

THE GRAND EXCURSION

Dubuque, Iowa



by Gary Olsen

This painting was created to celebrate two events going on in our city. First, it depicts the Grand Excursion, the June 27, 28, and 29th gathering of the great Mississippi River excursion boats of the modern age. The event promises to attract upwards of 60,000 people to our city. There are some local boats depicted in the composition including the Twilight (River Cruises of Galena), the Julia Belle Swain (home port LaCrosse), the last passenger boat built by Dubuque Boat and Boiler Works. Also included is the Spirit of Dubuque. Then there are the "Three Queens"... the Delta Queen, Mississippi Queen and the American Queen. The second event the painting celebrates is the campaign for the Dubuque Rotary Club Gateway Project for which Gary Olsen has designed five brick, stone and steel welcome signs for the city. Proceeds from print sales benefit this campaign. The painting has been touring the Dubuque area, promoting the Grand Excursion and the Gateway Project. When not touring, it's on display at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium at the Port of Dubuque.



A Dubuque Rotary Club Project

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