

Mary's Velvet Rose

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ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN PRESENTERS



Silver Anniversary Conference

Certainly everyone who attended the 25th Anniversary Conference felt that it was an adventure. We thank Homer and Joan for rolling out the welcome mat in northern Georgia. A full description of all the activities will be found in *Lincarnations* and the Website.

Mary Lincoln Activities

Mary Lincoln members enjoyed a *Period Accessory Workshop* on Thursday afternoon at the conference. Ladies made a Victorian Ribbon Chatelaine. All the supplies were available including ribbon, lanyard hooks and skeleton keys to hang off of the chatelaine. Members made two items that would have been in a lady's sewing basket, an embroidered felt scissor case and pin cushion. Also some members made a lacy hair piece using "Goodwill" doilies, flowers and ribbon. I have attached directions for the ribbon chatelaine and also the sewing basket activities.

We all had an exciting train ride from Blue Ridge to McCaysville where the Mary Lincolns enjoyed a special luncheon at Pat's Kountry Kitchen. A private area of the restaurant was decorated and participants took home a rose hair wreath and Easter egg with treats. 18 ladies attended.

The theme of this year's luncheon was "A Rose for Mrs. Lincoln". Participants received a booklet with the information about the Victorian Language of the Flowers, what different colors of roses symbolized plus research concerning the roses that Mary Lincoln could have worn and with several pages entitled "Flowers in Mary Lincoln's Life". The small booklet is also attached.

We had a local florist speak on the history of the "Language of the Flowers." She made a tussie-mussie out of many different flowers explaining what the meaning of each flower was.

This was our annual business meeting and Susan Miller reported that there were 3 new Mary members this year and the loss of Bonnie Priebe. Joan Howard spoke about the history of ALP in celebration of our 25th Anniversary.

A year in review included information about the Mary Lincoln Coterie in Springfield and Lincoln Days in Hodgenville. The Association of Lincoln Presenters donated \$1,000 to be a sponsor of the Mary Lincoln Bicentennial Symposium held at the University of Kentucky on November 2. Ten ALP members attended on November 2 and ALP hosted the luncheon.



2019 ALP Conference in Blue Ridge, Georgia. There are **11** Mary Lincolns in costume. The **2020** Conference in Springfield, Illinois is planned for April 16-19. Could we possibly have a goal of **20** Marys in costume? **20 Marys in 2020 !**

The website already has an outline of possible conference activities.

<http://www.lincolnpresenters.com/2020-conference/>

There are several social media resources:

Here are several **Facebook** pages that will help you with questions on authenticity and period clothing. Several of these Facebook pages are closed to the general public and you will need to answer a few questions and be accepted as a member.

- The Civilian Civil War Closet
- Civil War Ladies Bazaar
- Historical Costumes Buy/Sell/Trade/Order Custom Items
- Civil War Civilian Reenacting for Beginners
- Victorian Mourning - Death in the Past and Present
- Civil War Reenactors Trade Blanket

New Polo Shirt?

Would you like to have a pretty polo shirt made exclusively for our Mary Lincoln ALP members? First please let me know if you'd be interested ordering a shirt. It would be a white or pastel color polo shirt and would have this emblem embroidered on the left side. Our order must be for at least 24 and I would only order what we sold. There would be little proceeds because the cost of shirts has gone up \$5 and I would sell them very close to cost. But any proceeds would be put in our ALP- Mary Lincoln account and used to pay for speakers and activities at our conferences. Cost per shirt is \$30.

I can also order the Lincoln emblem polo shirt but there is a 12 shirt minimum. Cost \$30.

I will have an order form for both shirts in the 2020 Conference information.

