HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. LINCOLN!

February 12, 1809                     February 12, 2009
We asked James M. Cornelius, Curator of the Lincoln Collection at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, to select the artwork for the front page of this Bicentennial edition of For The People. He selected George Story’s June 1861 portrait of Abraham Lincoln from the Presidential Library’s collection. We asked James to tell us a little bit about the portrait, and here is what he wrote.

Story first saw Lincoln when the President-elect walked into the photographic studio of Mathew Brady in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, 24 February 1861. Lincoln had arrived by train from Illinois the previous day, had gone to church in a new suit with William H. Seward on Sunday morning, and then went to have his portrait taken. Story, who rented a room in Brady’s studio, helped to pose Lincoln and then sat by to make pencil sketches while Brady’s chief operator, Alexander Gardner, took five photographs. Story next sat by the working President in the Executive Mansion on June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 1861, to finish out his treatment. Though Lincoln had sat for at least ten portraits in Springfield before boarding the train for the east, Story was able to create one of the first oil paintings of Lincoln with a beard.

His timing was fortunate. Between their two meetings, war had broken out. While Lincoln still has the spark in his eye of a young man, the storm clouds of war hover near the Capitol building at the back. This insightful portrait of the wartime leader proved to be popular as well as reassuring for another generation too, when American involvement in World War I inspired Story to repaint the image several times. Thus, today there are copies that belong to the White House, the Smithsonian Institution, the Huntington Library, the Metropolitan Museum, Lafayette College, and three other sites.

According to Story’s later recollection, he made those additional renderings because in 1915 he found in the nation’s capital “no portrait of Lincoln in any of the public galleries or in any of the departmental buildings.” This oversight of course has since been rectified many times over. Moreover, such was the spirit of the moment and the rediscovered centrality of Lincoln to our history that Mr. Story in his 80s was asked to serve as a curator of paintings at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Today the Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to hold recent portraits of our 16th president executed by artists as young as 21 – five years younger than G.H. Story was in 1861. Lincoln continues to inspire people of all ages and all skills.
Lincoln’s Encounters
With the Past and Future
Leaders at Vandalia

David Donald has aptly noted that everyone wants to “get right with Lincoln.” Organizations as diverse as temperance groups that note Lincoln never drank liquor to socialist workers who remind us that Lincoln was a friend of common laborers, all illustrate how groups validate their claims through Abraham Lincoln. Three states—Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois—all claim him as a resident and that the time he spent within their borders was pivotal to the development of his character and later leadership abilities. Only Illinois was shrewd enough to trademark the phrase “Land of Lincoln,” permanently identifying him in the public’s mind with the Prairie State.

To a large extent, Lincoln biographers have focused on New Salem as the defining moment for the young Illinois Lincoln when, in fact, Vandalia could make a similar claim. The community of Vandalia and the excitement and challenges of creating and passing legislation are underappreciated and sadly overlooked in most Lincoln biographies. Another vital aspect of Lincoln’s time in Vandalia is his encounters with the great statesmen of his day. Vandalia represented a generational mix of the early leaders for the territorial and early statehood period to the young turks, such as Lincoln, who would cut their political eye teeth in Vandalia and go on to prominent roles in national politics.

Who were some of the leading lights that Lincoln encountered while at Vandalia? Moreover, what were the lessons learned by the lanky politician?

Someone who was known more for his illustrious father than any of his own accomplishments was Ninian Wirt Edwards. His father, Ninian Edwards, defined much of early Illinois politics in the territorial period, serving as territorial Governor and one of the first United States’ senators from Illinois in 1818. Ninian Wirt Edwards attended one of the finest universities west of the Appalachian Mountains, graduating from Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky. There, he married into the wealthy merchant family of Robert Smith Todd. He returned to Illinois in 1833 where he served as Attorney General before being elected to the state legislature in Vandalia. While most of the legislature tended to reflect the makeup of Illinois, Edwards reflected the patrician style of politics practiced by his father. Fellow legislator and attorney Usher Linder recalled that Edwards “was naturally and constitutionally an aristocrat, and he hated democracy when I first knew him, as the devil is said to hate holy water.”

If Edwards was refined and aloof, Linder was the opposite, being coarse and earthy. During his time in the Vandalia legislature, Linder managed to insult a fellow member of the house. Offending one’s honor was no laughing matter, and a challenge to a duel was issued. Fortunately, Linder’s second, the distinguished John Dement, made the terms such that the duel never took place. Dement indicated that the terms of the duel would be “pistols at close quarters, each holding one end of the same handkerchief in his teeth.” Dement knew that Linder was “nervous and excitable,” while the opponent was “cool, desparate and deliberate.” Dement concluded that if Linder “has to lose his life your friend must bear him company.”

Linder was combative and had little use for abolitionists such as Elijah Lovejoy. His Kentucky upbringing embraced slavery. He also had a drinking problem common to a culture that celebrated “hard cider.” He frequently appeared in court drunk. David Davis, judge of the 8th judicial district, kept a running commentary in his correspondence to his wife on whether Linder was sober or drunk before the court. After several admonishments from the bench an exasperated Davis declared: “Mr. Linder, I must give you some advice. You must drink less and work more, or you will roll in the gutter.” Linder stiffened and, addressing the obese justice, quipped, “And I must give your Honor some advice. You must eat less and eliminate [shit] more or you will bust.”

When Lincoln’s name was placed on the Supreme Court roll, allowing him to practice law, it was Stuart who took him on as a junior partner in the firm of Stuart and Lincoln.

Finally, it was Vandalia where Lincoln would meet his future nemesis, Stephen Arnold Douglas. The young man from Vermont moved to Illinois to become a “Western Man” and seek fame and fortune. Douglas, like so many of his generation, was extremely optimistic and ambitious. He was impatient to make a name for himself, being more interested in moving up the ladder of success quickly rather than spending the time mastering the details of the various offices he held. Fellow Democrat Hezekiah Morse Wead found Douglas’s knowledge of the law wanting even though Douglas was elected to the Illinois Supreme Court. As Wead wrote: “Although Douglass had not that much idea of what the law was, yet he had a decided disposition to read what he thought the law ought to be. In other words, he was not much of a lawyer, he had then not much reputation for anything (but there was a general idea among the people that he would be a great man) and he decided all questions upon his own idea of what was just and fair.”

Wead identified what voters saw in Douglas—charisma. In spite of his slight height, Douglas won the hearts and minds of the voters who bestowed the appellation “Little Giant” to the feisty 5’ 4” politician. Almost two decades after their encounter in Vandalia, Lincoln mused: “With me, the race of ambition has been a failure—a flat failure; with him it has been one of splendid success.” Lincoln and Douglas would battle one another twice, once for the United States Senate in 1858. Douglas would win. Then in 1860 for the United States Presidency—here Lincoln would triumph.

If Lincoln learned lessons from his encounters in Vandalia, it would be that privilege did not guarantee success; combative coarseness, while popular with a certain segment of the voting population, was not effective in advancing one’s views; study and hard work paid handsome rewards; political charisma could provide a head start in politics but not necessarily the ultimate prize. Lincoln loved to read Aesop’s Fables as a youth. Many of the moral lessons are readily apparent in observing the lives of those politicians he encountered at Vandalia. Ultimately, Lincoln’s most useful lesson came from the story of the tortoise and the hare: slow and steady wins the race.
The Abraham Lincoln Association and the Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission invite you to attend

Abraham Lincoln’s Bicentennial Banquet

February 12, 2009
Crowne Plaza Hotel
3000 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, Illinois

ENDOWMENT FUND RECEPTION
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Ballroom Reception Room
Tickets: $100 per person.

BICENTENNIAL RECEPTION AND BANQUET

RECEPTION
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Ballroom Lobby

BANQUET
7:00 p.m.
Ballroom
Presiding: Richard E. Hart
President, The Abraham Lincoln Association
Tickets: $95 per person.

Tickets for these events are available by calling 866-865-8500 or emailing maryshepherd.ala@gmail.com.

Complimentary round-trip transportation will be provided between downtown hotels and the Crowne Plaza Hotel.
Lincoln in Illinois

A Birthday Gift
To Those Attending the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Banquet

To commemorate Abraham Lincoln’s 200th Birthday, The Abraham Lincoln Association has commissioned a book of photographs of all of the statues of Lincoln known to stand in Illinois. The photographs have been taken by Chicago photographer Ron Schramm. The book is titled Lincoln in Illinois. The book’s publication is made possible in part by grants from the Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation.

Those attending the Lincoln Bicentennial Banquet will receive a hardbound copy of the book, numbered and identified as a commemorative gift received at the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Banquet on February 12, 2009.

David Donald’s Foreword best describes the book:

Throughout the state dozens of statues—mostly at county seats or in towns where Lincoln delivered one of his immortal speeches—pay tribute to the Sixteenth President. Lincoln in Illinois presents photographs of most of these statues, each coupled with a brief commentary from a variety of people. These are not intended to be detailed histories or esthetic evaluations but are offered as personal meditations evoked by the statues.

Good, bad, or indifferent as works of art, all show a man who is kindly, good humored, far-seeing, and wise. Those are traits that Americans have enshrined in their hearts, and they help explain why Illinois has so many statues of Lincoln today.
AGE OF LINCOLN ROUNDTABLE

The 2009 ALA Symposium will be a roundtable discussion among five noted Lincoln scholars. The event will be held in the Hall of Representatives in the Old State Capitol beginning at 9:00 a.m. on February 12. Michael Burlingame will lead the discussion.

Orville Vernon Burton

Orville Vernon Burton is University Distinguished Teacher/Scholar and Professor of History, African American Studies, and Sociology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Burton’s most recent book, *The Age of Lincoln*, was the recipient of the Chicago Tribune’s 2007 Heartland Literary Award for nonfiction and a selection for Book of the Month Club, History Book Club, and Military Book Club.

Burton is also the author of more than a hundred articles and the author or editor of thirteen additional books, including: *In My Father’s House Are Many Mansions: Family and Community in Edgefield, South Carolina*; “A Gentleman and an Officer”: *A Military and Social History of James B. Griffin’s Civil War*; and *The Free Flag of Cuba: The Lost Novel of Lucy Holcombe Pickens*.

In 1999, Burton was selected as the U.S. Research and Doctoral University Professor of the Year. He is also Director of the Institute for Computing in Humanities, Arts, and Social Science at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, where he is a Senior Research Scientist.

Burton was born in Royston, Georgia and grew up in Ninety Six, South Carolina. He did his undergraduate studies at Furman University and received his Ph.D. from Princeton University.

David R. Contosta

David R. Contosta is Professor of History at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. His recently published book, *Rebel Giants: The Revolutionary Lives of Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin*, explores the many parallels between these two men, who were both born on February 12, 1809. They turned their own worlds upside down and, more than any other two individuals, shaped the world that we know today.

Contosta is also the author of a dozen other books on such subjects as urban and suburban history, architecture and landscape, higher education, and various topics in social, cultural, and intellectual history, including his *Henry Adams and the American Experiment*.

Daniel Walker Howe

Daniel Walker Howe, born January 10, 1937 in Ogden, Utah, is a historian of the early national period of American history and specializes in the intellectual and religious history of the United States. He is Rhodes Professor of American History Emeritus at Oxford University (England) and Professor of History Emeritus at the University of California at Los Angeles. He received the Pulitzer Prize for *What Hath God Wrought*, his most famous book. He was president of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic in 2001 and is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

Howe graduated from East High School in Denver, Colorado, and received his Bachelor of Arts at Harvard College, magna cum laude in American History and Literature in 1959, and his Ph.D. at University of California, Berkeley in 1966. Currently he resides in Sherman Oaks, California.

Russell McClintock

Russell McClintock teaches history at St. John’s High School in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, and at Fitchburg State College, where he has been deeply involved in the Teaching American History grant program. He earned his Ph.D. from Clark University. His dissertation, *Shall It Be Peace, or a Sword? Northern Political Culture and the Crisis of Secession*, won the Hay-Nicolay Dissertation Prize from the Abraham Lincoln Institute and the Abraham Lincoln Association.

His book, *Lincoln and the Decision for War: The Northern Response to Secession* (2008), was a Main Selection of the History Book Club and a Featured Alternate of the Military Book Club.

BOOK SALES and SIGNINGS

Books by the scholars participating in the roundtable will be for sale in the Rotunda of the Old State Capitol. The authors will also be available to sign their books.
Elizabeth R. Varon is Professor of History at Temple University in Philadelphia. She joined the Temple faculty in 2004 after ten years on the faculty at Wellesley College, where she had the pleasure of supervising many excellent undergraduate honors theses.

She earned her B.A. in history at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. Her award-winning Ph.D. thesis at Yale on elite Southern women’s involvement in antebellum politics formed the basis of her first book, *We Mean to be Counted: White Women and Politics in Antebellum Virginia* (1998). Her second book is a biography of a pioneering female spy, politician, and civil rights crusader that reflects Varon’s ongoing commitment to integrating social history with political and military history. The book, entitled *Southern Lady, Yankee Spy: The True Story of Elizabeth Van Lew, a Union Agent in the Heart of the Confederacy* (2003), has won three awards: the Richard Slatten Award for Excellence in Virginia Biography from the Virginia Historical Society; the People’s Choice Award for Nonfiction sponsored by the James River Writers Festival and the Library of Virginia; and the prestigious Lillian Smith Award of the Southern Regional Council, given in Smith’s honor to “books that generate universal human understanding.”

Varon is currently finishing a study of the origins of the Civil War, provisionally entitled *On the Precipice: The Discourse of Disunion and the Coming of the Civil War*.

The Age of Lincoln Roundtable is sponsored by The Abraham Lincoln Association in cooperation with:

- Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
- Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum
- Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission

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**Abraham Lincoln: A Life**

Michael Burlingame’s acclaimed new biography *Abraham Lincoln: A Life* will be on sale at the luncheon. Dr. Burlingame will also be available there to sign his book.

Michael Burlingame received his B.A. from Princeton University and his Ph.D. from John Hopkins University. He is the May Buckley Sadowski ’19 Professor Emeritus of History at Connecticut College, where he taught from 1968 to 2001.

A former Woodrow Wilson Fellow and Fulbright Scholar, Burlingame has devoted his scholarly energies to investigating the life and times of Lincoln, about whom he has published six books. The first, titled *The Inner World of Abraham Lincoln* (1994), has been described by reviewers as “a revelation,” “a triumph,” and “the most convincing portrait of Lincoln’s personality to date.” His second book, *An Oral History of Abraham Lincoln* (1996) won the Abraham Lincoln Association Award.


Burlingame is on the board of directors of The Abraham Lincoln Association and the Abraham Lincoln Institute. He also serves on the board of advisors for the Abraham Lincoln Studies Center at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois.

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$30 per person.
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Credit cards accepted.
Lincoln Bicentennial Events in Springfield, Illinois

We have assembled a calendar of bicentennial events in Springfield for the period from February 6-15. Only public events are included. We are both pleased and amazed at the number and variety of events that are planned. For a complete list of all events and for updates on changes and additions to this calendar, please visit www.lincoln200.net.

February 6-8 & 13-14

Our American Cousin
Authentic staging of the hit comedy Lincoln attended on his final night.
Springfield Theatre Centre, Hoogland Center. Tickets available by calling (217) 414-8905.

Saturday, February 7

1:00 p.m. Open House at Lincoln Home National Historic Site
The public is invited to learn about and view recently completed projects at Lincoln Home, including the unveiling of a conserved 1860 campaign banner, the official premier of a new Lincoln film, and a tour of the restored Lincoln neighborhood. Free admission.

Sunday, February 8

The Lincoln Project Art Exhibit
Exhibition by Chicago artist Don Pollack.

Noon Reflecting on Lincoln
Eric Foner, DeWitt Clinton Professor of History at Columbia University, reflects on his lifetime of Lincoln scholarship.

2:00 p.m. Collecting Lincoln
Daniel Weinberg, of Chicago’s Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, moderates a panel of noted Lincoln collectors, including Philip Kunhardt, Jack Smith and Louise Taper.
Presidential Library, Multi-Purpose Room. Free admission. Reservation required: (217) 558-8934.

Monday, February 9

First Issuance of Lincoln Bicentennial Postage Stamps
Ceremony for first sale of four Lincoln Bicentennial postage stamps.
Old State Capitol. Time to be announced.

7:00 p.m. The Last Lincoln Lecture

Tuesday, February 10

7:00 p.m. The Lincolns: Portrait of a Marriage
Lecture by Daniel Mark Epstein, author of *The Lincolns: Portrait of a Marriage*.

Wednesday, February 11

Throughout the day. Living History Programs
Ranger Talks and Living History Programs are offered at various locations within the Lincoln Home Historic Site. February 11-15. Free admission.

10:30 a.m. Lincoln’s Farewell Address
Springfield students and the public will be taken back in time to Mr. Lincoln’s departure from Springfield on February 11, 1861. Prairie Capital Convention Center. Free admission.

7:00 p.m. Lincoln Bicentennial Birthday Bash
The Illinois Symphony Orchestra performs to inspire love of country and patriotism on the eve of Lincoln’s 200th birthday. Prairie Capital Convention Center. Free admission.
Lincoln’s Bicentennial Birthday Events – February 12, 2009

Lincoln Authors Book Fair
Lincoln authors Bob Burleigh, Catherine Clinton, Cheryl Harness, Betty Kay, Wendell Minor, Karen Winnock will sign their books and present programs as follows:
8:15-9:15 a.m. Writing Lincoln for Children, roundtable discussion, Presidential Library.
9:30-10:00 a.m. Book signing, Lincoln Home Visitor Center.
1:00-3:30 p.m. Children’s Authors, Children’s Reading Room, Presidential Library.
4:00-4:30 p.m. Book signing, Lincoln Home Visitor Center.
Free admission to all of these events.

Throughout the day.  Lincoln in Illinois
Exhibit of photographs of Lincoln sculptures in Illinois by Ron Schramm.
Presidential Library Atrium. Free admission.

Throughout the day.  Bicentennial Birthday Postage Cancellation
A special U.S. Postal Service cancellation for the Bicentennial Birthday. Old State Capitol.

9:00 a.m. Age of Lincoln Roundtable
Michael Burlingame moderates a panel of noted Lincoln scholars and authors, including
Vernon Burton, David Contosta, Daniel Walker Howe, Russell McClintock, and Elizabeth Varon.
Sponsored by The Abraham Lincoln Association.
House of Representatives, Old State Capitol. Free admission.

10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.  Children’s Storytelling with Abraham Lincoln
Two programs on Abraham Lincoln and the importance of reading.
Lincoln Home Visitor Center. Free admission.

10:30 a.m. Wreath Laying at Lincoln Tomb
Sponsored by the American Legion. Oak Ridge Cemetery. Free admission.

11:30 a.m. Bicentennial Lunch with Lincoln Scholar Michael Burlingame
President Abraham Lincoln Hotel.
Tickets available at www.presidentlincoln.org or by calling (217) 558-8934.

George L. Painter Lincoln Lectures
1:00 p.m. Literary Uses of Lincoln with Lincoln scholars Kent Gramm, Dan Guillory, and Wayne Temple.
2:30 p.m. The Personal Lincoln with Lincoln scholars Michael Burlingame, Catherine Clinton, Karen Kostyal, and Wayne Temple.
Lincoln Home Visitor Center. Free admission.

1:00 -2:15 p.m. The Breakup of the Union
A panel of noted Lincoln scholars, including Bruce Levine, Russell McClintock, and Elizabeth Varon engage in a roundtable discussion of the breakup of the Union. Presidential Library. Free admission.

2:30 -3:45 p.m. Lincoln and the Civil War
A panel of noted Lincoln scholars, including Vernon Burton, Kent Gramm, Brooks Simpson, and Jennifer Weber engage in a roundtable discussion on Lincoln and the Civil War.
Presidential Library. Free admission.

3:00 p.m. Naturalization Ceremony
New United States citizens will be sworn in at a special Bicentennial Naturalization Ceremony.
House of Representatives, Old State Capitol. Free admission.

5:00 p.m. The Abraham Lincoln Association Endowment Reception
A special reception preceding the banquet, with the proceeds to be given to the Endowment Fund of The Abraham Lincoln Association. Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Illinois.
Tickets available at www.abrahamlincolnassociation.org or by calling (866) 865-8500.

6:00 p.m. Abraham Lincoln’s Bicentennial Banquet
Bicentennial Banquet sponsored by The Abraham Lincoln Association and the Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Illinois. Tickets available by calling (866) 865-8500. Complimentary round-trip transportation will be provided between downtown hotels and the Crowne Plaza Hotel.
Friday, February 13

9:00 a.m.  *Lincoln and Leadership Program*  
Seminar featuring Fritz Klein as Lincoln sharing his views on leadership.  
Hoogland Center for the Arts. For reservations, call (217) 391-3241. Free admission.

2:00 p.m.  *Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, Part 1*  
Discussions with Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Lincoln Home Visitor Center. Free admission.

Saturday, February 14

10:00 a.m.  *Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, Part II*  
Discussions with Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Location to be determined. Free admission.

1:00 p.m.  *Music of the Lincoln Era*  
Lincoln Home Visitor Center. Free admission.

4:00 p.m.  *Abraham Lincoln: A Biography in Words and Music*  
Features Lincoln and other historic characters with period music.  
First Presbyterian Church. Free admission.

Sunday, February 15

4:00 p.m.  *The Abolitionist Church and Lincoln’s Friend*  
Portrayal of African American Jameson Jenkins, friend of Lincoln and conductor on the Underground Railroad, and his wife Nancy, with period hymns.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins will be portrayed by Robert J. and Patricia Davis.  
Westminster Presbyterian Church. Free admission.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our twenty-two new members. They reside in 10 different states and Canada and are listed below.

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LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS
2009 Calendar

Calendar is Perfect Holiday Gift

The Abraham Lincoln Association has prepared a 2009 calendar commemorating Abraham Lincoln’s 200th Birthday. Each month features a photograph of a statue of Lincoln in Illinois by award winning Chicago photographer Ron Schramm. Significant events in the life of Abraham Lincoln are noted throughout the calendar.

Ron Schramm, Photographer

The calendar is the perfect size for office or home - 7” x 14”. All proceeds from the sale of the calendar will go to The Abraham Lincoln Association Endowment Fund.

The cost for each calendar is $8.

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For further information, visit the ALA website at http://abrahamlincolnassociation.org/Documents/calendar2009.pdf, or you may contact Mary at: maryshepherd.al@gmail.com.
Dear ALA Members,

Please make plans now to be in Springfield for Abraham Lincoln’s 200th birthday celebration. A variety of commemorative events have been planned for the week beginning on Saturday, February 7th and continuing through Sunday, February 15th. There will be something for everyone—toddlers, school children, families, scholars, and Lincoln aficionados. A schedule of the events may be found on pages 8 to 10 and may be viewed at: http://www.lincoln200.net/events/events_results.asp.

The ALA has worked in close cooperation with the Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum to make our traditional events a part of the larger celebration. To help you plan, here is a summary of events planned for February 11th and 12th, including traditional ALA events.

The ALA Executive Committee and Board of Directors will meet in the afternoon of February 11, 2009. On the evening of February 11th, the Illinois Symphony Orchestra will perform a program of American music. The concert will be free and open to the public at the Prairie Capital Convention Center.

February 12th will be filled with a number of events. At 9:00 a.m., the 2009 ALA Symposium will be held as a roundtable discussion among five noted Lincoln scholars. The event will be held in the Hall of Representatives in the Old State Capitol. The Symposium is free and open to the public. See pages 6 and 7.

At 10:00 a.m., the ALA exhibit, Lincoln in Illinois, will open in the Atrium of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

At 11:30 a.m., there will be a luncheon at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel featuring Michael Burlingame as speaker. See page 7.

At 1:30 p.m., The Abraham Lincoln Association Lyceum in the Old State Capitol will be opened and dedicated.

On the evening of February 12th, we will hold our banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. See pages 4 and 5.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2009 ALA events.

Yours truly,

Richard E. Hart
President
The Abraham Lincoln Association