

Christmas stories at the GAHC!

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Davenport, IA- The German American Heritage Center will be hosting Rochelle Pennington as she presents two Christmas themed programs on Saturday, October 27th at 10am and one at 2pm.

Rochelle will start off our two month long holiday celebration at 10am with her talk on the Christmas Truce of WWI. The Christmas Truce was a series of widespread unofficial ceasefires that took place along the Western Front around Christmas 1914, during World War I. Parties of German and British soldiers began to exchange seasonal greetings and sing Silent Night between their trenches. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, many soldiers from both sides ventured into a "no man's land," where they mingled, exchanging food and souvenirs.

At 2pm Rochelle will return to tell the heartwarming tale of the Christmas Schooner, the famous ship that brought Christmas trees to German immigrant families in Chicago. This year is the 100th anniversary of its last voyage before its mysterious wreck.

Rochelle Pennington is an award winning author; her presentations will be \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 for children and free for members per session. GAHC is located at the foot of the Centennial Bridge at 712 W 2nd St. Davenport, IA. Call 563-322-8844 for more information or visit www.gahc.org.