

**Association of Lincoln Presenters Conference Tentative Schedule
Decatur, Illinois (April 12-15, 2012)**

Thursday, April 12, 2012

(All Thursday events to take place at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel)

- 2 p.m. Registration begins
3 p.m. Board of Directors meets
7:30 p.m. **“Sculpting Lincoln”** – Presentation by Lincoln sculptor John McClarey
(Open to the public.) *Informal reception to follow presentation.*

Friday, April 13, 2012

(Fair Weather Schedule)

- 8:30 a.m. Leave hotel via bus
8:45 a.m. Arrive Oglesby Mansion – Presentation by “Gov. Oglesby”
9:30 a.m. Disembark in downtown Decatur
We will see the downtown sites of several important events in Lincoln’s life and career.
11:30 a.m. Lunch at the Madden Center
1:30 p.m. Board bus to the Macon County History Museum
3:15 p.m. Arrive Lincoln Homesite
4 p.m. Arrive back to hotel
6 p.m. Supper
7 p.m. **“Children’s Remembrances of the Lincolns”** – Presentation by Kim Bauer
(Approximately 30 minutes)
8 p.m. ALP Business Meeting

Saturday, April 14, 2012

(All Saturday events to take place at hotel)

- Lincoln Colloquium (Open to the Public)
9-9:50 a.m. **“Lincoln Q and A: Turning Bad Questions Into Good Learning”** -- Workshop
Presenter **Gerald J. Prokopowicz**, East Carolina University,
Dr. Prokopowicz, author of [Did Lincoln Own Slaves? and Other
Frequently Asked Questions About Abraham Lincoln](#), will explore
ways to handle some of those “sticky” questions you may get.
10-10:50 a.m. **“Lincoln Stories from the Surrounding Communities”**
Enjoy vignettes of Abraham Lincoln in some of the communities
surrounding Decatur.
11-11:50 a.m. **“American Religion in Lincoln’s Lifetime”**
Presenter: Chris Small
An overview of the diversity of sects, and of trends and movements
among and between persuasions.
Noon to 1:30 p.m. Men’s Lunch, followed immediately by...
Men’s Program – **“Putting Lincoln on Video”**
Presenters: B.F. McClerren, Chris Small and Norm Zucker.
Runs concurrently with...
Women’s Lunch and Business Meeting, followed immediately by
Women’s Program -- **“How Children Lived in Lincoln’s Time”**
Presenter: Nancy Togerson

- 2-2:50 p.m. ***“What Mary Wished Abraham Knew: Etiquette in the Early 19th Century”***
 Presenter: Donna McCreary
- 3-3:50 p.m. ***Participatory Workshop on Children’s Games and Toys***
 Facilitator: Kathleen Jensen
- 5 p.m. Silent Auction Begins
- 5-6 p.m. Social Hour
- 6-7:30 p.m. Banquet
- 7:30 p.m. Silent Auction Ends
- 7:30-8:45 p.m. ***“The Hardest Question: Lincoln and Equality”*** – Keynote Address
 Presenter **Gerald J. Prokopowicz**, East Carolina University,
- 9-10 p.m. Dance – Mid-19th-century style, with caller and live music by Motherlode
 string band. Squares, contras and waltzes.

Sunday, April 15, 2012

- 8-8:45 a.m. Worship Service at the hotel
- 9-9:50 a.m. Round Robin All-Member Discussion Session (any topic)
- 10 a.m. Conference Concludes

Post-Conference Activities in Springfield, Illinois (Optional)

Kathleen Jensen, a member of the ALP and the Conference Planning Committee, has made arrangements for a post-conference event in Springfield. Those interested in doing so may attend the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 15, at the First Presbyterian Church -- the same congregation where Lincoln and his family attended (and rented a pew). There is no cost for attending the service, but the church would appreciate knowing how many plan to attend. Please note your intentions on the enclosed registration form.

Other post-conference activities are in the planning stages and likely be ***dependent upon the number of members who are interested in participating***. This includes a group visit to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. If you let us know of your interest on the registration form, we’ll keep you posted as plans develop. Be sure and include your email address if you have one!

Remember: Members will be responsible for their own transportation to any of the Springfield events. The drive to Springfield from our hotel is approximately 45 minutes.