



September E-News

Quilt Show Features Abraham Lincoln-Inspired Works

A rainbow of colors greets visitors to Jackson Hall Gallery on Kentucky State University's campus in Frankfort. The 11th annual "Many Cultures - One Art Quilt Show" is on display through October 31.

A close look reveals intricate details in the 39 quilts featured in the show, which is cosponsored by the Central Kentucky Homemakers Quilt Guild and the Center of Excellence for the Study of Kentucky African Americans (CESKAA). The featured African American quilter is Willie Pride, who has 15 quilts in the show with titles such as: Out of Africa, Bear Paws with Attitude, and Kaleidoscope Stars.



A quilt entitled Happy Birthday, Mr. President features a nearly life-size standing portrait of Abraham Lincoln. It was crafted by Kathy Johnson to commemorate Lincoln's 200th birthday. Other Lincoln-inspired quilts are also on display, including one entitled The Lincoln Years.

"I was thrilled last year when the Central Kentucky Women's Homemaker's Quilt Guild agreed to accept the theme of Abraham Lincoln-inspired quilts for this year's show," said Dr. Anne Butler, executive director of CESKAA. "As a member of the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, I was aware of the many and varied ways that an appreciation for Lincoln's legacy can be illustrated. This quilt show affirms my expectations. Somehow, I just knew that the Lincoln-era quilts would make a strong educational and inspirational statement."

The show is free and open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and other times by appointment. Call 502-597-6315 to make an appointment or for group tours.

Lincoln Days Celebration Set for October

Abraham Lincoln - or at least his look-alike - can be found each year at the annual Lincoln Days Celebration in Hodgenville. This year's festival is scheduled for October 6-7.

"We normally average around 20 Lincolns every year and usually eight to 10 Mary Todd look-alikes," said Iris LaRue, director of the Lincoln Museum in Hodgenville.



The Lincoln Days Celebration was originally held on Lincoln's birthday, February 12. In 1979, the outdoor activities were moved to the month of October. LaRue said some events are still held on February 12, but the outdoor portion of the celebration was moved to October "after winters of frozen drink machines."

"Lincoln Days has been going on for 36 years now," said LaRue. "It (the celebration) has been very faithful in maintaining some of the unique and original events."

Among the activities:

- Lincoln Days Art Show, October 4-11
- Lincoln and Mary Todd Look-alike Contest
- Talent Show
- Annual Rail-Splitter Run/Walk
- Water Boil Competition and Other Pioneer Games

For a complete schedule of events, visit [Lincoln Days Web site](#).

New Lincoln Exhibit to Open at Hardin County History Museum

The "Lincoln Family and Friends - Hardin County, Kentucky" exhibit will open at the Hardin County History Museum Friday, October 5. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for 7 p.m. followed by a reception in the second floor meeting room.

Lincoln's father, Thomas Lincoln, was a resident of Hardin County from 1797 to 1816 when he moved to Indiana. One of the featured items in the exhibit is a bust of Thomas Lincoln. Other artifacts include an 1860 Lincoln-Hamlin ferrotype, an 1864 Lincoln campaign medalet, an 1864 Lincoln campaign badge, as well as period books that Lincoln was reported to have read during his childhood. The many facets of the Lincoln family story in Hardin County are covered in 12 exhibit panels.



The exhibit is funded, in part, by the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission through grants from participating agencies, including the Kentucky Humanities Council, the Kentucky Historical Society, the Kentucky Arts Council, and the Kentucky Heritage Council.

Also opening on October 5 is a second exhibit exploring diversity issues, including Lincoln's evolving views on slavery and emancipation. This exhibit is funded by the Marvin and Joyce

Benjamin Fund. The museum is located at 201 West Dixie Avenue in Elizabethtown and is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free.

Kentucky African American Heritage Commission Grants Now Available

The Kentucky African American Heritage Commission, administered by the Kentucky Heritage Council, is offering Lincoln-related grants to state and local governments and non-profit organizations operating in Kentucky. The goal of the grant program is to provide opportunities for projects that highlight African Americans' legacy with relation to President Abraham Lincoln in Kentucky. Funding can support:

- Identification and nomination of African American Lincoln-related sites to the National Register of Historic Places
- Acquisition and rehabilitation of African American historic sites associated with Lincoln's legacy
- Development of African American heritage tourism programs associated with Lincoln's legacy
- Conferences, educational projects, or events that interpret Kentucky's history as it relates to Lincoln's legacy and African Americans

"Abraham Lincoln's presidency and the actions he took while in the White House changed the tide of history and directly impacted the lives of all African Americans from that time forward," said Donna Neary, state historic preservation officer and executive director of the Kentucky Heritage Council. "The African American experience is a vital component of Lincoln's legacy, and the commission saw this grant program as a way to become directly involved in the bicentennial and ensure that programs and projects reflected the voices of all Kentuckians."

Complete guidelines and an application form are available on the [Kentucky Heritage Council Web site](#).

Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Meets in Springfield

The Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission convened in Springfield, KY, on August 27. Highlights of the meeting included:

- A presentation on the development of the Kentucky Lincoln Heritage Trail by Donna Neary, executive director of the Kentucky Heritage Council
- A report from Kentucky Lincoln sites and communities
- A resolution of support for the Lincoln Boyhood Home site operated by the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site
- Presentation of an integrated marketing plan for Kentucky's Lincoln Bicentennial
- A special presentation by Kentucky Humanities Council Chautauqua character, Emilie Todd Helm

The next meeting of the commission is scheduled for Monday, November 19, in Hodgenville.

Other News

- **"The Emancipation of Peter Bruner," Exhibit Opening**, Bluegrass Heritage Museum, 217 South Main Street, Winchester, September 14 through February 2008, Admission: \$1.50 adults, \$1.25 seniors, \$1 children 17 years and under, Museum Hours: 12 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, Phone: 859-745-1358

- **Kentucky Folklife Festival**, Celebrating Kentucky's Living Traditions, Downtown Frankfort, Thursday, September 20, through Saturday, September 22, Admission: Free
- **Re-Opening of Lincoln Square**, Downtown Hodgenville, 6 p.m., October 4, Admission: Free
- **"The Many Faces of Lincoln: Lincoln Days Art Show and Collection,"** The Lincoln Museum, 66 Lincoln Square, Hodgenville, October 4 through October 10, Museum Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, Admission: Free, Phone: 270-358-3163
- **Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln Look- Alike Contest**, Lincoln Square, Hodgenville, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 6, Admission: Free, Awards -- \$100 (first place), \$75 (second place), \$50 (third place) in each category
- **Perryville Battlefield Reenactment**, Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site, 1825 Battlefield Road, Perryville, October 6-7, Admission: Free
- **Mary and Mister Lincoln Play**, Old Courthouse, Greensburg Square, Greensburg, Performance Times: 4 p.m. central time, Sunday, October 28, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. central time Saturday, November 3. This play revolves around Mr. Lincoln's courtship and marriage proposal to Mary Owens of Green County, Kentucky.

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