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Schneiders to Portray Jensen and Knudson

May 17 Meeting at Lincoln Memorial Garden for Talk, Tour

One of Springfield's most beautiful natural sites with a history as rich as its surroundings will be explored on Tuesday, May 17 when the Society gathers at the Lincoln Memorial Garden along Lake Springfield for a talk and tour of the nature preserve.

Lincoln Memorial Garden executive director Jim Matheis will be guest speaker at the meeting that starts at 7 p.m. at the Garden's Nature Center. In addition, two well-known Springfield re-enactors, Linda and Don Schneider, will appear as key figures in the garden's early history, Harriet Knudson and Jens Jensen. A guided tour also

will be offered. Free parking available next to and across from the entrance. Limited parking for persons with dis-



TALK AND TOUR: Lincoln Memorial Garden Executive Director James Matheis will be guest speaker at the May 17 meeting. A tour is also included.



abilities is available next to the Nature Center via the service road.

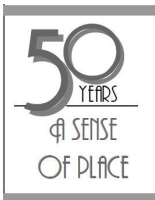
Matheis, a Springfield native, has been employed by the Garden for the past 30 years. He began work as a student intern and held the positions of groundskeeper and naturalist before becoming executive director. A graduate of Griffin High School and Sangamon State University, he holds a degree in Environmental Studies, serves on the board of the Illinois Association of Museums and is a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program advisory council.

Lincoln Memorial Garden was designed by Jens Jensen, a contempo-

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Members Asked to Donate to Society's Founder's Fund to Build "A Sense Of Place"

If you haven't done so already, there's still time to become a Founder's Fund Trailblazer, Circuit Rider, Old Settler or Pioneer...one of four giving categories in a fundraiser marking the Society's 50th Anniversary.



Donations also can be made in non-category amounts, all to celebrate the vision and work of the Society's founders by supporting its current and future efforts.

Letters detailing the special initiative—the Society's first fundraising drive in its history—went out last month to all members. The funds raised are to be used for

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From The President's Desk

Study of Society's 1960s Activities Can Help Guide Today's Decisions



DAVID SCOTT

In the May and June President's report, I'll be revisiting the activities and plans of the Society in its earliest years—that is, from its founding in 1961 through the 1960s. The Society's newsletter—named *Historico* shortly after the founding—has proved a fruitful research source.

In the February 2011 issue of *Historico*, I cited trends in membership and membership drives in the early years, noting significant growth in the first decade: from 315 in 1962 to a high of 560 in 1969. In the March *Historico*, I noted that while the constitution written by the founders established an education committee, little was done during the decade to work with schools in the teaching and learning of county and Springfield history except for a project involving high school students recording burials in cemeteries.

However, the Society did some things in the 1960s that might well be beneficial to consider as we move forward. The study of our history can help us make good decisions today.

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The 1961 Constitution

Following the Society's organizational meeting on July 12, 1961, the members drew up a constitution, much of which remains unchanged to this day. One change that was adopted addressed the number of terms a president could have without a break. The original constitution allowed three successive one-year terms, although none of the presidents in the 1960s served more than a single term. This provision was amended by 1970 to permit only one term. Recent changes allow unlimited one year terms.

Among the committees authorized by the constitution-makers was a library committee. This committee was to be responsible for collecting and cataloging manuscripts, newspapers and a great variety of other printed material. Although there were discussions about acquiring space to house any such historical resources acquired by the Society and its members, nothing materialized until the opening of the new Springfield Lincoln Library in 1976 and the establishment of the Sangamon Valley Room. Proposals to acquire and display museum materials, whether in a building belonging to the Society or in cooperation with others, were never pursued.

Research and Publications Underway

Although it was not until the 1970s that the Society had a formal and extensive research and publication program with the establishment of the Bicentennial Series, the Society did intend from the beginning to sponsor research and publications. Among the first books were two written by Floyd Barringer, Society president for 1963-64, that were printed privately and donated to the Society. They are *A Walk through Oak Ridge Cemetery* (1967), the first of the Society's many associations with this cemetery; and *Tour of Historic Springfield* (1971). The latter describes 88 structures, most which are houses, and reflects the strong interest in the identification and preservation of historic and architecturally interesting structures in the early days of the Society. In fact, historic preservation was the basis for the founding of the Society. Its role as an advocate for preservation of buildings will be a focus of my June article.

Relations with Other Organizations

As the early leaders thought about what their new Society should be doing, they gathered information about the work of historical societies in other counties. Not only did the SCHS newsletter contain news of these other societies, but from time to time, the Society conducted tours to neighboring counties and invited representatives of historical groups to speak at meetings. Early on, the newsletter instituted the practice of calling attention to activities of related groups—notably, the Abraham Lincoln Association, the state agency for historic preservation, the Illinois State Historical Society, and the Illinois State Museum, where it held many of its meetings in the late 1960s.

Tours Within and Beyond the County

Tours of historic sites throughout the county were an early feature of Society activity. An eight-page detailed description accompanied the 1964 tour to the western parts of the county. Among the more wide-ranging tours were the 1965 and 1969 trips that followed the path of the July, 1861 march of the 21st Illinois Volunteer Infantry troops led by Ulysses S. Grant from Springfield to Naples on the Mississippi River. Tour participants had a meticulously prepared six-page guide of interesting places along the route.

Some Speakers and Topics

Although touring was much more a part of Society activity in the first decade than in recent years, some of the early activities centered around speakers on a variety of topics, much like today, although the place of meetings were often historic and local government buildings. Programs featured speakers on Stephen A. Douglas, David Davis, Springfield newspapers of a hundred years ago, early taverns and inns of Illinois including Springfield's Globe Tavern, the origin and early history of Sangamon County, and the Long Nine. Speakers included academic historians, state and national public history officials, and General U.S. Grant III.

Plans are underway to have available to those attending the Annual Meeting at the Governor's Mansion on June 21 a paper providing an overview of the activities of the founding decade year by year. It will help our members to see how our Society has changed and how it has stayed the same.

David Scott



Historico, published 10 times a year, is the monthly bulletin for members of the Sangamon County Historical Society. Back issues are available on-line in PDF format at our website, www.sancohis.org. Updates, late-breaking news, features, and more are regularly posted on our website.

Event updates also can be found on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com). Log in and search for *Sangamon County Historical Society*.

Annual Membership dues, (effective June 1, 2011) are:

Household: \$25, Sustaining: Household \$100.

Household Life Membership, one-time payment of \$700.

Not-for-Profit Organization, \$20 Corporate, \$250.

For a membership form and/or additional information, contact the Society at 525-1961 or write to us at P.O. Box 1834, Springfield, IL 62705 or schsoffice@gmail.com.

*A special message from Connie Locher Bussard,
Membership Chair*



It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

It's spring again and the world is renewing, including the memberships to our Society, whose new fiscal year begins June 1. As you may already know, our membership categories have changed. There is no longer an individual membership option. It has been folded into a Household category.

If you formerly held an Individual membership, you may wish to take advantage of a "Limited Time Offer," effective until May 31 to renew as a Household Member at \$20 instead of \$25. So hurry!! Get those checks in! This option is only available to those who were Individual Members in 2010-2011 and who renew by May 31.

To all of you, if you have an e-mail address please include it! E-mail is cost-effective way for us to keep you current with Society events. Life Members, please take note! This year's form has a special area for you to fill out so that we may update our records, particularly e-mail addresses and phone numbers.

Thank you all for your support of the Society!.

Connie

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TO DO LIST!

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MAY 2011 MEMBERSHIP /DONATIONS REPORT

The Sangamon County Historical Society is pleased to add the following members:

LIFE MEMBER:

Marie Galloway Marvin

HOUSEHOLD:

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DONATIONS:

Catherine and John Huther in honor of Chick Chapin's 90th birthday.



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BOARD MEETINGS

2nd Wednesday, Lincoln Library, 5 p.m.

May 11, June 8

2010-2011 Sangamon County Historical Society Membership List

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ABOUT THESE LISTS

The names on these lists reflect membership and membership categories for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Earlier this year, the membership approved major revisions to the membership categories, carrying with it changes in membership rates. See page 3 for information on a special, short-term discount for those now holding individual memberships. The 2011-2012 membership renewal form appears on page 7.

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May 17 Meeting to Focus on History of Lincoln Memorial Garden

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rare and associate of Frank Lloyd Wright and one of the nation's foremost landscape architects. Jensen was a leader of the Prairie School of landscape architecture and was one of Illinois' earliest conservationists. By the time Jensen came to Springfield to design the Lincoln garden project, he had designed several Chicago city parks, the estates of both Henry and Edsel Ford in Michigan, the showplace estates of several Chicago businessmen in the city's North Shore area, and landscapes and parks throughout the Midwest.

Living Memorial to Lincoln

The idea for the garden came from Springfield native and Springfield Civic Garden Club member Harriet Knudson, who in 1936 envisioned a unique living memorial to Abraham Lincoln: a garden composed only of plants native to the three states in which Lincoln had lived: Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois. Knudson convinced the city of Springfield to donate land along the shore of the newly created Lake Springfield, rallied the Garden Clubs of Illinois to sponsor the project and secured Jensen's services.

Jensen initially selected a 63 acre site consisting of farm fields and a few

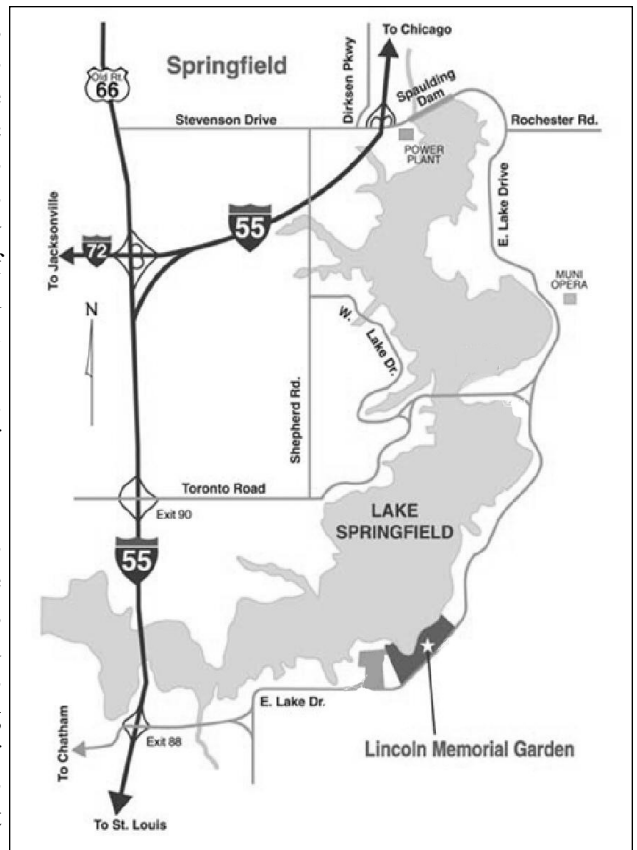
sparsely wooded areas, where intermittent streams flowed through gently sloping terrain down to the emerging lake. His basic plan for the Garden incorporated a series of connected paths bordered by various arrangements of native plants. The design includes eight council rings, circular stone benches to provide inviting, casual relaxation spots for Garden visitors.

Native Plants

Along the lanes extending from these rings are groupings of native plants amid groves of oaks and hickory trees, open meadows supporting sun-loving prairie species, and other groupings of small flowering trees and shrubs that Jensen used to form borders between the meadows and the woods.

Acorns to Towering Oaks

The first planting at the garden occurred on November 14, 1936, when Scouts planted acorns that have grown into today's towering oaks at the site. The old farm fields against which Mrs.



Knudsen and Jensen saw their vision are today a mosaic of mature uplands woods and prairie openings.

In 1992, the Garden was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Members Asked to Donate to Founder's Fund to Build "A Sense of Place"

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special projects with a focus on program development, according to President David Scott. Such programs identified during a strategic planning process (including a July retreat of board members) would include:

- Provide teachers throughout the county with resources so that students can learn more about the history of Sangamon County.
- Enable the Society to expand its programming with expert speakers, special events and meetings at history-rich locations.
- Assist local history organizations throughout Sangamon County.
- Supporting activities to attract young families.

The board could also use the funds for special projects that enhance member services.

"The fund-raising committee hopes that if you have not already taken the opportunity to contribute to the Founder's Fund, you will do so soon. Your donation will really make a difference as we look toward the Society growing its outreach, enhancing its unique role, and giving meaning to where we find ourselves," according to Scott. Thus the theme, "A Sense of Place."

If you need a copy of the letter and the donation form, please contact the Society office at 525-1961.

2011-2012 Membership Renewal Form

Please renew my membership for 2011-2012 in the Sangamon County Historical Society.

General Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City & Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____ Business _____

Category of Membership:

- Household: \$25*** \$ _____
- *I qualify for the special \$20 Household rate available only through May 31 to individual Members in 2010-2011 .* \$ _____
- Sustaining Household \$100.** \$ _____
- Life Membership, Household** (one-time payment of \$700) \$ _____
- Not-for-Profit Organization, \$20** \$ _____
- Corporate, \$250.** \$ _____

Checks should be made payable to the Sangamon County Historical Society and mailed to the Society at 123 South Seventh Street, Suite 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

FOR LIFE MEMBERS ONLY

Please help us update your information. Fill out the form below and send this to the address listed above.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City & Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____ Business _____

FOR ALL MEMBERS

Want to become more active in the Society? We welcome it. Here's some of the areas that you may be interested in. Please check off those you'd like to pursue or make a suggestion for others! You'll be hearing from us!

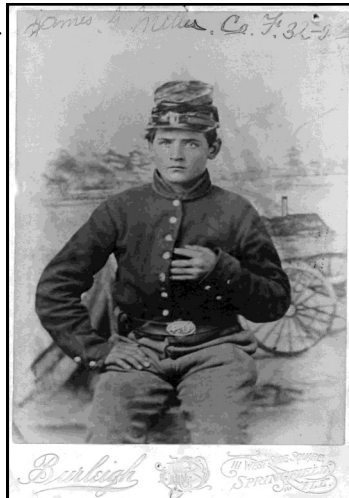
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End Notes

"Illinois Answers the Call: The Boys in Blue" exhibit at the Presidential library is a must see as we kick off the **150th anniversary** of the **Civil War**. The exhibit showcases the incredible collection of original prints, lithographs, tinctypes, cabinet cards and cartes-de-visite and the like that have been preserved by the Presidential library. They combine with stories illustrated by letters, sheet music, diaries and sketches created by the soldiers themselves bring home both the heartache and the triumphs of the era. The exhibit will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and weekends through the summer. In September the exhibit will remain open during the week on the same schedule until the end of the year....**The Illinois State Historical Society's** May-June of *Illinois Heritage* will focus on Prairie State museums and feature articles by some of Illinois' top museum professionals. The issue, edited by ISHS director and McLean County Museum of History librarian **William Kemp**, goes on sale May 12, and features articles by **Karen Witter**, associate director, Illinois State Museum; **David Oberg**, executive director, Grayslake Heritage Center; **Dr. Nora Pat Small**, Coordinator, Historical Administration Program, Eastern Illinois University; **Sharon Welton**, Campbell Center for Historic Preservation; and others.



2011 Calendar

PROGRAM MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 17

Talk and Tour, Lincoln Memorial Garden

2301 East Lake Shore Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62712

*Speaker: Jim Matheis, Lincoln Memorial
Garden executive director
Reenactors Linda and Don Schneider*

Tuesday, June 21

Annual Dinner Meeting, Executive Mansion

410 East Jackson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701

*Guest Speaker: Curtis Mann
(Details and reservation information about
the annual meeting will appear in the June
issue of Historico).*