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Time to Join or Renew your membership (if you haven't already done so!)

As you were warned last spring, we are saving money, and avoiding raising dues, by not sending out individual renewal notices and membership cards this year. However, the time has come to join, renew and to invite your friends to join for the new, fiscal year! We have and will be scheduling several activities that will be limited to the membership either by number or by price difference, and so those of you who hold individual memberships might consider expanding your membership to include other members of your household.

Don't forget! Memberships make great gifts, too!

First meeting of the new year:

Tuesday, September 16 7:00 PM

More on Frontier Springfield

Curtis Mann

Farrell and Ann Gay Museum of Springfield History
Iles House, Lower level
628 S. 7th Street

The current exhibit at the museum, "*Springfield as Urban Frontier 1819-1838*" was researched and developed by Sangamon Valley Collection's Curtis Mann and Linda Garvert; installed under a contract with Sangamon Researchers, Ed Russo and Corrine Frisch; and sponsored by the generosity of Farrell and Ann Gay.

The exhibit will be on display only until October and is definitely worth spending some time on. Wednesday and Saturday afternoons (Noon to 4:00 PM) the Iles House is open and the exhibit can be viewed. We recommend that you take an opportunity to learn more about the exhibit before the September meeting as Curtis intends to expand on the information provided there at the meeting.

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If your name is not on this list, please renew now!!

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Individual - \$17.50
Family - \$25.00
Sustaining - \$50.00

Individual life - \$250.00*
Family life - \$400.00*

*One time payment

Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Gift membership donor

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Would you be willing to provide refreshments for one of the monthly programs? _____

If you would be willing to serve on a committee, please indicate your interest: _____

Total enclosed for membership _____

Make your check payable to: The Sangamon County Historical Society
and mail to: 308 East Adams Street
Springfield, IL 62701



Copies of In Lincoln's Shadow are available at Robinson's, 308 E. Adams, Prairie Archives and Barnes & Noble, or they may be purchased in the Historama at the Cemetery Walk on October 5.

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2008 Fall Schedule

7:00 PM September 16	<i>More on Frontier Springfield</i> Farrell & Ann Gay Museum of Springfield History, Iles House	Curtis Mann
October 5 Noon to 4:00 PM	<i>12th Annual Walk Through Oak Ridge Cemetery</i> Oak Ridge Cemetery, 1440 Monument Ave.	
5:30 PM October 14	<i>Statehouse Statuary</i> Members only by reservation	Roberta & Carl Volkmann
7:00 PM November 18	<i>Old Man on Old Books</i> Lincoln Library, Carnegie Room North	John Paul
December 16	<i>Christmas party</i> Members only by reservation	Strawbridge House

Don't forget!!

Sunday, October 5, 12th Annual Walk Through Oak Ridge Cemetery

This year's walk will be different in that it has a theme—two themes, in fact. We will be honoring the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Abraham Lincoln Association, or actually its predecessor organization, the Lincoln Centennial Association. Toward that end we will be featuring 4 people who were either themselves involved, or were related to someone who was very involved: Dougie Hay Funk will tell about her father, Logan Hay's, involvement in developing the Association; Melinda Bunn will tell of her husband, George W. Bunn's great love and interest in furthering the Association's work; Dr. William Jayne was the only founding member of the Lincoln Centennial Association who also had attended Lincoln's first inauguration; and Benjamin Caldwell, also a founding member, tells about that Centennial banquet.

The other centennial event to be rememorized is the infamous 1908 race riot. Four of the African Americans affected by the riot will reflect on their experiences: Charles L. Lee was a businessman on the Levee whose establishment was absolutely demolished; George Richardson was the workman falsely accused of rape by a white woman who feared for his life as the mob's roar grew; William Donnegan was the respected, elderly African American lynched by the mob in their frustration over not being able to get at who they felt were the real culprits; and Rev. Lyman Hubbard, tells of his grandfather, Bluford Chandler, who adamantly remained on his porch with a .30 -.30 determined to protect his property from the mob.

The 'Historama' area will again feature exhibits by historical associations, the popular Prairie Land Dulcimers will be providing a musical background; again the wonderful concession will offer popcorn, cookies and cider; SCHS will have books to sell and the Springfield International Folk Dancers will again be there to entertain.