



# STEEPLE SQUARE NEWS

FALL 2016

## Board President Update



Jack McCullough,  
Steeple Square Board  
President and President,  
McCullough Creative

The Steeple Square revitalization effort has experienced great momentum and support through the tremendous efforts of countless volunteers over the past six years.

This restored community center in the heart of downtown Dubuque will contribute significantly to a broad-based community movement to continue to lift up and support our Washington Neighborhood.

This project isn't simple, but it is critically important. In this, we've been blessed with volunteers who have helped build support and progress through helping to identify and secure public and private funding sources, facilitating compliance with tax credit programs, and educating the community on

the depth and breadth of the historical and cultural significance of the former St. Mary's campus.

Now, as we continue campus redevelopment and foster partnerships with the downtown community and nonprofits, we look to the larger community to join us in our vision by considering donating to the capital campaign or joining our newly formed volunteer committee.

If you are interested in donating time, talent or treasure in any capacity, please contact our operations coordinator, Peg Jones, at [info@steeplesquare.com](mailto:info@steeplesquare.com) or 563.580.4371.

## Campaign Chair Update

It is an honor and privilege to be involved as part of the campaign co-chairs.

I enthusiastically joined the campaign after being briefed about the mission and vision of Steeple Square, which stands as an iconic piece of our Dubuque skyline and downtown heritage. This project aligns with my belief in the importance of giving back to the Dubuqueland area. My conviction in the power of the campaign was further reinforced by the numerous prominent and generous community leaders who have already volunteered their time, talent and treasure.

I continue to be impressed with the passion and volunteer spirit of the board, committees, and the growing number of volunteers who have become involved in the campaign. Through our combined efforts, we will have a profoundly positive impact on countless lives – now and well into the future.

For those who have yet to become a part of this exciting project, I challenge and encourage you to jump onboard and help spread the word about Steeple Square. And for those who are hard at work, thank you for your active participation in this important community project.



Bob Hoefler, Steeple Square  
Campaign Leadership  
Team Chair and Honorary  
Director with Distinction,  
Dupaco Community  
Credit Union



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# FEATURED CAMPUS EVENTS

## Steeple Square Community Fest

On October 16, Steeple Square hosted the first-ever Steeple Square Community Fest. This free, family-friendly event included food, games, music, tours of Steeple Square, door prizes, cooking demos, inflatables for the kids and trivia for the adults. There was also a free showing of the movie, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." This well-attended event not only brought the community together, but was a great way for Steeple Square to feature the developments to the public of what has been going on inside and to learn more about the future plans for this historic space.

## Former Parishioners Open House

On November 13, an open house for former parishioners and friends of St. Mary's Church was held at Steeple Square. Over 100 attendees learned about the exciting plans for the entire campus, enjoying tours and Q&A.



## Bluff Strokes Plein Air Paint Out

The first Bluff Strokes Plein Air Paint Out brought nearly 50 artists from Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, and Kansas, to paint different Dubuque scenes for 1 week. Bluff Strokes is offered by the Mississippi River Art Workshops, an affiliate of the Dubuque County Fine Art Society. Artists picked a variety of scenes ranging from Mississippi River overlooks to settings along the river and to historic architecture. Their paintings were on display and sold in the main hall at Steeple Square and \$10,000 was given in awards. Bluff Strokes showcased the versatility and beauty of our event center. Jillayne Pinchuk and Wes Heitzman were key organizers of the paint out. They have already booked Steeple Square for the 2017 event.

## Novemberfest

On the first weekend in November, Steeple Square hosted the inaugural Novemberfest – a celebration of the local Dubuque German heritage. This two-day concert featured the Dubuque Chorale, Cadenza and Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir. Dr. Charles Barland, head of the fine and performing arts department at University of Dubuque, gave an outstanding performance. Along with the concert music, several speakers talked about the German settlers and their numerous contributions to the surrounding community. HyVee, Park Farm Winery and Jubeck New World Brewery were on hand providing German dinners and beverages for purchase.



Don't miss out on all of the great news and events at Steeple Square! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, and bookmark our website at [steeple-square.com](http://steeple-square.com).



# PROGRAMMING UPDATE

## Stained Glass Renovation

Last summer, Steeple Square held a stained glass restoration workshop program that incorporated historic restoration and vocational training opportunities. This project focused on 14 stained glass windows located on the south side of the former church. Local artists and craftspeople came together and learned historic stained glass and wood window restoration skills through stained glass expert, Mark Radina of Radina Glass Studios in Aurora, Ill. In partnership with Heritage Works, Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC), Four Mounds Foundation and Gronen Properties/Restoration, these participants established hands-on training projects at Steeple Square for under-employed individuals, opening career pathways and providing participants with marketable skills.



A video showcasing this important and unique program can be viewed at: [steeple-square.com/programs](http://steeple-square.com/programs).



# RESTORATION UPDATE

## Apartments Renovation

This fall, renovation work began on the former Jackson Street School, which are now known as the Steeple Square Apartments. Of the twelve apartments, several will be available for supportive housing for Opening Doors, a nonprofit organization that has operated in the neighborhood for years.



# STEEPLE SQUARE LEADERSHIP

## Board of Directors

**PRESIDENT:** Jack McCullough, President, McCullough Creative

**VICE PRESIDENT:** John Schmidt, CFO, A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co.

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- **Michelle Brown**, Executive Director, Opening Doors
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- **Sharon Covey**, CEO, Dubuque YMCA/YWCA
- **Dave Cushman**, Executive Vice-President, Morrison Brothers Co.
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- **Fr. Gene Kutsch**, Retired Priest of Archdiocese of Dubuque
- **Don Pfohl**, Corporate Director, St. Mary's Corporation
- **Rick Runde**, CFO, Archdiocese of Dubuque
- **Bret Tuley**, Sr. Vice President of Operations and Finance, Dubuque Bank & Trust Co.

## GRANTS RECEIVED

City of Dubuque  
Arts and Culture

Dubuque Racing  
Association

Iowa Department of  
Cultural Affairs:  
Historical Resource  
Development Program

Iowa Arts Council:  
Iowa Great Places

Jeffris Family Foundation

Mediacom Arts and Culture

McDonough Foundation

Wahlert Foundation

## Campaign Leadership Team

**CHAIR:** Bob Hoefler, Honorary Director with Distinction, Dupaco Community Credit Union

**CO-CHAIRS:** Dick Gregory, Joe Hearn, Sr. Helen Huewe and John Schmidt

- **Michelle Brown**, Executive Director, Opening Doors
- **Wally Brown**, Owner, WEB Enterprises
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- **Dave Cushman**, Executive Vice-President, Morrison Brothers Co.
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- **Larry Friedman**, Retired - The Friedman Group, Inc.
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- **Dick Gregory**, President, FloorShow Companies
- **Mary Gronen**, Vice-President, Gronen Development
- **Joe Hearn**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Dupaco Community Credit Union
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- **Art Roche**, Retired - Director of Planning, Mercy Medical Center
- **Mike Scherr**, President, Dubuque Screw Products
- **John Schmidt**, CFO, A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co.
- **Scott Steiner**, Vice-President of Commercial Banking, American Trust



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