

Mary's Velvet Rose

February 2019

ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN PRESENTERS



The ALP Conference is April 11-14, 2019. It is ALP's Silver Anniversary Celebration. Homer Sewell and Joan Britton have planned a wonderful get together at the mountain resort - Amicalola Falls, Georgia.

Don't delay in reserving your room and registering for the conference. There are 2 events that Mary's will want to attend.

Period Accessories

Thursday, April 11 before dinner at 4:30 pm there will be a period costume accessories workshop. There will be several accessories you might create. You will have to bring some supplies for a couple of them. Bring sewing needles.

Hair ornaments: No supplies needed. There are plenty of doilies, hair combs and flowers left from 2017. Bring a doily and silk flowers to match a special color.

Hat pins: No supplies needed.

Ribbon Chatelaines: Pictured below is a chatelaine found in Godey's Lady's Book. Please bring at least 2 yards of ribbon-1 to 1.25 inch wide, one matching button and matching thread.

Scissor/Pin Cases: Bring 1 square of colored felt and embroidery thread.



Scissor and Pin Case

Ribbon Chatelaine



Day Cap: Bring a portable sewing machine, 1/3 fabric and 2/3 pre-gathered eyelet lace for ruffle edge. You could also make a reticule, bring 1/4 yard of material, ¼ yard of lining and thin ribbon. I will bring one sewing machine for members to use and also copies of the patterns.

Mary Lincoln Luncheon

Friday, April 12 at noon is our annual Mary Lincoln Luncheon and business meeting. We arrive by train to McCaysville and Pat's Kountry Kitchen will pick us up at the train station for the luncheon. Here is the website for the restaurant.

<http://patskountrykitchen.weebly.com/menu.html>

Remember this lunch is an additional charge and not included in your registration fee.

Sandwich platters served with: Cole slaw (or your choice of any vegetable)

Your choice **\$6.49 of Sandwich**

- 1/4 lb. hand pattered burger "your way"
- Grilled or fried chicken sandwich
- Savory BBQ pork sandwich
- Kountry Fried steak sandwich
- Classic BLT sandwich
- Steak hoagie (cheese and grilled peppers-n-onions)

Our theme this year will be "A Rose for Mrs. Lincoln". Amber Camacho owner Blue Ridge Flowers has kindly agreed to discuss the "Victorian Language of the Flowers".



Members are encouraged to share what you did to celebrate the Bicentennial Birthday of Mrs. Lincoln.

Mary Lincoln Bicentennial Birthday Celebrations

Joanne Shelby-Klein

On Mary's birthday Joanne taught an online class for 5th graders in Louisiana. The students enjoyed learning about Mrs. Lincoln and even sang happy birthday to her at the end.



In July 2018, Joanne spoke at a tea for Girls Scouts in Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania.



Sue and Tom Wright

Tom and Sue Wright were invited to attend a tea to celebrate the 200th Birthday of Mary Lincoln. The event was held at the Lincoln Memorial University Conference Center in Cumberland Gap, TN.

The menu included various small sandwiches, fruit cup, vegetable tray and strawberry shortcake with fresh strawberries.

There was a model of the Lincolns Springfield home on display. A timeline of Mary Lincoln from birth to death was available for guests to participate in. Several craft tables were available including cookie decorating, orange pomander making and other crafts.

Mr. Lincoln was helping with some of the games including ball and cup and graces.



Mary Lincoln Bicentennial Symposium

In celebration of Mary Lincoln's 200th birthday, the Mary Todd Lincoln House in Lexington, Kentucky hosted a day-long symposium on Friday, November 2, 2018. The symposium was in collaboration with the University of Kentucky History Department was held at the William T. Young Library from 9 am- 4:30 pm. Scholars Catherine Clinton, Angela Esco Elder, and Jennifer Fleischner was presented throughout the day, concluding with a moderated panel.

The Association of Lincoln Presenters sponsored the Symposium with a \$1,000 donation. The ALP also hosted a luncheon in the Hillary Boone Center attended by over 20 people.



Susan Miller

The Mary Todd Lincoln House had an event for Girl Scout troops to celebrate the birthdays of Mary Lincoln and also Elizabeth Keckley called "The First Lady of Fashion". Activities included:

1. **Mid-19th Century Fashion**—Susan Miller showed the girls the elements of fashionable women's attire, from undergarments to accessories. Girls tried on two replica undergarments—a corset and a hooped petticoat—to get a sense of the desired silhouette.
2. **Art activity**- Girl Scouts examined color fashion plates from 1860s *Godey's Lady's Book* magazines, portraits of European trendsetters, and photos of Mary Lincoln and her contemporaries.
3. **Art activity**—Girls selected a black-and-white dress illustration from *Godey's* and made a design board with fabric samples and trims.

