

COMING UP

Brinkerhoff Home Ice Cream Social, 1500 N. Fifth St. Held on Friday, June 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Entertainment by the Springfield Mini-Municipal Band.

Friends of Lincoln Library Annual Summer Book Sale, 326 S. Seventh St., Friday, June 22 from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Saturday, June 23, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Find lots of history books here!

LincolnFest - downtown - Saturday, June 30 - 9:30 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. and Sunday, July 1, from 11:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. Look for some "historic" events in the Lincoln Home area.

Illinois State Fair - August 9 through August 19, from 7:00 A.M. to midnight every day. The first State Fair was held in Springfield in 1853 on the city's west side.

Air Rendezvous - Capitol Airport - Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26, from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. each day. Some antique aircraft included.

Ethnic Festival - at State Fairgrounds - Friday, August 31 through Monday, September 3. Food and festivities from Springfield's varied ethnic groups.

SUMMER SCHEDULES

The Lincoln Home National Historic Site is open every day from 8:30 to 5:00. Admission is free, but tickets are required, obtainable at the Visitor Center, 426 S. Seventh St. Many fine special programs are offered at the Visitor Center - watch the local papers for announcements. Don't miss the book store and special exhibits.

The Old State Capitol will be presenting Candlelight Evenings from June 15 to August 11 on Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Special performances dealing with Illinois history will begin at 7:30 P.M. in the Hall of Representatives. Limited seating is available. A reception follows each performance. Interpreters wearing 1850's attire will share the building's history following each performance as visitors stroll through the candlelit rooms. A special series of performances is set for six consecutive Friday nights from July 6 through August 10. "Portrait of a Prairie Capitol", presented by the Great American People Show, features a unique mix of original chamber music and dramatic narration in a powerful interpretation of the history of Illinois and the Old State Capitol from 1809 to 1865. Programs are sponsored by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and Department of Commerce and Community Affairs Office of Tourism. For more information call Barb Geyer at 785-9363. These events are free of charge.

The Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery is open daily from 9:00 to 5:00. On Tuesday evenings through August 28 flag-lowering and retreat ceremonies are performed by the 114th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry (reactivated) starting at 7:00 P.M. The flag lowered at this ceremony is presented to a visitor whose name is selected at random. Period music and the firing of a Civil War mortar are part of the program. Visiting hours are extended to 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday evenings. Admission is free.

The Clayville Rural Life Center, 12 miles west of Springfield on Rt. 125, is on a summer schedule, open Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., through August, with free admission. On Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24, the Third Annual Heritage Days will feature traditional crafts.

At Lincoln Memorial Gardens the Nature Center hours will be from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Tuesday through Saturday and from noon to 5:00 P.M. on Sundays. These hours will be in effect through Sept. 3. The Garden is located at 2301 East Lake Drive, and admission is free. Its beautiful trails offer a rare look at our local natural environment.

The Vachel Lindsay Home, 603 S. Fifth, is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 3:00 P.M. Groups may tour by appointment (call 528-9254).

The Lincoln Depot, scene of Lincoln's farewell address to Springfield, at 10th and Monroe Streets, is open, free of charge, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. daily through August 31.

The Illinois State Museum at Spring and Edwards is open from 8:30 to 5:00 on Mondays through Saturdays, and from noon to 5:00 on Sundays, with free admission.

Other sites of interest to history fans are available in Springfield, as well as those mentioned above. The daily and weekly papers carry notices and information on their hours, admission fees if any, etc.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Our SCHS member and barn expert, Wayne Price, will be working on the "Barn Tour" featured at Greene County Days held the weekend after Labor Day each year. The barn tours will be held on Sat. and Sun., Sept. 8 and 9. They are self-guided, and include a lunch at one of the barns or in a neighboring town. Crafts, demonstrations and rural antiques are featured. For a detailed map and schedule of events write to: GREENE COUNTY DAYS, INC. - P. O. BOX 8 - WHITE HALL, IL 62092

The HISTORICO vacations in July and August - but will be back in September. Our thanks go to Mary Marada and Theresa Power at our business office (Robinsons Advertising Service). They "keep us in print" and offer help and encouragement all year!

To all of our members and friends - HAVE A GOOD SUMMER! See you in September.

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