

P.A.S.T.

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Promoting Appreciation for Structural Treasures of Union County



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A note from Linda Hileman.....

Duane and I recently attended a meeting for Lincoln Heritage Coalition in Springfield. The group is composed of 52 historic communities with "Wayside" informational signs related to Abraham Lincoln sites in Illinois. (Union County has two of these signs in Jonesboro and one in Anna). Currently, only the communities in the center of the state are listed on the group's website, www.LookingForLincoln.com, but Jonesboro IS included in the brochure. We, along with the Freeport Debate site, are striving to be included in all aspects of the group. While in Springfield, we visited the Presidential Library and did some more research on D.L. Phillips, the friend Lincoln stayed with when he came to Anna. Imagine the thrill when the curator of the Lincoln Papers showed us an original letter written by Lincoln to D.L. Phillips in 1860. (Yes, we did get a copy!) During the month of February, residents of the Southernmost counties of Illinois may visit the Abraham Lincoln Museum for half-price at \$6. It's an entertaining treat and a great winter diversion! (Maybe you'll see our former P.A.S.T. board member, Carla Smith, at work there!)



St. Anne's Fundraiser

SOUP & CHILI SUPPER- DESSERT AUCTION

Friday, March 11th at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anne's

\$5.00 per person (casual dress)

Come join us for a bowl of soup or chili and then bid on dessert of your choice.

Bring your "honey" a dessert of pie, cake, brownies, cookies or other to auction.

R.S.V.P. at 833-9441 or email -
crains@crainsonline.com by Mar. 1

Please bring desserts in disposable containers and no cream pies please.

P.A.S.T. 2011 Calendar of Events

February 18- Annual "Lincoln Legacy Dinner at Edition 315

March TBA- Family Recipe "Cook-Off" at Cobden Feed Store

April 16- "Pieces of the Past" Quilt & Table Show

June TBA- "Links of Lincoln" Golf Scramble at Union County Country Club

July TBA- Mitford Tea Party at St. Anne's Historic Church

October 8,9- Colorfest Historic Neighborhood Walking Tour

November 19- Holiday Home Tour- Homes TBA

December 4- "Carols at Candlelight" at St. Anne's Historic Church

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ANNUAL QUILTS AND TABLE SETTING EXPOSITION

P.A.S.T. will present the Annual Quilts and Table Setting Expo on Saturday, April 16, 2011. The location is to be the Family Life Center at Anna Heights Baptist Church, 100 Turner Ave. in Anna. Exhibits will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the luncheon will be served at noon with quilt turning to follow.

The program will feature a traditional quilt turning with narrated stories regarding the quilts. The table settings will reflect the event theme "TIES THAT BIND: Faith, Family, Community". People's choice awards will be made for best exhibit and for most interesting story for quilts, and for table settings.

Admission donations of \$10 to see the exhibits or \$25 for exhibits, luncheon and program will cover event costs, luncheon and P.A.S.T. preservation projects.

Call Barb Bauer at 833-3228 to submit quilts and Andi Laster at 697-2653 to do table settings and make luncheon reservations.

For membership or more information about P.A.S.T. activities, see the website at www.pastonline.org or call 618-833-8745

St. Anne's Foundation Fund

P.A.S.T. recently set up a foundation for the benefit of St. Anne's Church. This fund would be a perpetual care account; only interest generated from the principal could be used for operation and maintenance. P.A.S.T. members feel a need to be assured that St. Anne's will be cared for well into the future (after our watch). We have a start, but will need more money to increase this fund substantially to take care of yearly upkeep and utilities. At present this is accomplished by continual fund raising events, plus a few weddings and other paying events. We would encourage you to contribute to this worthwhile effort by giving a lasting gift to St. Anne's, or honor someone for a birthday or Christmas or other event. This would also be a perfect gift in memory of someone. As we are a not for profit organization all donations would be tax deductible.

St. Anne's Committee & P.A.S.T. Board

P.A.S.T. COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Anna City Council member, Martha Webb presented a proposal to P.A.S.T. as a civic organization to help with a project to improve and refurbish Anna's Christmas decorations. Her proposal was accepted.

County Court House committee member, Judy Travelstead presented proposals for assistance with preserving and archiving valuable county records and artifacts that are to be housed in the new court house. Assistance of time and money is sought to digitize and record important documents for posterity. Friends of P.A.S.T. are encouraged to help with this project.