



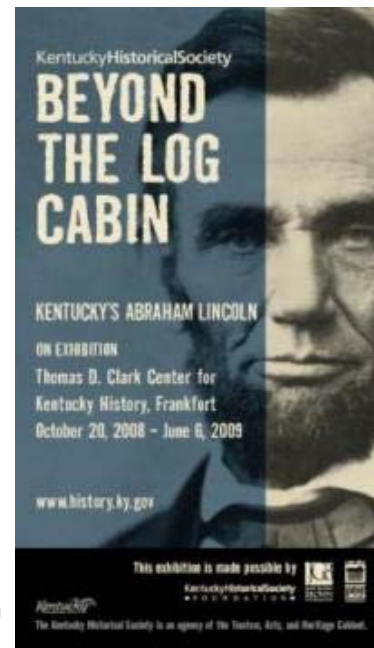
September/October News

Kentucky's Signature Lincoln Exhibition Opens to the Public October 21

Imagine Abraham Lincoln. Now, during the bicentennial commemoration of his birth, prepare to see Lincoln differently. *Beyond the Log Cabin: Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln*, the commonwealth's signature Lincoln bicentennial exhibition, opens to the public Tuesday, October 21, at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort.

The exhibition, which will travel to two additional Kentucky venues in 2009-2010, illuminates Lincoln's connections with Kentucky, the perspective his Kentucky friends and acquaintances provided his life and actions, and the inspiration his legacy continues to contribute to American ideals.

Through engaging imagery, artifacts, and interactive activities, *Beyond the Log Cabin* presents the untold story of Lincoln's lifelong engagement with Kentucky and Kentuckians. Taking a broad view of Kentuckians' perceptions of Lincoln from the assassination to the current bicentennial commemoration, the exhibition explores the complex relationship between Lincoln and his native state, and features unique artifacts gathered from repositories and collections across the nation.



"Museums and historical societies in Kentucky and beyond have been very generous in loaning high- quality artifacts and images for this important exhibition," said Marilyn Zoidis, assistant director at the Kentucky Historical Society. "Pieces never presented together provide a unique story of Lincoln and Kentucky. They help to make *Beyond the Log Cabin* a signature exhibition."

Beyond the Log Cabin: Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln was designed by Gallagher & Associates, an international design firm acclaimed for its work on exhibitions and museum projects at the Smithsonian Institution, the Library of Congress, and others.

This exhibition will be on display at the Center for Kentucky History through June 6, 2009, and will then travel to the Speed Art Museum in Louisville for exhibition June 28, 2009 through September 6, 2009. It will open at the Highlands Museum & Discovery Center in Ashland on October 2, 2009 and remain on display there until February 19, 2010.

"We hope that Kentuckians will take advantage of these upcoming opportunities to experience the *Beyond the Log Cabin: Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln* exhibition and to learn more about Lincoln's Kentucky connections during this bicentennial commemoration of his birth," said Kent Whitworth, executive director of the Kentucky Historical Society.

Beyond the Log Cabin was made possible by generous support from the James Graham Brown Foundation, the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, and the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation.

Farmington Historic Plantation kicks off "Three Weeks at Farmington" October 12

"Three Weeks at Farmington," a series of events that focuses on Abraham Lincoln's 1841 three-week visit to Farmington Historic Plantation in Louisville, begins Sunday, October 12.

At the opening day event, held in conjunction with the annual Harvest Festival, costumed interpreters will recreate a dramatic presentation of Abraham Lincoln's 1841 arrival. The event highlights Lincoln's deep connection with the Speed family, particularly Joshua and James Speed.

During his stay at Farmington as a guest of Joshua's, Lincoln experienced a world unlike any he had previously encountered. He was immersed in an integrated, economic enterprise, which relied entirely on the labor of nearly sixty enslaved African Americans.



The series of events includes:

- October 12, noon to 5 p.m. - Opening Day and Harvest Festival. Includes live music, food, costumed re-enactors. Free admission.
- October 14, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. "Setting the Scene" at Farmington. Dr. John Kleber will discuss issues Lincoln faced and address Lincoln and Louisville in 1841. A panel discussion will follow his talk. Tickets are \$25 and include a box lunch.
- October 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - In Lincoln's Footprints: 1841. Tickets are \$45, which includes a box lunch. Carolyn Brooks will lead a bus tour of Louisville, which will depart from Farmington following a slide presentation by Mary Jean Kinsman.
- October 18, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - African American Genealogy Workshop in the Centennial Room at the Main Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. This event is free but reservations are required. The workshop will explore available research resources.
- October 23, 5:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.- "James Speed: Lincoln's Last Attorney" General at the Filson Historical Society. Jennie Cole's lecture on James Speed's role as Lincoln's last attorney general will be followed by a panel discussion on the office of attorney general. The lecture is free but reservations are required.
- October 25, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - "Slavery in the Ohio River Valley." Explore the institution of slavery in the Ohio River Valley and the history of the Underground Railroad in the area on this regional bus tour. Departs from Farmington. Tickets are \$45, which includes a box lunch.

- October 26, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m - A play titled *Parallel Lives: Farmington and the Oxmoor Sisters* will be presented at Farmington. The play explores the impact of two events, a fire at Farmington and Abraham Lincoln's 1841 visit to the plantation. Tickets are \$30 and include afternoon tea.

Tickets for the events are on sale now and reservations are required for all events except Opening Day. For more information or to make reservations, call 502-452-9920.

"Discovering Kentucky's Lincoln" Museums-to-Go Now Available

"Discovering Kentucky's Lincoln," a new Museums-to-Go exhibit developed by the Kentucky Historical Society, is now available for display in public places.

The five-panel mobile exhibit, which illustrates Lincoln's ties to his native state, is funded by the James Graham Brown Foundation, the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation, and the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Each panel is dedicated to a different theme: "A Frontier Childhood," "Becoming President," "Ending Slavery," "Lincoln and Kentucky at War!" and "Remembering Lincoln Differently." Three copies of "Discovering Kentucky's Lincoln" are currently in circulation.

The Museums-to-Go program, a free service provided by the Kentucky Historical Society, offers traveling panel exhibits that explore subjects across the humanities through historical images and lively text. Topics currently in circulation span the arts and sciences, history, and literature. Institutions and organizations serving adult audiences may borrow the exhibits for up to two-month showings in publicly accessible places. These small-scale exhibits are manageable, and can easily be adapted to a wide variety of locations.

To find out more about the Museums-to-Go program or to reserve a copy of "Discovering Kentucky's Lincoln," contact Warren Greer at 502-564-1792 ext. 4478 or Warren.Greer@ky.gov, or visit the KHS Web site at www.history.ky.gov.

Annual Lincoln Days to be held in Hodgenville

Lincoln Days, an annual celebration in Hodgenville, Abraham Lincoln's birthplace, begins September 28.

Featured activities include a parade, Lincoln family look-alikes, an art show, music, food booths, and arts and crafts booths. The Lincoln Museum and the Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site also will be open to the public during the festival.

"Lincoln Days has been going on for thirty-seven years now," said Iris LaRue, director of the Lincoln Museum, "and the celebration has been very faithful in maintaining some of the unique and original events."

Festivities begin Sunday, September 28 with a baby contest at 2:30 p.m. and a Lincoln costume contest at 5 p.m. Official Lincoln Days opening ceremonies take place at the public square at 6:30 p.m. on October 2, and are followed by a reception. A talent show will be held at 7:30 p.m. and the Lincoln Days art show will open in the Lincoln Museum's community room and at the Lincoln National Bank at 7:30 p.m. On Friday, October 3, the art show will be on exhibit all day and will remain on display through October 7.

Saturday, October 4 features the Lincoln Look-Alike Contest at 11 a.m. and a parade at 2 p.m., plus live entertainment on the stage at the public square with food and arts and crafts booths in the downtown area all day.

Closing ceremonies will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 5.

The annual event is sponsored by Lincoln Days Celebration, Inc. For more information, visit the Lincoln Days Web site at <http://www.lincolndays.org/> or call 270-358-8710.

Explore the Lincoln Heritage Trail on October 12



Join state and national park staff on October 12 for an in-depth day of exploration of Abraham Lincoln's early years along the Kentucky Lincoln Heritage Trail.

The day begins in Springfield at the Lincoln Homestead State Park at 10 a.m. with a tour of the home of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks, as well as opportunities to visit replicas of the 1782 cabin and blacksmith shop where Lincoln's father, Thomas, was raised and learned his trade. It also features a stop at the home of Lincoln's paternal uncle, Mordecai, whose home is the only existing structure in Kentucky owned and occupied by a member of the Lincoln family that remains on its original site.

Other activities include:

- Noon - 1:30 p.m. - Tour moves to the Mordecai Lincoln Restaurant in Springfield, Kentucky. Ron D. Bryant, Kentucky author and historian, will offer his perspective on Abraham Lincoln's Kentucky years. Cost for this luncheon will be \$9.99 plus tax - reservations required - space is limited.
- 2:30 p.m. - Tour resumes in Hodgenville at the Lincoln Museum, which houses twelve dioramas illustrating pivotal times in Abraham Lincoln's life.
- 4:00 p.m. - Group continues to the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site for a special tour, which will conclude in the Visitor Center with the monthly drawing for the Kentucky Lincoln Heritage Trail prize.

For more information about Lincoln Heritage Trail sites, visit www.kylincolntrail.com. To register for the tour or reserve a lunch spot or to receive a Heritage Trail passport, email Sandy Brue at Sandy_Brue@nps.gov, or call 270-358-3137.

Other Notes of Interest:

Brown Bag lecture on Thomas Lincoln October 1 - Stephen Brown, from the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site, will talk about Abraham Lincoln's father Thomas Lincoln and their father-son relationship at noon on Wednesday, October 1 as part of the monthly Brown Bag lecture series at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort. The program is free and open to the public. Contact Vicky Middleswarth at 502-564- 1792 for more information.

"Lincoln and the Law" symposium - The *Northern Kentucky Law Review* of the Chase College of Law is sponsoring a symposium, "Lincoln, the Lawyer" on Saturday, October 4, at the Cincinnati Marriott at River Center in Covington, Kentucky. The symposium is free. Attendees may receive three CLE credits (Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana). Speakers will include Dr. Roger Billings, Chief Justice Frank Williams, Dr. Mark Steiner, and Christopher Schnell. To register for the symposium, email your name, address, and phone number lincolnsymposium@gmail.com.

Tri-States Lincoln Task Force to meet - The Tri-States Lincoln Task Force, which includes representatives from Kentucky, Illinois, and Indiana, will meet at the Thomas D. Clark Center for

Kentucky History Wednesday, October 22 beginning at 10 a.m. For additional information, contact Jeanine Scott at 502-564-1792.

KALBC meeting October 27 - The regular meeting of the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, October 27 at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort. Contact Warren Greer at 502-564-1792 for more information.

Intercollegiate Task Force meeting - The regular meeting of the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission's Intercollegiate Task Force is scheduled for Friday, October 31 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort. Contact Jeanine Scott at (502) 564-1792 for more information.

Performances of *Abraham Lincoln* continue - Kentucky Repertory Theatre's production of "Abraham Lincoln" is adapted from the 1918 play by John Drinkwater, which appeared on Broadway in the early 20th century. This production is a powerful political drama following Lincoln's life from just prior to his election, through his election and the Civil War, to his death in April 1865. The play will be performed through November 1 at the Kentucky Repertory Theatre, 107 E. Main Street, Horse Cave, KY. Call 270-786-2177 or 800-342-2177 for information on performance times and tickets, or visit the Repertory Theatre's site at <http://www.kentuckyrep.org/>.

Upcoming HistoryMobile Sites:

- September 19-21: Emancipation Weekend, Lexington KY
- September 27-28: Sorghum Festival, Hawesville, KY
- September 30-October 1: Wickland 19th Century Fair, Bardstown, KY
- October 4-5: Lincoln Days, Hodgenville, KY
- October 9: Frazier International History Museum, Louisville, KY
- October 11-12: Battle of Perryville, Perryville, KY
- October 21-22: Christian County Welcome Center, Hopkinsville, KY
- November 7: At KCTCS, Ashland, KY