



## November 2008 News

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Candlelight Tours is an annual Frankfort tradition that marks the beginning of the holiday season. This year's event is sponsored by Whitaker Bank and Downtown Frankfort, Inc.

To find out more about KHS's plans for this Enchanting Celebration, visit [Web site](#), or to view the full schedule for the four-day event, visit the [Downtown Frankfort, Inc. site](#).

## Restoration Work Underway on Log Cabin at Knob Creek

A project crew from the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Training Center began work on the Abraham Lincoln Boyhood Home Cabin at Knob Creek National Historic Site near Hodgenville on October 22.

In 1811, the Lincoln family moved to the Knob Creek farm from the Sinking Spring farm where Lincoln was born, and lived at Knob Creek for five years.

Already, the crew has documented, dismantled, labeled, and stacked logs that make up the cabin's wood chimney. Logs that can be reused were cleaned and replacements have been obtained for those that cannot be reused. The chimney will be reconstructed in early November.

Deteriorated logs elsewhere in the cabin will be replaced, as will the wood shake roof, among other restorations.



The project is funded by a grant from the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission through the efforts of the Kentucky Historical Society, the LaRue County Fiscal Court, and the Kentucky Heritage Council.

"The work underway to restore the Lincoln Boyhood Home cabin at the Knob Creek farm is one of the most rewarding legacies of the bicentennial celebration," said Sandy Brue, chief of interpretation and resource management at the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site. "Without the dollars provided by the Kentucky Bicentennial Commission, this cabin, a direct tangible link to Abraham Lincoln, might have been lost. This cabin will stand as a testament to Lincoln's Kentucky years for generations to come."

The restoration work is scheduled for completion by February 9, 2009. For more on the Lincoln Boyhood Home, visit the [Web site](#).

## Learn about Lincoln During the Holidays!

After the turkey has been cooked and eaten, the kids are out of school for a short vacation, and your patience for your out-of-town guests is wearing thin, what's left to do?

Visit the Kentucky Historical Society and enjoy a full lineup of Lincoln programming during the holiday season!

The Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History is open Friday, November 28--the day after Thanksgiving--and Saturday, November 29. On those days, Lincoln Presenter Jim Sayre and Mary Todd Presenter Glenna Holloway will be on hand for an informal Meet and Greet with museum visitors from noon to 2 p.m.

In December, History Zone activities, Museum Theatre presentations, and other activities will be dedicated to our sixteenth president. A schedule of holiday Lincoln programming is below:

### History Zone

"A Lincoln-Era Christmas"

Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.

Experience American holiday customs from Lincoln's time by learning a period dance, playing antebellum party games, and sampling the tastes of the season as you rediscover a classic holiday poem. Dancing from 2-3 p.m. For children ages 5 to 10 and their families. Free. For more information contact [Erica Harvey](#).

### Museum Theatre

*Back to the Bluegrass: Mary Todd Comes Home*

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

Visit with an educated and emotional woman coping with the tensions of being Mrs. Abraham Lincoln. Free with museum admission. For more information contact [Greg Hardison](#).

### Brown Bag History

"A Silent Cry: Mary Todd Lincoln's Last Days"

Wednesday, December 3, noon

Learn about Mary Todd Lincoln from her early years to after Lincoln's death. By University of Kentucky historian Randolph Hollingsworth. Free.

For more information contact [Erica Harvey](#).

### Meet and Greet

All Saturdays in December, noon-2 p.m.

Join Lincoln Presenter Jim Sayre and Mary Todd Presenter Glenna Holloway for an informal chat.

For more information on holiday programming at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, visit the [KHS Calendar of Events](#).



## Experience "A Day with Lincoln" at the Kentucky Historical Society

Kentucky's sixteenth president and native son will be the focus of "A Day with Lincoln," on Saturday, November 15, at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort.

This event is held in conjunction with the 27th annual Kentucky Book Fair and will feature presentations by authors as well as a noon luncheon with guest James L. Swanson, author of *Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer*.

The schedule of events for Saturday includes:

**9:15 a.m.** - presentation by Jane Gentry, Joe Survant, Richard Taylor, and Frederick Smock about *Abraham Lincoln of Kentucky*. This Lincoln book is in honor of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial and features a collection of original poetry and prose by four of Kentucky's Poets Laureate.

**10:30 a.m.** - presentation by Raymond Bial, author of *Where Lincoln Walked*.

**Noon luncheon** - featuring James L. Swanson.

**2:30 p.m.** - presentation by Lawrence Lee Hewitt, author of *Lincoln and Kentucky's Confederate Officers*.

The Kentucky Book Fair is cosponsored by The State Journal, Frankfort's daily newspaper, and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives and the University Press of Kentucky.

## "Forever Free" Exhibit Moves to Boyle County Library

"Forever Free," a national traveling exhibit that explains how Lincoln's views on slavery and emancipation changed over the years, will be on display at the Boyle County Public Library in Danville from November 28, 2008 to January 23, 2009.

Several special events are planned in conjunction with the exhibit, including:

- December 1 - Opening reception - 6:30 p.m. featuring Dr. Clarence R. Wyatt, professor of history, Centre College.
- December 14 - "Roots, Trunk and Branches: Abraham Lincoln's Connections to Forkland through Lucey Shipley Hanks Sparrow" - 3 p.m. Speaker: Shirley Sheperson.
- January 6 - *Pharaoh's Army* screening and discussion - 6:30 p.m. Discussion by Robby Henson.
- January 8 - "Sleettown: The Birth of a Community" - 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Mary Quinn Ramer.
- January 11 - "Lincoln Lands" - 3 p.m. Speaker: Kent Masterson Brown, author and historian.

The library is currently open in a temporary location at 1857 S. Danville Bypass in Danville while renovations are completed at the normal location. For more information, call 859-236-8466 or visit the [Web site](#).

## Just in Time for the Holidays: Discounts on Lincoln Merchandise!

Warm up the fall with official Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial outerwear!



Outerwear from the KALBC includes a crewneck sweatshirt in sandstone, a hooded sweatshirt in black, and a fleece jacket in black. And all these items feature an embroidered KALBC logo!

Additional items, including t-shirts, magnets, mugs, and golf balls, are available.

[Order any Lincoln Commission product now through December 31 and receive 20 percent off!](#)

## **KALBC Receives Awards**

The Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission is now award-winning!

The Kentucky Association of Government Communicators presented the Commission with awards at both the KAGC annual conference and the Kentucky Tourism Council annual conference in October.

The KALBC received an Award of Excellence from KAGC for the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Web site and won the division for Marketing Campaign for a Festival or Event in the Tourism Council's Traverse Awards.

To find out more about Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial news and events, visit the [Commission Web site](#).

## **Other Notes of Interest**

### ***Lincoln's Life Through Kentucky Eyes Now Open***

Many people know that Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky and spent the first seven years of his life in the commonwealth. Few, however, realize how connected Lincoln remained to Kentucky throughout his life. Now, during the bicentennial commemoration of Lincoln's birth, the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) Museum Theatre program explores the complex relationship between Lincoln and his native state in the play *Lincoln's Life Through Kentucky Eyes*.

The play will be presented every Saturday in November at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., and then again on Saturdays in February. Contact [Greg Hardison](#) for more information.

### **Free Lincoln Bicentennial Bookmarks for Teachers**

Any Kentucky teacher can receive free Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial bookmarks for their classes by emailing [Jeanine Scott](#) with his or her name, address, and the number of bookmarks requested.

### **"Mary Todd Lincoln's Last Days" Topic for Brown Bag History**

Historian Randolph Hollingsworth will present "A Silent Cry: Mary Todd Lincoln's Last Days" on Wednesday, December 3 at noon as part of the free monthly Brown Bag History series. The event will be held at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort. Contact [Vicky Middleswarth](#) for more information.

### **Mary Lincoln's Wardrobe Subject of Tea Time Tour Talk**

As part of the Kentucky Historical Society's monthly Tea Time Tour program, author Donna McCreary will give a talk, "Fashionable First Lady: Victorian Wardrobe of Mary Lincoln," and provide an insightful look at Mary Lincoln's personality at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort Wednesday, December 10 at noon.

McCreary will also discuss her newest book, *Lincoln's Table*, which highlights authentic recipes for food Lincoln ate, from his boyhood in Kentucky and Indiana to adulthood in Washington.

Tickets are \$18 for KHS members and \$23 for nonmembers. All tickets must be purchased in advance by December 5. For more information contact [Julia Curry](#) at 502-564-1792 ext. 4414.

**Upcoming HistoryMobile Sites**

The Kentucky Historical Society's HistoryMobile will visit the following sites in November:

November 10-13: Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond

November 14-15: Kentucky Book Fair, HistoryMobile at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, Frankfort

November 19-21: Kentucky Association of Counties Convention, Lexington Convention Center, Lexington

**Museums-to-Go Schedule**

"Discovering Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln," a five- panel mobile exhibit produced by the Kentucky Historical Society that illustrates Lincoln's ties to his native state, is now available for reservation. Each panel is dedicated to a different theme: "A Frontier Childhood," "Becoming President," "Ending Slavery," "Lincoln and Kentucky at War!" and "Remembering Lincoln Differently."

The Lincoln editions of Museums-to-Go exhibits will be displayed at the following locations in November:

November 1-30: Bullitt County History Museum, Shepherdsville

November 18-22: Kentucky Association of Counties Conference, Lexington Civic Center, Lexington

November 1-November 30: Lindsey Wilson College Library, Columbia

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