



A. Lincoln

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2nd Annual Lincoln Symposium

Mark your calendars! The Second Annual Symposium of the Lincoln Society of Virginia is scheduled for 7:00 PM Friday, March 24, 2006, on the Bridgewater College campus. The annual Symposium has as its theme: “How Should Virginia (and the Old Confederacy) Interpret Abraham Lincoln?”

Speakers will be **Dr. Barry Schwartz** and **Mr. Jeffrey Wert**. Dr. Schwartz, from Athens, GA, is professor *emeritus* at the University of Georgia and author of several books, the most recent being *Abraham Lincoln and the Forge of National Memory*.

Mr. Wert of Centre Hall, PA, is a retired history teacher and author of many noted Civil War books, the most recent *Sword of Lincoln: The Army of the Potomac*. More details will be provided later.

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Board Adds Two New Directors

The Lincoln Society of Virginia Board of Directors welcomes two new Directors, **Nancy Hess** and **Marcia McGrath**, both of the Harrisonburg area and both interested in local history and historic preservation. They join other Board members:

Larry Bowers	John Heatwole
Henry Buhl	John Paul
Joe Garrera	Nick Picerno
Phil Stone	

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Lincoln Statue

Martin Moran, President of the United States Historical Society and one of the speakers at our First Symposium, asked if we could distribute the enclosed information to our membership about the Lincoln Statue replica. If anyone is interested in purchasing a statue, please contact Mr. Moran (his contact information can be found in the enclosed materials). This would make a wonderful gift for Lincoln enthusiasts to commemorate his birthday.

Membership

The LSV now has a total of 156 Members. We will soon be sending out membership renewals for 2006. Watch your mailboxes.

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Symposium DVDs Available

DVDs of the First Annual Lincoln Symposium held May 2, 2005 are still available at a cost of \$15.00. You may request one by contacting Elaine Dellinger at the above address or edelling@bridgewater.edu. Make checks payable to Lincoln Society of Virginia.

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30th Annual Cemetery Event

On Sunday, February 12, at 2:00 PM, Society President Phil Stone will conduct the 30th Annual Lincoln Day Ceremony at the Lincoln Family Cemetery north of Harrisonburg. The program is free to the public and will be held rain, shine, or snow. For directions or other information, contact Elaine Dellinger at 540-828-5620 or edelling@bridgewater.edu.

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The President Was Not Scared

When told how uneasy all had been at his going to Richmond, Lincoln replied: “Why, if any one else had been President and had gone to Richmond, I would have been alarmed; but I was not scared about myself a bit.”

(From “Abe” *Lincoln’s Yarns and Stories*, 1904)

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Lincoln’s Humor

Lincoln was once asked, “How long should a man’s legs be?” since he was so tall for the day. His answer: “Long enough to reach the ground.”

NEWS FROM THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Liam Neeson, Holly Hunter in “The Lincoln Family Album” Performance Caps Day’s Events Marking Lincoln’s Birthday

WASHINGTON – Hollywood stars Liam Neeson and Holly Hunter will bring to life Abraham and Mary Lincoln in a special performance on February 13 of “The Lincoln Family Album,” capping a day of planning for the 16th president’s 200th birthday in 2009 by the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and its Advisory Committee.

“The Lincoln Family Album,” narrated by its author and ALBC Co-Chair Harold Holzer, presents the intimate letters and public speeches of the Lincolns together with photographs of the famous couple and their family.

The ALBC and its Advisory Committee will convene on February 13 for several hours of discussions on plans for the Lincoln Bicentennial.

The performance is free and open to the public, however, tickets are required.

- WHO:** Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and Advisory Committee
- WHAT:** Meeting and performance of “The Lincoln Family Album”
- WHEN:** February 13, 2006
- Meeting begins at 2:00 p.m.
 - Performance begins at 7:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Library of Congress – Thomas Jefferson Building
Ten First Street SE, Washington, DC
- TICKETS:** (for the performance) contact Ticketmaster at 301-808-2405
(outside of Washington, DC: 800-527-6384) or online at www.ticketmaster.com

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New Images on Coin’s Reverse Will Mark Lincoln’s 200th Birthday

WASHINGTON – In December, 2005, President Bush signed into law legislation directing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue Lincoln pennies with four newly designed reverse, or “tails” side, images in 2009, the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln’s birth. The new pennies will feature four new designs on the reverse side of the coins, marking different aspects of the 16th president’s life: his birth and early childhood in Kentucky; his formative years in Indiana; his professional life in Illinois; and his presidency in Washington. The new images in 2009 will be the first redesign of the penny in 50 years.

Michael Bishop, executive director of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, hailed the bill’s enactment as an important accomplishment for the Commission because “the penny is perhaps the most visible and tangible reminder of Lincoln’s significance in American history.”

The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission was created by Congress to coordinate the national observance of the 200th anniversary of Lincoln’s birth.

The “Lincoln cent” first appeared during the centennial observation of Lincoln’s birth in 1909 and represented a major departure from previous American coinage. For the first time, a U.S. coin depicted a real historical figure rather than the allegorical “Liberty” figures or the more generic “Indian head” that immediately preceded Lincoln on the penny. Victor David Brenner’s profile of Lincoln, which has always appeared on the “head” side of the penny will remain through and after the 2009 bicentennial celebrations.