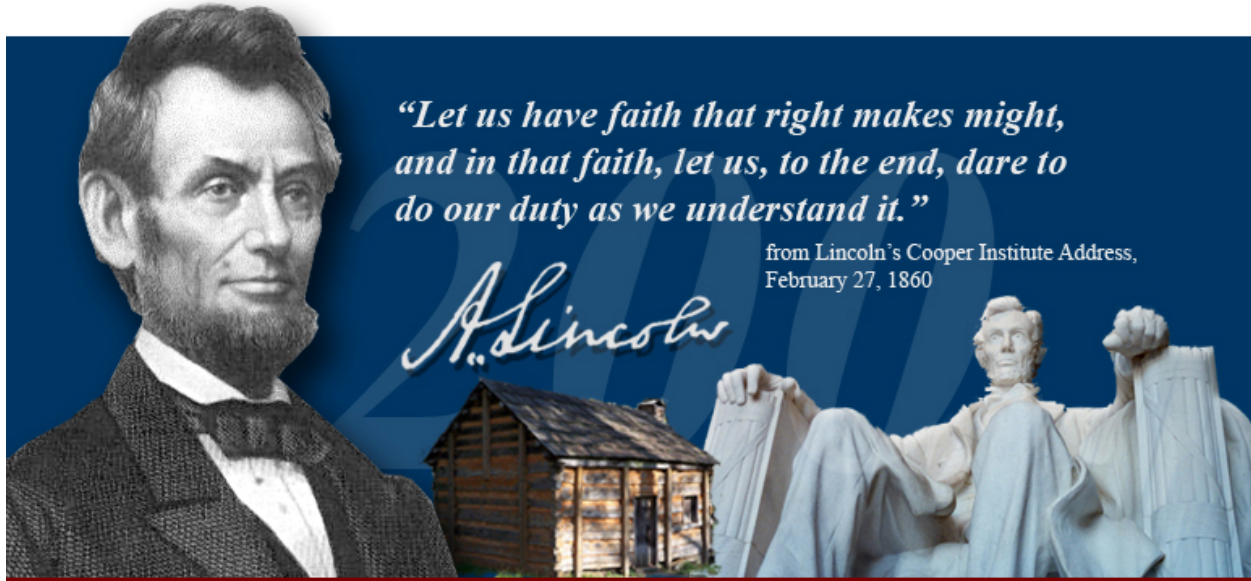


**Celebrate the Bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's Birth**

"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."

- from Lincoln's Cooper Institute Address, February 27, 1860.

This year marks the Bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. He was born on February 12, 1809 in relative obscurity in central Kentucky - then considered the backwoods frontier of America. His rise to the highest office in the land could not have been foreshadowed but would be the quintessential story of this growing nation – born in a log cabin, raised on hard work and the honest simple values of plain speaking and taking action.

He is arguably the most important President in the history of this nation by virtue of the crisis of disunion that faced him when he took office as the 16th President of the United States on March 4, 1861 and the manner in which his resolve maintained this country through four years of horrific Civil War. When he addressed the nation for the first time as President on that inauguration day he eloquently stated to all Americans that, "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

As a nation we celebrate the birth and achievements of this great American. We take time to do this because of what he means to the nation, to the world, and to the many individuals that his life has inspired. The personal and emotional sacrifices he made to hold this nation together during the critical time of civil war is not the only reason we celebrate him – but also for the compassion and wisdom he showed for his countrymen and those that would tear it apart . His compassion was never more evident than in his second inaugural address to the nation on March 4, 1865, when he said, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in

the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan - to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations."

There are hundreds of historical sites nationwide that commemorate the life and achievements of Abraham Lincoln – some are managed by state and local agencies and others by private organizations. The National Park Service has the honor of preserving and managing several areas that are both directly and indirectly related to the life and Presidency of Abraham Lincoln – places such as the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in Hodgenville, Kentucky, Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield, Illinois, Ford's Theatre National Historic Site in Washington, D.C, and Mount Rushmore National Monument in South Dakota.

There are many events planned throughout the nation in 2009 that will provide opportunities to celebrate the Bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. A visit to one of the National Park Service, state, local or private sites offers a great opportunity to learn and reflect about a man who served his country as president and gave his "last full measure of devotion" to preserve the United States. The information in this site can help visitors get started on a better understanding and appreciation for Abraham Lincoln. The National Park Service is working closely with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, created by Congress to organize the nation's observance of this milestone. The Commission's web site, www.abrahamlincoln200.org , contains a wealth of information about Bicentennial events and places throughout the country.

National Park Service Sites that Commemorate the Life and Presidency of Abraham Lincoln

Kentucky

[Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site](#) Hodgenville, KY

In the fall of 1808, Thomas and Nancy Lincoln settled on the 348 acre Sinking Spring Farm. Two months later on February 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln was born in a one-room log cabin near the Sinking Spring. Here the Lincolns lived and farmed before moving to land a few miles away at Knob Creek. The area was designated by Congress on July 17, 1916. An early 19th century Kentucky cabin, symbolic of the one in which Lincoln was born, is preserved in a memorial building at the site of his birth.

Indiana

[Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial](#) Lincoln City, IN

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial preserves the site of the farm where Abraham Lincoln spent 14 formative years of his life, from the ages of 7 to 21. He and his family moved to Indiana in 1816 and stayed until 1830 when they moved on to Illinois. During this period, Lincoln grew physically and intellectually into a man. The people he knew here and the things he experienced had a profound influence on his life. His sense of honesty, his belief in the importance of education and learning, his respect for hard work, his compassion for his fellow man, and his moral convictions about right and wrong were all born of this place and this time. The time he spent here helped shape the man that went on to lead the country and is our most direct link with that part of his life. Lincoln Boyhood preserves the place where he learned to laugh with his father, cried over the death of his mother, read the books that opened his mind, and triumphed over the adversities of life on the frontier.

Illinois

[Lincoln Home National Historic Site](#) Springfield, IL

"My friends – No one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything." An emotional Abraham Lincoln opened his farewell remarks to the citizens of Springfield, Illinois with these words on February 11, 1861. Lincoln was leaving his friends and neighbors of twenty-four years, and the home that he and his family had lived in for seventeen years, to serve as president of a nation on the verge of Civil War. The Lincoln home, the centerpiece of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, has been restored to its 1860s appearance, revealing Lincoln as husband, father, politician, and President-elect. It stands in the midst of a four block historic neighborhood which the National Park Service is restoring so that the neighborhood, like the house, will appear much as Lincoln would have remembered it.

[Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area](#) Illinois

Scattered throughout the central Illinois landscape are countless places where Lincoln traveled and lived. The Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area was enacted by the Congress and signed by the President on May 10, 2008. The National Heritage Area includes 42 counties of central Illinois with a mission to preserve, interpret and promote the heritage and culture of the area, in the context of Abraham Lincoln's life in Illinois. They seek to inform and educate, develop and interpret visitor-ready sites, create living history experiences, chronicle the

evolution of the area's landscape and extend these opportunities to the largest audience possible.

Washington , D.C.

[Lincoln Memorial National Memorial](#) Washington D.C.

The Lincoln Memorial is a tribute to President Abraham Lincoln and the nation he fought to preserve during the Civil War (1861-1865). The Lincoln Memorial was built to resemble a Greek temple. It has 36 Doric columns, one for each state in the Union at the time of Lincoln's death. A sculpture by Daniel Chester French of a seated Lincoln is in the center of the memorial chamber. Inscribed on the south wall of the monument is the Gettysburg Address. Above it is a mural painted by Jules Guerin depicting the angel of truth freeing a slave. Guerin also painted the unity of North and South mural on the north wall. Etched into the north wall below the mural is Lincoln's second inaugural speech.

[President's Park \(White House\)](#) Washington , D.C.

The White House at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, was originally constructed 1792-1800, the work of James Hoban. It was reconstructed in 1815 after being burned by British soldiers during the War of 1812. It has been the home of every president of the United States since John Adams. The exterior of the main structure, despite some additions and minor changes, remains much as it was in 1800. The interior has been completely renovated using the historic floor plan. It is significant for its Federal architecture, as a symbol of the presidency, and for the important decisions made within its walls over the years.

[Ford's Theatre National Historic Site](#) Washington, D.C.

Ford's Theatre and Museum are currently closed for renovations. The Theatre is due to open on February 12, 2009 with the museum due to open later in the spring of 2009. While the Theatre and Museum are closed the Petersen House remains open for visits from the public.

Additional National Park Service Sites Associated with the Life and Presidency of Abraham Lincoln

[Antietam National Battlefield](#)

Sharpsburg, MD

[Andrew Johnson National Historic Site](#)

Greenville, TN

[Appomattox Court House National Historical Park](#)

Appomattox, VA

[Andersonville National Historic Site](#)

Andersonville, GA

[Brices Cross Roads National Battlefield](#)

Tupelo, MS

[Carl Sandburg Home Historic Site](#)

Flat Rock, NC

[Cedar Creek & Belle Grove National Historical Park](#)

Middletown, VA

[Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park](#)

Fort Oglethorpe, GA

[Fort Donelson National Battlefield](#)

Dover, TN

[Fort Sumter National Monument](#)

Sullivan's Island, SC

[Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park](#)

Fredericksburg, VA

[General Grant National Memorial](#)

New York, NY

[Gettysburg National Cemetery](#)

Gettysburg, PA

[Independence National Historical Park](#)

Philadelphia, PA

[James A. Garfield National Historic Site](#)

Mentor, OH

[Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park](#)

Kennesaw, GA

[Manassas National Battlefield Park](#)

Manassas, VA

[Monocacy National Battlefield](#)

Frederick, MD

[Mount Rushmore National Memorial](#)

Keystone, SD

[Pea Ridge National Military Park](#)

Pea Ridge, AR

Petersburg National Battlefield

Petersburg, VA

Richmond National Battlefield Park

Richmond, VA

Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site

Cornish, NH

Stones River National Battlefield

Murfreesboro, TN

Shiloh National Military Park

Shiloh, TN

Tupelo National Battlefield

Tupelo, MS

Vicksburg National Military Park

Vicksburg, MS

Ulysses S Grant National Historic Site

St. Louis, MO

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield

Republic, MO

Yosemite National Park

Yosemite National Park, CA

President Lincoln signed the "Yosemite Grant" on June 30, 1864, establishing Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove as a "forest reserve" managed by the State of California. This is believed to be the true start of national parks as we know them today. The rest of the park was established in 1890 and the State ceded back the Valley and Big Trees in 1906. Although Lincoln never came here, it was his signing of the bill that started the national park idea.

Additional Links and Websites Associated with the Life and Presidency of Abraham Lincoln

GENERAL RESEARCH

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: The United States Congress established this commission to plan and carry out activities to honor Abraham Lincoln on the bicentennial anniversary of Lincoln's birth. The Commission's website contains a wealth of information about Bicentennial events and places throughout the country. <http://www.abrahamlincoln200.org/>

Abraham Lincoln Association: The association was organized in 1908 to encourage, promote, and aid the collection and dissemination of authentic information regarding all phases of Lincoln's life and career. This site contains information about news, events, and activities related to the Abraham Lincoln Association, as well as educational materials for teachers. <http://www.abrahamlincolnassociation.org/>

Abraham Lincoln Online: This is a very comprehensive online Lincoln site. <http://showcase.netins.net/web/creative/lincoln.html>

Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission
<http://www.Lincoln200.net>

Indiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial
<http://www.in.gov/lincoln/>

Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission
<http://kylincoln.org/default.htm>

President Lincoln's Cottage
<http://www.lincolncottage.org/>

Springfield, Illinois Lincoln events calendar
www.Visit-SpringfieldIllinois.com

ONLINE BOOKS

Historic Places Commemorating the Chief Executives of the United States: This book contains information and illustrations of the lives of the presidents of the United States as well as the historic buildings associated with them. http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/presidents/index.htm

Abraham Lincoln: From His Own Words and Contemporary Accounts: Edited by Roy Edgar Appleman, this autobiographical accounting was published in 1942 by the National Park

Service.

http://www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/source/sb2/index.htm

Lincoln's Birthplace -- American Shrine by Roy Edgar Appleman, published in The Regional Review - Vol. 2 No. 2, pg. 21-24: This publication lasted just four short years (1938-1941), however it contained an exceptional array of articles of historical interest by the likes of noted historians such as Herb Kahler, Roy Appleman, and Charles Potter.

http://www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/regional_review/vol2-2f.htm

Mr. Lincoln's Virtual Library: This site highlights two collections at the Library of Congress that illuminate the life of Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865).

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/alhtml/alhome.html>

Lincoln/Net: This digitization project, sponsored by Northern Illinois University, presents historical materials from Abraham Lincoln's Illinois years (1830-1861), including Lincoln's writings and speeches, as well as other materials and is supplemented by resources from Illinois' early years of statehood (1818-1829).

<http://lincoln.lib.niu.edu/>

The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln: In 1953, the Abraham Lincoln Association published The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln, a multi-volume set of Lincoln's correspondence, speeches, and other writings.

<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/l/lincoln/>

FOR TEACHERS - Teaching with Historic Places Lesson Plans:

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial: Forging Greatness during Lincoln's Youth

Meet the people and learn of events that influenced the development of Abraham Lincoln's character and personality as a youth on the Indiana frontier.

<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/twhp/wwwlps/lessons/126libo/>

Lincoln Home National Historic Site: A Place of Growth and Memory

Learn how Abraham Lincoln's belief in freedom and democracy, his eloquence, and the support of family and community propelled him to the White House and uplifted him through the turbulent Civil War.

<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/twhp/wwwlps/lessons/127liho/>

Choices and Commitments: The Soldiers at Gettysburg

Trace the course of this Civil War battle and consider the wrenching personal choices that were made by soldiers on each side, and evaluate Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and its impact in regard to the occasion it was written to commemorate.

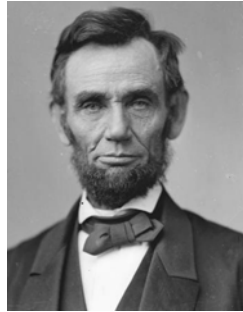
<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/twhp/wwwlps/lessons/44gettys/44gettys.htm>

MERCHANDISE

Purchase Lincoln-related books, videos, DVD's and other merchandise from Eastern National's online bookstore. Eastern National's mission is to "promote the public's understanding and support of America's National Parks and other public trust partners by providing quality

educational experiences, products and services.”
<http://www.eparks.com/store/search.asp>

Calendar of Events



*Please remember that this is a long range advanced calendar.
Events will be added, some may be canceled and details may change.
Please check our website (www.nps.gov/pub_aff/lincoln200/index.html)
for more details closer to the event date*

FEBRUARY

[Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site](#) Hodgenville, KY

February 12: Bicentennial Programs

The Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission joins the City of Hodgenville, The Lincoln Museum of Hodgenville, Lincoln Days, Inc., and Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site to present numerous events throughout the day. Area events include a flag raising, wreath laying, new coin release, luncheon, opera-play and a Lincoln home dedication ceremony. The following events are scheduled to take place at the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site:

At 10 a.m. the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission invites the United States Mint to release the first of four Lincoln 2009 pennies. Visitors can exchange old pennies for the newly minted coins following the ceremony.

At 2 p.m. a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for the formal dedication of the newly preserved Boyhood Home Cabin at Knob Creek Farm with birthday cake.

Numerous other activities are scheduled in the area. A more complete schedule of events is available at <http://www.nps.gov/abli/bicentennial-news.htm>. For more information, please call 270.358.3137

[Antietam National Battlefield](#), Sharpsburg, MD

February 12: Lincoln Birthday Speakers

Two talks about the 16th president and his connection to the Battle of Antietam are scheduled in the Visitor Center. At 11 a.m. author Joseph Garrera will present "Abraham Lincoln and his Image in American Popular Culture." Garrera is president of the Abraham Lincoln Group of New York, serves on the Advisory Panel of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and has written more than 50 articles for major publications. At 2 p.m. author John Schildt will present

“Four days in October: Lincoln’s Antietam Visit.” Schildt is the author of more than 20 books on the Civil War and other aspects of American history.

February 16: Symposium: “Lincoln, the Battle of Antietam and the Emancipation Proclamation”

[Effigy Mounds National Monument](#), Harpers Ferry, IA

February 12 – 16: National Holiday Film Series

Celebrate the Bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth by watching films from various Lincoln sites within the national park system. For more information, please call 563.873.3491 or check online at www.nps.gov/efmo.

[Ford's Theatre](#) Washington, DC

February 3: World Premiere of *The Heavens Are Hung In Black*

To celebrate the grand reopening and the bicentennial of President Lincoln's birth, Ford's Theatre has commissioned a new play, *The Heavens Are Hung In Black* by award-winning playwright James Still. Highlighting the five months between the death of Lincoln's son Willie and the issue of the Emancipation Proclamation, *Heavens* will offer audiences a glimpse into the person who was Abraham Lincoln. Directed by Stephen Rayne, the play will show from February 3 to March 8. Tickets can be reserved through Ticketmaster at (202) 397-SEAT or by visiting www.fords.org.

February 12: Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commemoration

On February 12, Ford's Theatre will commemorate Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday with a series of public programs. The day will begin with a morning wreath-laying. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ford's Theatre will present an array of performances in Lincoln's honor. Area students will perform some of Lincoln's great speeches, and the Federal City Brass Band will play some of Lincoln's favorite music on Civil War-era instruments. National Park Service Rangers will offer interpretive programs commemorating Lincoln's presidency throughout the day. The theatre will be open to the general public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

February 16: Open House and Lincoln Birthday Celebration

On President's Day, Ford's Theatre will host an all-day open house. Events will include new interpretive programs, a reading of the new one-act play *The Road From Appomattox* by Richard Hellesten, a performance of *One Destiny* and songs from *The Civil War*. The theatre will be open to the general public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In the evening, Ford's Theatre will launch its [Living Lincoln Series](#), a free Monday-night series exploring the many aspects of President Lincoln's personality and life through lectures, panels, play readings and performances. The series begins Feb. 16 with *Lincoln Seen and Heard*, a words-and-images show that takes Abraham Lincoln from his days in Congress through the American Civil War. The Feb. 16 program will feature Sam Waterston and Harold Holzer. On Feb. 23, storyteller Jon Spelman will present *Lincoln as Storyteller*. Dates for the series are: Feb. 16, Feb. 23, March 2, April 13, April 20, April 27, May 3, May 11 and May 18. Free tickets can be reserved through Ticketmaster at (202) 397-SEAT or by visiting www.fords.org.

Ticketmaster fees apply. For more information, please visit the website <http://www.fordstheatre.org/>.

Gettysburg National Military Park Gettysburg, PA

February 12-16: Grand Opening Ceremony, David Wills House museum; downtown Gettysburg

The Grand Opening celebration will take place on February 12 with daily events scheduled through February 16, 2009. The David Wills House offers visitors a world-class museum experience that tells the story of Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address. Main Street Gettysburg will operate the museum, as an official partner with Gettysburg National Military Park. For more information, please visit the website www.nps.gov/gett or call 717.334.1124.

Independence National Historical Park Philadelphia, PA

February 12: Bicentennial Celebration

Join Independence National Historical Park and Lincoln 200 for a celebration of Lincoln's Bicentennial. Independence Hall provides visitors and scholars bookend images of Abraham Lincoln, who spoke here on February 22, 1861 on his way to be inaugurated as president, then laid in state after being assassinated on route to burial in Illinois. This 2 p.m. ceremony will include a flag raising and a reading of Lincoln's 1861 speech. A remnant of the flag Lincoln raised that day will be on display. The event is free and open to the public.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial Lincoln City, IN

February 12: 2009 Lincoln Day Program

Dr. James Madison, Professor of History and director of Indiana University's Liberal Arts and Management Program, will be the featured speaker at the annual Lincoln Day program. The program will begin at 2 p.m. in the Abraham Lincoln Hall and will include presentation of the colors by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, special music and other ceremonial activities. Following the indoor program, the traditional pilgrimage to the gravesite of Nancy Hanks Lincoln for a wreath laying ceremony will take place. All are invited to a reception in the Memorial Visitor Center at the conclusion of the program. The park entrance fee will be waived for this event. For more information, please contact the park office at 812.937.4541.

Lincoln Home National Historic Site Springfield, IL

February 7: Lincoln Home Open House

Lincoln Home National Historic Site will begin its commemoration of the Lincoln bicentennial with an "Open House" from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., featuring the unveiling of the recently conserved 1860 Lincoln campaign banner; premier of the site's new interpretive film "Abraham Lincoln: A Journey to Greatness;" a presentation on the Lincoln Neighborhood restoration efforts to date; and a presentation on the site's new "Teaching with Museum Collections" web site.

February 11-15: Special Living History and Ranger Programs

Tours of the Lincoln home will be provided daily. These free tours will feature staff in period costume located in various rooms within the Lincoln home who will help tell the story of the Lincoln family's seventeen years in their Springfield home. Park Rangers will also offer "Ranger

Talks” and costumed living history programs in a variety of locations around the historic site to provide further insights into the Lincoln home, family, and Lincoln’s Springfield.

February 12: Family Reading and Children’s Author Book signing

Children are invited to a storytelling program with Abraham Lincoln, as portrayed by Fritz Klein. Lincoln will retell stories he read including Aesop’s Fables, the life of George Washington, stories from the Bible, and stories that his father told him. Lincoln will be joined by African American Underground Railroad heroes Harriet Tubman and Jameson Jenkins as well as Mrs. Lincoln’s seamstress Elizabeth Keckley. Several Lincoln children’s book authors will be available to visit with the children and sign books at the Visitor Center. Specific times for this program are to be determined.

February 12: The Lincoln Trio

From noon to 1 p.m. the Lincoln trio will perform at Lincoln Home National Historic Site as part of their Lincoln Bicentennial tour. The trio, consisting of Violinist Desirée Ruhstrat; cellist David Cunliffe; and pianist Marta Aznavoorian will perform winning piano trio commissions that were submitted as part of a competition that called for composers to submit works inspired by Abraham Lincoln. Formed in 2003, the Lincoln Trio has emerged as one of Chicago’s most celebrated ensembles.

February 12: George L. Painter Lincoln Lectures

Join Lincoln scholars for a lively afternoon of scholarship and discussion at the “Lincoln Author Book Fair” at which renowned Lincoln authors will join in a roundtable discussion of their books, each other’s books, and anything else related to Abraham Lincoln, the Lincoln family, and the Civil War that may come up. Authors will be available for book signings and are looking forward to engaging discussions with the audience at the Visitor Center. Specific times for this free program are to be determined.

February 13: Lincoln and Leadership Workshop

Learn executive leadership skills from Abraham Lincoln. This workshop will feature discussions and examples of leadership principles reflected in the life of Abraham Lincoln, and how those principles relate to the modern workplace. Participants will first hear a presentation on Lincoln’s leadership style by Donald T. Phillips, author of *Lincoln on Leadership: Executive Strategies for Tough Times*. Then, President Lincoln, as portrayed by Fritz Klein, will speak about how his personal philosophy of leadership helped him through the tough issues of his presidency. The workshop will conclude with a “Presidential Press Conference” during which the participants can ask “the president” questions. Specific times and location for this program are to be determined. Advanced registration is required.

A Discussion with Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and Martin Luther King, Jr., Part I

This program dramatizes the interconnectivity of the Lincoln story and the story of freedom, equality, and civil rights in America through conversations that span the generations. The audience will gain insight into the struggles and victories of freedom and civil rights by listening in on conversations between Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Event takes place at the Visitor Center.

February 14: A Discussion with Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and Martin Luther King, Jr.; Part II

This program continues the multi generational conversation about freedom and civil rights

between Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Specific times and location for this program are to be determined.

Music of the Lincoln Era

This free event will feature music of the Lincoln era performed by a wide variety of singers and musicians in small and large groups. Running from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Visitor Center, scheduled performers include Judy Cook, Chris Vallillo, and a performance by Christ the King hand bell choir.

Abraham Lincoln: A Biography in Words and Music

“A Biography in Words and Music” features Abraham Lincoln, as portrayed by Fritz Klein, and his friend and political ally Jessie K. Dubois, discussing Lincoln’s life, interspersed with performances of Lincoln era music that he enjoyed. Specific times for this free of charge program at the Visitor Center are to be determined.

Information about Lincoln Home National Historic Site events is posted on the website, <http://www.nps.gov/liho> . For more information, please contact Lincoln Home National Historic Site at 217.391.3211 or email liho_superintendent@nps.gov.

Lincoln Memorial National Memorial Washington DC

February 12: Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday Celebration

Every year since the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated, dignitaries, diplomats, and citizens have assembled in the chamber to honor Abraham Lincoln on the day of his birth. This ceremony begins at 8 a.m. An invited guest speaker will read the Gettysburg Address. Other distinguished guests and officials will remark on America’s inheritance-Lincoln’s legacy. For more information, please visit the website <http://www.nps.gov/linc> .

MARCH

Ford’s Theatre Washington, DC

March 2: Lincoln as Humorist

This 90-minute program, featuring Conan O’Brien and Joshua Wolf Shenk, is part of the Living Lincoln Series, a free Monday-night series exploring the many aspects of President Lincoln’s personality and life. Free tickets can be reserved through Ticketmaster at (202) 397-SEAT or by visiting www.fords.org. Ticketmaster fees apply. For more information, please visit the website <http://www.fordstheatre.org/> . For more information, please visit the website <http://www.fordstheatre.org/> .

APRIL

Ford’s Theatre Washington, DC

April 13: Lincoln and Shakespeare

This 90-minute program features actors from the Shakespeare Theatre Company.

April 20: Oratory in the Age of Lincoln

These programs are part of the Living Lincoln Series a free Monday-night series exploring the many aspects of President Lincoln’s personality and life.

Free tickets can be reserved through Ticketmaster at (202) 397-SEAT or by visiting www.fords.org. Ticketmaster fees apply. For more information, please visit the website <http://www.fordstheatre.org/>.

[Lincoln Memorial National Memorial](#) Washington DC

April 12: Marian Anderson Tribute Concert

Celebrate Abraham Lincoln and the civil rights legacy of opera star Marian Anderson. Starting at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Memorial Washington, DC, performers will include Denyce Graves, The Chicago Children's Choir, Sweet Honey in the Rock, and The Washington National Opera. A naturalization ceremony will precede the event.

[Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial](#) Lincoln City, IN

April 19: Lincoln Speaker Series

Seth Bongartz of Hildene, the Home of Robert Todd Lincoln, opens the 2009 Lincoln Speaker Series with a talk at 2 p.m. Please visit the website <http://www.nps.gov/libo> for future event information.

MAY

[Ford's Theatre](#) Washington, DC

May 4: Lincoln as Storyteller

This 90-minute program, features Jon Spelman.

May 11: Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief

This 90-minute program, features James McPherson

May 18: Lincoln in Love

The reading of a new musical based on the film Young Mr. Lincoln will run 2.5 hours with no intermission.

These are the final programs of the Living Lincoln Series, a free Monday-night series exploring the many aspects of President Lincoln's personality and life. Free tickets can be reserved through Ticketmaster at (202) 397-SEAT or by visiting www.fords.org. Ticketmaster fees apply. For more information, please visit the website <http://www.fordstheatre.org/>.

[Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial](#) Lincoln City, IN

May 10: Lincoln Speaker Series

Erin Mast, Curator of President Lincoln's Cottage, in Washington DC, presents the second of the Lincoln Speaker Series at 2 p.m.

[Lincoln Memorial National Memorial](#) Washington DC

May 30: Lincoln Memorial Rededication

Four score and seven years ago, Americans of different generations, races, backgrounds, and occupations gathered in Washington, DC to dedicate the Lincoln Memorial. Join us beginning at 2:45 as we rededicate the Lincoln Memorial and demonstrate that this government—this nation—truly is one of, by, and for the People.

JUNE

[Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial](#) Lincoln City, IN

June 2: Band Concert

The Old Dam Community Band performs at 7:30 p.m.

[Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial](#) Lincoln City, IN

June 13: Band Concert

The Little Old Dam Band performs at 10 a.m.

[Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial](#) Lincoln City, IN

June 14: Lincoln Speaker Series

Ron White, Lincoln scholar and author, presents the third of the Lincoln Speaker Series at 2 p.m.

JULY

[Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial](#) Lincoln City, IN

July: Lincoln Speaker Series

The 2009 Lincoln Speaker Series continues. More information to be announced.

[Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial](#) Lincoln City, IN

July 7-28: Film series

Starting at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday in July, the weekly films include:

July 7: Gore Vidal's *Lincoln*, part 1, starring Sam Waterston

July 14: Gore Vidal's *Lincoln*, part 2

July 21: *Young Mr. Lincoln*, starring Henry Fonda

July 28: *Abe Lincoln in Illinois*, starring Raymond Massey

AUGUST

[Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial](#) Lincoln City, IN

August: Lincoln Speaker Series

The 2009 Lincoln Speaker Series continues. More information to be announced.

Fall 2009

24th annual Lincoln Colloquium; Lincoln Home NHS

Lincoln Home NHS hosts the 24th annual Lincoln Colloquium

OCTOBER

[Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial](#) Lincoln City, IN

October 10: End of season special event

This event is scheduled to take place at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm; details to be announced.

NOVEMBER

[Gettysburg National Military Park](#) Gettysburg, PA

November 19: Dedication Day

February 12, 2010

Event marking the conclusion of the Lincoln Bicentennial (tentative)