



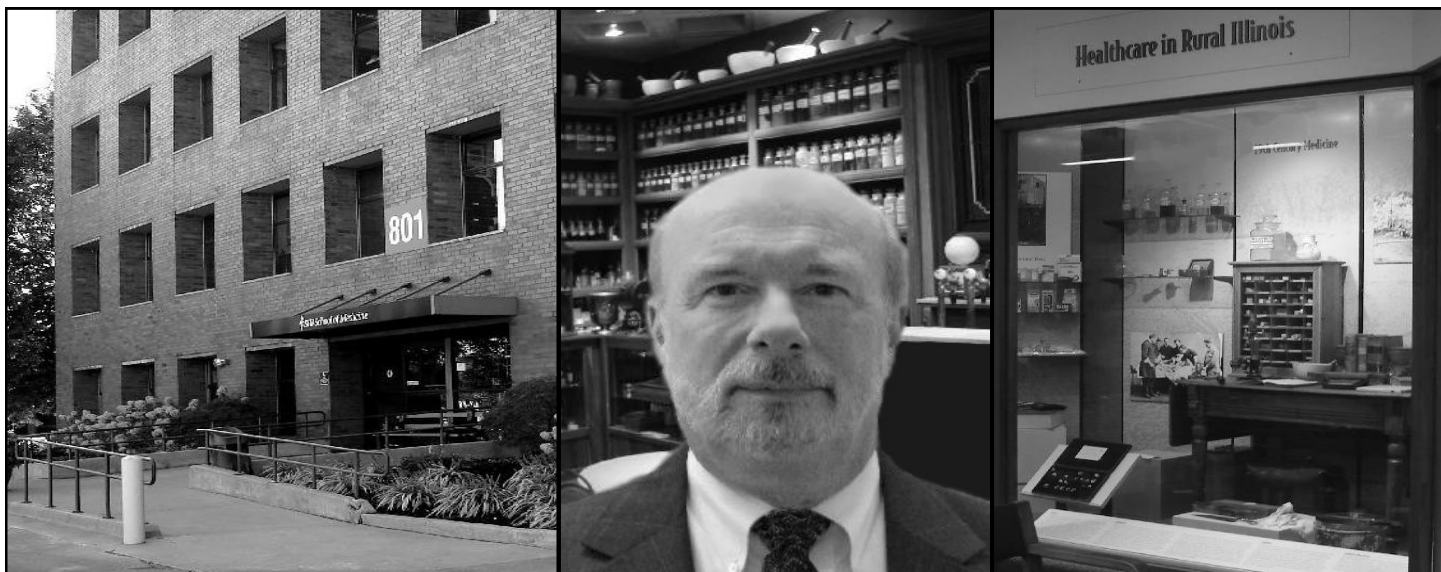
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**INSIDE LOOK** A special members-only tour of the Southern Illinois School of Medicine's Pearson Medical Museum is on tap for the Society's October 16 monthly meeting. Dr. Phil Davis, (above), Director of the Pearson Museum and Research Associate Professor and Deputy Chair of the SIU School of Medicine's Department of Medical Humanities will serve as tour guide. The Museum is named after Dr. Emmet F. Pearson, a former president of the Sangamon County Historical Society.

## Members to Tour SIU Pearson Medical Museum October 16 in Program With Strong Ties to Society

If membership has its privileges, it's about to pay off for you.

Society members will get an exclusive look at one of the county's "jewel-box" museums on Tuesday, October 16, one that's not ordinarily open to the public.

The guided tour of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine's Pearson Medical Museum in Springfield, will include an on-going reception in the Dean's Lobby with seasonal

treats that will allow time for Society members to socialize between the two tour groups. And when you go on the tour, you'll be getting a first-hand look at what is a remarkable record of the history of healing in the Mississippi River Basin.

Tours will begin at 5:30 p.m., divided into two groups keyed to on-line and phone registration. Although the event is free, pre-registration is required and can be made on-line by go-

ing to the Society's website, [www.sangamonhistory.org](http://www.sangamonhistory.org) or by calling 525-1961. Reservations must be made by Friday, October 12. Last-minute walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

The museum is located at 801 North Rutledge Street. Please use the entrance on the north side of the building, near the flagpole. Free parking is available adjacent to the site.

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## Ahead? Working Together for a Common Goal

All of us who participated in the two-day *Sangamon County History Through the Arts II* celebration last month felt the magic, the vibrancy it created not only for artists and history fans, but also for history organizations working toward a common goal.

Friday night's screening of the Emmy-nominated *Lincoln: Prelude to the Presidency* provided a look at a less-explored segment of Lincoln's career, coupled with first hand commentary from its writer and producer, Alison Davis Wood, Lincoln historian Guy Fraker, and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum curator James Cornelius. Their remarks weighed in on the need for accuracy and comprehensiveness in historical documentary filmmaking, areas that often get pushed aside as pseudo documentaries creep into mass culture cinema tastes. (Think *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* released this past summer based on Seth-Grahame-Smith's book and screenplay of the same name).

On Saturday, a cross section of local history organizations provided a good example of how strongly history is regarded here. They took the time and effort to create comprehensive displays about who they are and what they do. The artists who demonstrated their skills embraced the concept of integrating art and history and put it to work, whether it was sculpting a model of Lincoln, working on a section of stained glass, or capturing the rich architectural details of the Old State Capitol on paper or canvas. Our Saturday mini-lecture speakers got it right, too, bringing the concepts of historic preservation down to the basics, like saving a family heirloom or precious book. And the dozens of

photographers who entered our first photography contest and the 20 finalists whose work was show both days attest to that shared spirit linking the past with the present and the present with the past.

It bodes well for the future, especially as we move forward to work more closely with fellow history organizations to promote a common goal.

Speaking of cooperative efforts, we've been very impressed by one of our own members, Katie Spindell, who for the past year or so, has been doing a remarkable job planning the May 2015 Lincoln Funeral project, a recreation of Lincoln's funeral here that could bring hundreds of thousands of visitors to this area in just over two years from now.

Her large and diverse committee, the 2015 Lincoln Funeral Train Coalition---that courses from Lincoln scholars, educators, and elected officials to re-enactors, horse handlers, train builders, number crunchers, designers, marketing execs, public safety officials and more, is a wonder to watch as they work in tandem to bring an event to Springfield that hasn't been seen in 150 years. Much about this project has been low key up until now, but don't be surprised if that changes in the next few months. Katie is on the move.

We are too.

Next month you'll be learning more about our plans for several major late winter and spring projects in conjunction with local history organizations, riveting programs, and two extra-ordinary events next fall. We hope you will be part of both the planning and participation process.

*Roger*



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Event updates also can be found on our **Facebook** page ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)) and **Twitter** ([www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)). Log in and search for *Sangamon County Historical Society*.

Vicky Whitaker, *Historico* Editor



**MOST HAPPY FELLA:** Pleasant Plains Historical Society president Dan Usherwood, an SCHS member, was all smiles at Clayville’s annual Fall Festival last month, when thousands of visitors to the site got a look at the restored balcony porch on the south side on the historic Broadwell Inn and Tavern. Work is nearing completion its north side counterpart. At right, the inn prior to the restoration. The Society, which owns and operates the site, came to the rescue of Clayville and its unique brick inn, in 2009. Volunteers cleared the land and repaired the buildings, restoring its historical significance and removing it from the state’s endangered historic sites list.

## Society Representatives Attend Special Ceremony September 30 Rededicating Jenkins Grave Marker

Members of the Sangamon County Historical Society were on hand on Sunday, September 30 at ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery Sunday, September 30 rededicating a grave marker for Jamieson Jenkins, an early African American Springfield citizen and friend of Abraham Lincoln.

The Society was one of five history organizations that contributed to the project led by the Abraham Lincoln Association. The others are the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, the Oak Ridge Cemetery Association, and the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum. Arnold Monument Company of Springfield restored the grave marker and Oak Ridge Cemetery poured the grave marker foundation and assisted in the rededication.

The ceremony, at the grave in the “Colored Section,” began with a blessing

and remarks, including those of ALA board member Robert Davis, who portrays Jenkins. Davis is also a Society member. The event was free and open to the public.

Jenkins was a mulatto born in North Carolina about 1810. Even though he was a “freeman,” he had to have permission to travel. In the summer of 1835, he was given a permit to travel to Guilford County, North Carolina, a Quaker settlement and an important Underground Railroad station for southern runaway slaves. Jenkins traveled north from there on the Underground Railroad to Indiana where he married Elizabeth Pelham and had a daughter, Nancy.

In the mid-1840s, he and his family moved to Springfield, where Jenkins earned a living as a drayman, someone who carried goods on a horse-drawn two-wheel cart.

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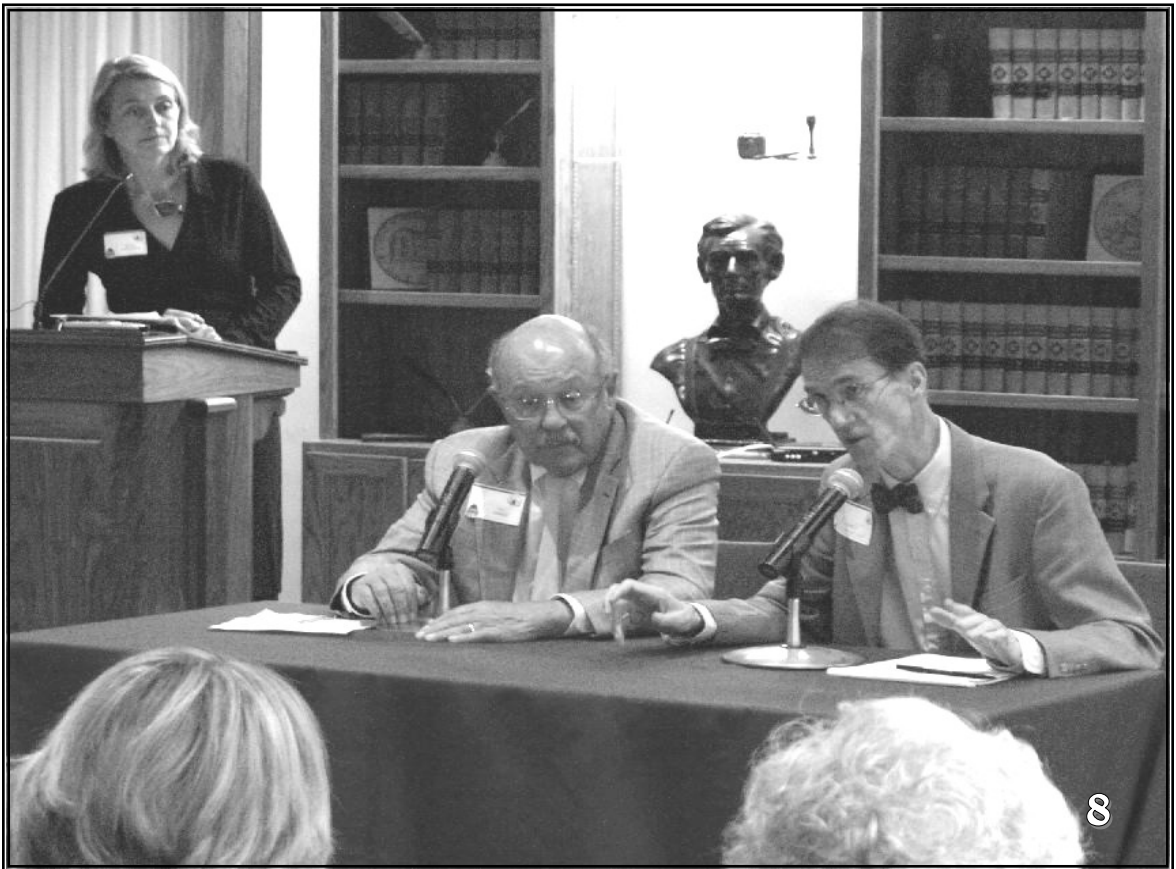
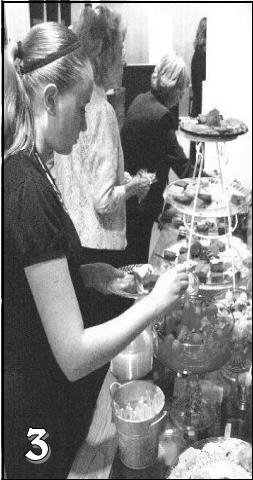
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## SANGAMON COUNTY HISTORY THROUGH THE ARTS II

The Society's season kick-off, *the Sangamon County History Through the Arts II* celebration at the Old State Capitol, Springfield, was a hit September 7 & 8, drawing more than 118 to a sold-out ticketed reception, screening, photo competition and program on Friday evening, followed on Saturday by a free public event pairing artists and history organizations under one roof. Take a photo tour here: **1.** Visually beautiful and tasty to eat, reception goes lined up for hors d'oeuvres prepared by Carol Jean Fraase. **2.** Every seat was taken for the program that followed, the Emmy-nominated *Lincoln: Prelude to the Presidency* written and produced by Alison Davis Wood. **3.** Desserts were a hit, too! **4.** Old State Capitol Foundation president Sandy Pecori, helps serves wine, Foundation members partnered with the Society for the event. **5.** Walking Lincolns commanded the dining décor. **6.** Proud mom Mary Alice Davis (left) who co-chaired the celebration, with her celebrated daughter, Alison Davis Wood. **7.** Society president Roger Whitaker (left) with his wife, Vicky, who co-chaired the event, and Society treasurer Richard Herndon and his wife Carol. **8.** With Emmy-award winning Wood, at podium, Lincoln expert and author Guy Fraker (left) and James Cornelius, curator of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (right) discuss "Doing It Right: The Art of Making Historical Documentaries." Above, on Saturday, **9.** Famed Lincoln sculptor John McClarey at work. **10.** Pastel artist George King. **11.** Dulcimer troubadour Peter Ellertson. **12.** Artist Erin Svendsen. **13.** Site manager Justin Blandford chats with artist Bill Crook. **14.** Watercolorist Ken Gill Cole. **15.** The SCHS display featuring the finalists and winners of the event's photo competition. In addition to stained glass artist Tish Cook and basket weaver Pam Shoeyenbos visitors sat in on mini lectures by John Lupten Carla Smith, Dave Brady, Dawn Cobb and Angela Gobel Bain and visited tables manned by more than a dozen local history organizations. Photos 1,2,3,7,8: Ben Kiningham; Photos 4, 5, 6 Kim Napierkowski; Photos 9-15 Donna Catlin.

## New Date!

### **Illinois Stories Host Mark McDonald To Share On the Job Tales With Society Members on November 6**

Television personality and *Illinois Stories* host Mark McDonald will be giving us the inside scoop on how the show is put together, his best work and his toughest assignments when he speaks to the Society on Tuesday, November 6. That's a week earlier than the originally scheduled date.

McDonald will headline the 5:30 p.m. meeting at the City of Springfield's Lincoln Library for a session that's open both to members and non-members. The meeting will be held in Carnegie Room North.

An engaging speaker, McDonald will be taking us behind the camera as he shares what's involved in taking us through a Central Illinois we only thought we knew. The Emmy-award-winning show is aired locally on public television station WSEC in Springfield, on WQEC in Quincy and WMEC in Macomb.

McDonald has worked in television and media relations for 30 years as a news reporter and anchor, public affairs specialist, and now, as an a chronicler of life in Central and West Central Illinois. He has the distinction of having interviewed three Presidents at some time in their careers.



**ILLINOIS STORIES host Mark McDonald.**

### **Tour Has Link to Sangamon County Historical Society's Own History**

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A Society representative will be on hand to meet you at the door and direct you to the check-in where you will receive a name-tag identifying you as a Society member. The tour will take about 40 minutes per group, with refreshments in between.

The museum was named in honor of the late Dr. Emmet F. Pearson, a Springfield physician and student of medical history. A professor emeritus in the internal medicine and medical humanities departments at SIU, Dr. Pearson also served as president of the Sangamon County Historical Society from 1966 to 1967.

The beautifully appointed museum includes a full-scale Depression-era

drug store, a 19<sup>th</sup> century physician's office, an old-fashioned dental chair and equipment and an endless collection of medical artifacts.

Leading the tour will be Phil Davis, Director of the Pearson Museum and Research Associate Professor and Deputy Chair of the SIU School of Medicine's Department of Medical Humanities.

Dr. Davis has been responsible for the development of a medical history series that has brought leading medical historians and other scholars interested in the history of medicine to the campus. He holds a baccalaureate degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana, a master's degree from Duke University, and completed his doc-

toral studies in health education at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

The medical history museum has been an integral part of the School of Medicine since its inception. Active collecting and temporary exhibits characterized the early years. In January of 1977, the collection moved to its current location at 801 North Rutledge—permanent space designed specifically for use as a teaching museum. In 1980, the Museum was named in honor of Dr. Pearson in recognition of his generous contributions in building the nucleus of the collection and his continuing patronage.

**Want to go? Register by October 12.**

### **Society Teams With Other History Organizations to Repair Monument**

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In 1848, the family moved to a house on the east side of Eighth Street, between Jackson and Edwards Streets, a half block south of the Lincoln home. They lived there until at least 1864.

In 1848, Jenkins and his wife joined the Second Presbyterian Church, now West-

minster Presbyterian, and then known as the abolitionist church. Jenkins was an active conductor on the Underground Railroad in Springfield. Newspaper accounts in 1859 record his helping runaway slaves move north from Springfield to Bloomington.

On February 11, 1861, Jenkins drove

Lincoln's carriage from the Chenery House at the northeast corner of Fourth and Washington Streets to the Great Western Railroad Depot where President elect Lincoln departed Springfield for this trip to Washington.

Jenkins died on February 3, 1873 at age 65.

## CALENDAR OF SOCIETY EVENTS

*All events are open to members and non-members unless otherwise specified. Some events may require a reservation and /or a fee. All board and executive board meetings are open to everyone.*

**Wednesday, October 10: Exec Board Meeting, 5 p.m., Board Meeting 6 p.m.** Carnegie Room South, City of Springfield Lincoln Library, 326 South 7th Street, Springfield.

**Tuesday, October 16: Pearson Medical Museum Tour, 5:30 p.m.,** SIU School of Medicine, 801 N. Rutledge, Springfield. **Members only.** Reservations required. See page 1 for registration information.

**Tuesday, November 6 Mark McDonald, Illinois Stories, 5:30 p.m.,** Carnegie Room, Carnegie Room, City of Springfield Lincoln Library, 326 South 7th Street, Springfield.

**Wednesday, November 14: Exec Board Meeting, 5 p.m., Board Meeting 6 p.m.** Carnegie Room South.

**Tuesday, December 11: Annual Holiday Party, Old State Capitol, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.**

### Other Area History Events That May Be of Interest to You

**October 11: Lincoln Legacy Lectures.** "Four Roads to Emancipation," with Dr. Allen Gueizo, director, Civil War Studies, Gettysburg College, followed by author Ron Soodalter, on "A Blight on the Nation: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today." 7 p.m. Brookens Auditorium, University of Illinois at Springfield. Free. Open to the public.

**October 11-12 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Illinois History.** Prairie Capitol Convention Center, Springfield. Fees vary. Registration deadline for the banquet and luncheon is October 5. Call 558-8934. Thursday luncheon speaker: Jacqueline Hogan, author, *Lincoln Inc.: Selling the Sixteenth President in Contemporary America*. Thursday evening banquet keynote (at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum): Megan McKinney, author, *The Magnificent Medills: America's Royal Family of Journalism*. Friday luncheon speaker: Gillum Gerguson, author, *Illinois in the War of 1812* Sponsored by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation.

**October 12-13: Clayville Haunted House and Hayride.** 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Admission \$5 for Haunted House, Haunted Trail Ride package, \$8. (Also on October 19-20 and October 26-27. Sponsored by the Pleasant Plains Historical Society.

**October 13 : Clayville Haunted House for Kids** (lights on, no active scaring), 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (Also on October 20 and October 27). Sponsored by the Pleasant Plains Historical Society.

**October 13: Great Military War Encampment.** Illinois State Military Museum, 1301 North MacArthur Boulevard, Springfield, 9 a.m. 2 p.m. For information call 761-3910.

**October 26-27: Haunted Nights of Civil War History** (7-9 on the 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9:30 p.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup>, Edwards Place. Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children. Sponsored by the Springfield Art Association. For information call 523-2631.

**November 10: Vachel Lindsay Birthday Open House.** 603 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 524-0901.

**November 10: Victorian Parlor Hypnosis.** 7 p.m. 8:30 p.m., Authentic Victorian hypnosis show in the parlors of Edwards Place. Audience participation encouraged. Admission: \$25 (includes wine and hors d'ouvres. For information call 523-2631 Sponsored by the Springfield Art Association.

**November 17-November 25: Festival of Trees.** View the Sangamon County Historical Society's entry in this year's display of trees. Orr Building, State Fairgrounds. Varying hours. For admission fees and times, go to [www.memorialmedical.com/MMF/Festival-of-Trees](http://www.memorialmedical.com/MMF/Festival-of-Trees). Sponsored by the Memorial Medical Center Foundation.

**November 23-December 31: Christmas at Dana Thomas House,** Springfield. 9 a.m. 4 p.m. A celebration of Susan Lawrence Dana's first holiday season at her new Frank Lloyd Wright designed home, completed in 1904. For information call 782-6776.

**December 1 & 8: Candlelight Open House,** Iles House, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Iles House Foundation.

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- **Overnight trip to Connor Prairie, Indiana and "North Star" UGRR experience.** November, 2012



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