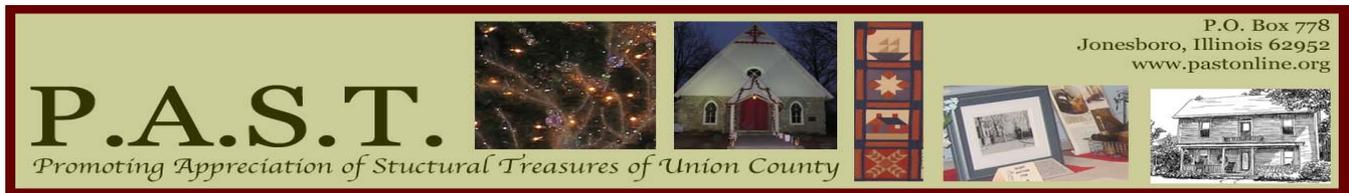


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Lincoln Primrose Quilt Raffle



A beautiful handmade quilt was donated by "Common Threads Quilt Guild" to help in raising funds for the purchase and preservation of the House Where Lincoln Stayed. Tickets are on sale at the P.A.S.T. Quilt and Tables Event, April 18th and at the P.A.S.T. booth at the Union County Business Expo, March 28th or from any P.A.S.T. board member. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing for the quilt will be held when the goal of \$1858 (date of the Lincoln house) is reached.

Friends of P.A.S.T. Help Needed

If you have some free time and enjoy meeting with the public, volunteer to help "man" the booth at the Union County Business Expo, March 28th or assist with the Quilts and Tables Event on April 18th. P.A.S.T. welcomes any amount of time you can donate. Call at 833-8745 for more information.

Educational Grant Money At Work

A P.A.S.T. Educational Grant was put to good use lately by Anna District 37 music teacher, Mara Beth Webster. A group of Anna Davie 5th graders performed in period costume the skit, "Lincoln in Song" to celebrate the Lincoln 200th Birthday celebration held at their school on Feb. 12th.



Gift Ideas from the P.A.S.T.

Visit the web at www.pastonline.org for a wide variety of unique gift ideas that celebrate the Lincoln-Douglas Debates. Currently, P.A.S.T. is offering Sesquicentennial Ornaments, Maurice Metzger painting, Union County Historical books, Sesquicentennial Coin Sets, and Jonesboro Debate tote bags. Call 833-8745 or email hileman14@verizon.net for more information.

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Lincoln's Birthday Celebration

What a busy month P.A.S.T. had in celebrating Abe Lincoln's 200th! At the Birthday Dinner held at Great Boars of Fire, Mr. Lincoln (a.k.a. George Buss from Freeport) reminded us of the important reason for purchasing the "House Where Lincoln Stayed" which is to save it for our children, grandchildren and future generations. Dr. Larry Peterson of Shawnee College, and Dr. R.A. Beadle reinforced the importance of our efforts to instill in our children the pride that our community played such an important role in our country's history.

Lynn Steveson created a production about Mr. Lincoln's "cell phone" conversation with his Anna hosts while here for the debate. He was calling to tell D.L. Phillips and his son, Judson, that "by cracky, I'm elected! The readings brought home the idea how children do connect with Abe Lincoln and all he stands for, especially in today's world.

Mara Beth Webster's ensemble of 5th graders from Anna Davie School charmed us with songs and drama telling Lincoln's story—both Friday night and again Saturday morning at Lincoln's 200th Birthday Breakfast. In the rehearsing and learning of the songs and facts about Lincoln, those students will retain their knowledge about the great man and his ideals for our country. Through one of our P.A.S.T. classroom Education Grants, the entire 5th grade (with costumes and props) performed again for the school and parents on Feb.12th. Many thanks to Barbara Bauer's dedication in tracking down the 4H music from University of Illinois, getting permission to use, and helping to costume the group.

P.A.S.T. also distributed approximately 1400 coloring books to Kindergarten through 5th grade students in Union County Schools. The "Land of Lincoln" books were updates of Maurice Metzger's book drawn in the 1960's.

Lincoln Celebration continued

Through a grant from the Illinois Humanities Council, matching funds from Wm. Cunningham, and Anna Kiwanis, we were able to have Union County Press re-do the printing for these charming books.

It would take this entire newsletter to list the many, many people who worked together to create the commemorations we had for our Lincoln celebrations. We do thank you, and Union County thanks you!

In case you didn't get to purchase a commemorative item from the Debate Sesquicentennial, most items are available at the Union County Hospital Gift Shop or by calling 833-8745 or email hileman14@verizon.net for information.

P.A.S.T. has been gratefully receiving pledges and donations toward purchase of "The House Where Lincoln Stayed". We currently have raised over \$41,000. When we have \$115,000 we will apply for a matching grant. Tax deductible donations can be mailed to P.A.S.T., 190 White Pine Lane, Anna, IL 62906 or call 833-8745.

Lincoln Penny Collectors



Special recognition goes to Ms. Robin Cunningham's third grade class at Jonesboro Elementary School for collecting a huge bag of pennies. One student was so impressed with the class's efforts that she asked her teacher if this would be enough to buy the house!! Great job students.