Mary's Velvet Rose Pre-conference Addition March 2017

It won't be long until the 2017 conference in Lexington, Kentucky. Joan and I are excited to welcome you all to our home towns and to Lexington. We hope you will enjoy the whole conference and also the special Mary Lincoln activities we have planned. Please don't delay in registering and reserving your hotel room.



Thursday, April 20

After dinner and the main speaker, the ladies will move to another conference room. Terry Pyles, one of our ALP members will present "Why They Wore What They Wore" and will be sharing Civil War apparel, jewelry, hats and boots, etc. We can always learn more about tweaking our costumes for the Lincoln era.

After the presentation we will make hair embellishments and hat pins.







We have the combs, lots of doilies and roses to sew on the finished head piece. You are welcome to bring your own doilies or flowers if you wish to make a head piece to match a specific dress. A small sewing kit would come in handy. We also have the hat pin wire and beads but you are welcome and encouraged to bring beads if you have them.

Saturday, April 22

Saturday morning we board the bus to go to Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park. A special reenactment of the Funeral Ceremony marking the death of President Lincoln will be held at 10 am Saturday. The ceremony will be modeled after the 1865 memorial service held at Camp Nelson and will include a reading of the original order and a 21 cannon salute.

Because of this ceremony and the ceremony at the Lexington Cemetery that afternoon we ask that you wear mourning clothing. Black, dark burgundy and dark purple are acceptable.

Mrs. Lincolns will be having lunch on one side of the Camp Nelson Barracks. Cathy Taylor, an historical interpreter at Waveland State Historic Site and an expert on historical costuming will talk about mourning clothes customs. We will also conduct a short MTL meeting.

<u>Consignment Sale – Thursday and Friday</u>. Bring your extra costuming that you wish to sell. It could be clothing that doesn't fit or just don't wear much anymore, etc. There were forms included in the conference material. When an item sells – you receive 50% of the price and ALP receives 50% of the price. And you may pick up a bargain!



<u>Silent Auction – Saturday night.</u> Please bring items for the silent auction. Anything is appreciated and it doesn't have to be Lincoln themed. Forms were included in the conference packet and it will help if you have the forms filled out beforehand.

Preorder your ALP Polo or T-Shirt. Due April 1.

Parasols – Have you lost a tip from a favorite parasol? Vern Risty has figured out a way to make the tips for your Battenberg Lace Parasols. Vern will have the parasol tips for sale at the conference. 6 tips cost \$5.





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Association of Lincoln Presenters Patch 3 inch patch embroidered on white twill Perfect for sewing on jackets, hats and sweaters For sale at the Conference - \$3