* – Rich Leu, PLS



## Rendezvous Highlights

### Field of Dreams

Thursday, 4:30 to 7:30 pm

A trip to the Field of Dreams is included in the full and spouse/guest registration packages. Activities will include a chance to run the bases and a measuring competition on the field. A ballpark dinner will be provided at the concession stand. Bring your ball and glove. You might “want to have a catch”.

### Show & Tell or Buy & Sell

Friday, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

This year’s Rendezvous will feature a Swap Meet and instrument appraisals. David Ingram will be on hand to appraise instruments or provide an estimate for repair. Six Solar Compasses will be on display plus many other artifacts. Remember to bring your items to swap or sell.

### Optional Outing - Mississippi River Museum & River Cruise with Lunch

Saturday, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

This optional outing includes time to tour the Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium and a two-hour cruise along the Mississippi River with a buffet lunch of roast beef, fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, and pasta salad (subject to change). Transportation is included.

### Acoustic Music Sessions

Attendees are encouraged to bring their acoustical instruments for songs and stories after hours.



# Rendezvous 2024 Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

SHS Member:  Yes  No

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

## How to register

Complete the registration form and send with check to Surveyors Historical Society, 6797 North High Street, Suite 101, Worthington, OH 43085. Or register online with credit card payment at [www.surveyorshistoricalsociety.com](http://www.surveyorshistoricalsociety.com). **The deadline to register is August 30.**

<u>Registration Type</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nonmember*</u>
<b>Full Registration**</b> (includes all activities on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400
<b>Thursday Only Registration</b> (Includes Thursday breakfast/lunch and education sessions only.)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200
<b>Friday Only Registration</b> (includes Friday breakfast/lunch and education sessions only.)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200
<b>Spouse/Guest Registration**</b> (Must accompany a fully registered attendee. This registration <b>DOES NOT</b> include the education sessions. If a spouse/guest wants to attend the education sessions, they must purchase a full registration.)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250 (member or nonmember)	
<b>Friday Banquet Only Registration**</b>	_____ @ \$75 (member or nonmember) =	\$ _____
<b>Saturday Optional Mississippi River Museum &amp; Lunch Cruise</b>	_____ @ \$125 (member or nonmember) =	\$ _____
		<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED \$</b> _____

*\*Nonmember rates include a complimentary 2025 SHS membership with completed application.*

**\*\*Friday night banquet meal choice:**

Chicken

Pork

Fish

Vegetarian

**Special Needs:** If you have special needs that may affect your participation in this event, please list them below:

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## Cancellation Policy

Cancellations prior to August 30 will receive a refund minus a \$25 cancellation fee. **Cancellations after AUGUST 30 will receive NO REFUND.**