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## February Program at Lincoln Library *History of the Illinois National Guard and Camp Lincoln*

**Tuesday, February 18**  
**5:30 pm at Lincoln Library -**  
**Carnegie Room**



Adriana Schroeder

Do you know when and how the Illinois National Guard was formed? What was it called before it became the Illinois National Guard? Where was the first location? Do you know when and how Springfield was selected as the home of Camp Lincoln?

Adriana Schroeder, Command Historian of the Illinois National Guard, will share the beginnings of the National Guard and how Camp Lincoln came about. Camp Lincoln, named after Abraham Lincoln, is the headquarters of the Illinois National Guard and the 129th Regiment Regional Training Institute (RTI). The Institute trains current and future leaders in skills and traits necessary to lead, train, coach, and mentor soldiers to United States Army standards.

Ms. Schroeder has served as the Illinois National Guard Command Historian since 2009. She is responsible for collecting,

archiving, and cataloging the missions, exercises, personnel and events of both the Illinois Army and Illinois Air National Guard. Additionally, she advises the Illinois National Guard command on matters related to force integration, unit federal designations, and all other areas related to history. Ms. Schroeder conducts and leads the organization's history education program and conducts research and writing projects.

Her research has been published in a number of professional journals including the Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture, and her work has been cited in several documentaries and historical non-fiction books.

### Highlights

**February Program**  
**February 18 at**  
**Lincoln Library**

**March Program**  
**March 21 at First**  
**Presbyterian Church**  
**in partnership with**  
**Springfield Choral**  
**Society**

**NOTE: This is on a**  
**Friday, not our usual**  
**program date**

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Mark your calendar for the  
February Program at the  
Lincoln Library



# From the President's Desk



CINDA KLICKNA

Due to such extreme cold weather, we felt it wise to cancel our January program which was to cover the Sangamon County Poor Home. We will reschedule. Let's hope for warmer weather for our February program.

We are conducting a survey of members to get your input about programs, events, etc. Please see the survey in this issue and return to us. We will also send by email – if we do not have your email, please send to schsoffice@gmail.com. Surveys will also be available at our programs for those in attendance to complete.

*Cinda*

## March program

Friday, March 21  
7:30 pm  
First Presbyterian Church

The Sangamon County Historical Society and the Springfield Choral Society are partnering for a special program. Ensembles from the Choral Society and actresses from the SCHS will portray unsung heroines from Springfield. The evening will interweave narratives of heroines with thematically related works by female composers. A wide variety of interesting women will be portrayed: Carrie Post (Kings Daughters Home), Gertrude Wright Morgan (first African-American to graduate from Springfield High School), Ruth Ellis (LGBT rights activist who lived to be 101), Mary Ann Yezdauskas (known as the Bird Lady for raising birds and exotic plants), Nellie Browne Duff (writer, screenwriter, pilot), and Ursuline nuns. Tickets \$15 at the door or at [www.springfieldchoralsociety.org](http://www.springfieldchoralsociety.org)

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Send event announcements to: [schshistorico@gmail.com](mailto:schshistorico@gmail.com)



The Sangamon County Historical Society thanks you for being a member. We are asking for your input and ideas as we move ahead with programs and events.

Email to: [schsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:schsoffice@gmail.com) OR

Mail to: SCHS PO Box 9744 Springfield, IL 62791

1. The Society provides free programs with refreshments held at 5:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the months of September through November and January through May. How often do you attend a program?

- a. I try to come monthly      b. Sometimes      c. Never

2. If you do not attend, please provide a reason why (examples: time of day, scheduling conflicts, location, time of year, etc.)

3. What types of programs appeal to you? Mark all that apply

- a. history of a person or family  
b. update on an historical project  
c. ones held in collaboration with another organization  
d. onsite program with a tour  
e. sites and their historic significance

4. Please list any program topic(s) you would like the SCHS to consider hosting.

5. Each year in the fall the SCHS sponsors a free cemetery walk called "Echoes of Yesteryear" at Oak Ridge Cemetery as our gift to the city. Actors in period costume portray people who made a difference in the history of Sangamon County.

How many Cemetery Walks have you attended

- a. None      b. 2-5      c. 6-10      d. over 10

6. Please provide reasons for attending or not attending the cemetery walks.(optional).

7. We try to keep costs reasonable for events even as costs for food, vendors, space rentals etc. rise. What price range would you be willing to pay for a reception that provides hors d'oeuvres?

8. What price range would you be willing to pay for a fundraiser that offers a full dinner?

9. Do you prefer a printed/mailed newsletter or an online newsletter  
a. Printed/mailed newsletter      b. online newsletter      c. No preference

10. What reasons are you a member of the SCHS?

11. Mark the events you have attended in the past three years:

\_\_\_\_\_ Holiday reception      \_\_\_\_\_ Annual meeting

12. Would you attend a Holiday reception held in December?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      Why or why not?

13. Would you attend an annual meeting held in June?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      Why or why not?

14. Please provide any other comments.

OPTIONAL:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# Upcoming Programs

# 2025

Mark your calendar  
for SCHS Programs:



**February 18**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Lincoln Library**

History of the Army National Guard at Camp Lincoln and the Illinois State Military Museum by Colonel Paul Fanning.



**March 21**  
**7:30 pm**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**\$15/person**

The SCHS is partnering with the Springfield Choral Society for Songs for the Unsung: Music and Stories of Women. Small ensembles of the Choral Society will join with actors from the SCHS, interweaving life-narratives of significant Springfield women with thematically-related works by female composers. Tickets are already available at [ww.springfieldchoralsociety.org](http://ww.springfieldchoralsociety.org).



**April 15**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Lincoln Library**

The Marbold House- History, Restoration and New Life. Once part of Sangamon County, the area near Greenview, Illinois, was where John Marbold settled and built his mansion. The Marbold Association has transformed a rat and termite-infested, deteriorating building into the splendor it once had.



**May 20** – The Society will focus on our third program on the Underground Railroad.



## Meet Sam Sgro SCHS Treasurer

Hello, everyone!

I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Treasurer of the Sangamon County Historical Society. I've lived in Sangamon County my whole life, and I'm proud to be part of a community with such a rich history. Currently, I work at a CPA firm, Eck, Schafer & Punke, where I've gained valuable experience in financial management and not-for-profit accounting.

It's an honor to join this dedicated group, and I'm looking forward to using my skills to help ensure the financial health of our organization. Together, we'll continue to support the preservation and celebration of the history of Sangamon County. I'm eager to contribute to the Society's growth and success in the years ahead.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Sam Sgro

# Bus Trip by IL State Historical & Museum Societies



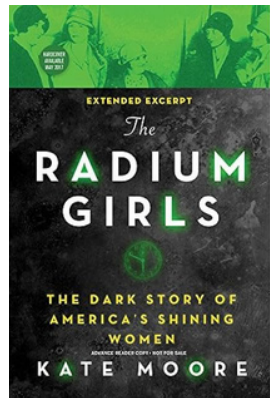
## Power of Place

### Bus Trip by Illinois State Historical Society and Illinois State Museum Society



Throughout history, the people of Chicago's South Side and LaSalle regions have transformed the geography, society, politics, culture, and economy, guiding the growth of power and influence in these places. Join the Illinois State Historical and Illinois State Museum Societies on an overnight bus trip to explore the past and present influences that changed lives and witness many achievements accomplished by diverse voices. Explore how lives were transformed in the vibrant communities of Chicago's South Side and LaSalle County. Highlights include:

- Starved Rock State Park and Lodge overnight; eagle watching available
- Ottawa Historical and Scouting Heritage Museum
- Tour Radium Girls sites (to learn more, read *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore)
- I&M Canal Interpretive Center
- Bronzeville Historical Society Library and Museum in Historic Parkway Ballroom
- National Public Housing Museum
- Tour of Bronzeville and Woodlawn neighborhoods, with stops at the homes of Ida B. Wells and Emmett Till, the church of Till's funeral, and at Richard Hunt's memorial sculpture for Wells.



## COMING SOON!!

We are putting the finishing touches on the new website, which will be launched soon!

The new site will include events, online registration, online membership renewals, member login to update your information, register for events, pay invoices,



community resources, and much more! There is also an app you can download so information will always be at your fingertips.

If we do not have your email address, please let us know. Email [schsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:schsoffice@gmail.com) to make sure you don't miss important announcements.



# Calendar

A Heads Up Guide to Area History Events

Save the Date!



Send announcements, information, photos and illustrations to [schshistorico@gmail.com](mailto:schshistorico@gmail.com).

## February 6, 6:00 pm at Edwards Place: 19th Century Women's Roles and How They Subverted Them



The lecture panel subject for 2025 explores the roles that were expected of women in the 19th century - and how many women may have subverted those roles. This continues our yearly lecture panel on themes in history that have been avidly studied and produce, perhaps, controversial findings. Past lecture panels have included a talk on the supposed insanity of certain 19th century women, parenting styles from the 19th century, and the Lincoln marriage. This panel will be moderated by curator Sarah Adams and the speakers will include Erika Holst of the Illinois State Museum, Dr. Holly Kent of the University of Illinois Springfield, and Kathryn Harris, retired from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.



The Abraham Lincoln Association  
Established 1908

## February 15, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Abraham Lincoln Hotel.

Celebrate the 216th birthday of President Lincoln at the Annual Benjamin P. Thomas Symposium. Speakers include Tim Good, Edward Robert McClelland, Jonathan White, William J. Griffing and Kate Masure. Book signing at 3:00 pm. Annual Banquet at 6:00 pm with keynote speaker Michael Burlingame. Symposium attendance is free; lunch reservation required. Register at [www.abrahamlincolnassociation.org](http://www.abrahamlincolnassociation.org)



## February 21, 7:00 pm at Edwards Place: Bourbon Tasting.

Learn the history of bourbon and taste bourbon too. \$35/SAA member; \$45/non-member.



Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum

## Ongoing "Something So Horrible, The

## Springfield Race Riot of 1908" at Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum.

*The exhibit clarifies what happened and why, and seeks understanding of how 1908 speaks to today.*



DANA-THOMAS HOUSE FOUNDATION

## April 11, Dana Thomas House Foundation Dinner and Program with storyteller Timothy Trotten - *The Perilous and Amazing Journey of Frank Lloyd Wright's Imperial Hotel in Japan.*

Master storyteller Tim Totten is returning after requests from last year's attendees. Totten will share the amazing engineering feat in building the hotel for the Emperor of Japan and the many dangers that threatened it. \$90 DTHF members, \$100 non-members. Appetizers, three-course meal, wine with dinner. Cash bar.

## April 25 to April 27; Fri. & Sat. at 7:30 pm and Sun. at 4:00 pm:

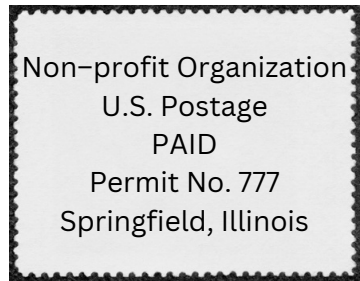


*Mr. Lincoln* at The Hoogland Center for the Arts. The one-person play features both the folksy wisdom of Lincoln's biography and the transcendent grandeur of his nation-healing words as president, healing that was cut short by an assassin's bullet.

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Return Service Requested



**Sangamon County Historical Society 2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Form**

**Mail this form with your check to the Sangamon County Historical Society, P.O. Box 9744, Springfield, IL 62791-9744. Our membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. All memberships cover adults and children 16 and over living at the same address. Be sure to list their full names. Please Print.**

Your Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Significant Other First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's maiden name where applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Your address \_\_\_\_\_

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Choose Your Level of Membership:  Regular (\$30)  Pioneer (\$100)  Settler (\$250)

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This is a GIFT (Name of recipient, mailing and e-mail address):

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I am adding a donation to the Society in addition to my membership in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_