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Program features famous female sharpshooter

Learn more about why one of the nation's most interesting women, Annie Oakley, should not be confused with Calamity Jane at the **Tuesday Twilight Talk: Annie Oakley: Sharpshooter, Competitor, and Victorian Lady** on Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sioux City Public Museum.

Dressed in authentic period costume, local historian Pat Day will attempt to replicate some of Oakley's tricks in an effort to demonstrate how truly remarkable this feisty woman was. Having spent most of her childhood in an orphanage, Oakley first learned to trap and then to shoot small animals in an effort to feed her many siblings. Perhaps this experience also shaped her philosophy toward money since she was vigilant about every cent she ever made. By the time she was 25 she was an internationally known sharpshooter and one of the finest performers of her time. She traveled with Wild Bill Cody's Show for 17 years and in the process spent time in Europe meeting royalty, organized America's first female shooting clubs and broke a barrier that had been in place for decades--that women could never shoot as well as men and were too delicate to make the attempt!

Day returned to her native Sioux City after living in Phoenix for 30 years, where she started developing a seminar series on "remarkable women" to combat common perceptions of Western women. She holds advanced degrees in political science and education and has taught at all levels ranging from elementary to adult education. Along with the Sioux City Public Museum, Day gives programs for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, Western Iowa Tech Community College and numerous schools, churches, and civic groups.

Housed in the historic John Peirce Mansion at 2901 Jackson Street, the Sioux City Public Museum offers monthly Tuesday Twilight Talk programs featuring topics of regional historic interest. For more information, call the Sioux City Public Museum at 712-279-6174 or visit www.siouxcitymuseum.org. Admission is free.