



From the President...

Friends,

Hope this finds you well and busy. Your museum is finally busy- I wasn't sure it would ever be warm enough to begin sorting again. Volunteers are needed. We are working on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9am - 11am, and some afternoons. HELP! There are jobs for all- even sit down jobs for folks like me If you like working and learning about antiques, please do not hesitate to visit. For more information, call 217.649.1766.

We have been blessed with several gifts recently. Chuck Hendrix brought us school desks from the Fisher Country School (west of Bement), and two lace dresses that belonged to the Zybell sisters were donated from Renee Freundt. Maynard Suhre contributed pictures and memorabilia from General Cable, and the Stoddard family gave a large 36-star flag. Donations of artifacts are accepted, but the only requirement is the artifact must help us tell the story of Piatt County.

Your membership and financial gifts are very important. We are planning a garage-type sale this fall as a fundraiser to reduce the inventor of non-Piatt artifacts. Please plan on attending and supporting. We are the rememberers! The ones left behind to preserve and cherish our Piatt County memories and dreams.

Onward and upward,
-Lucia Wilkin



Piatt County Board President, Lucia Wilkin. Through her involvement with the Piatt County Museum, Lucia has transcribed and transferred information for over 10,000 items into the inventory.

You're Invited...



The Piatt County Museum will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 11th at Allerton Public Library, 4000 Green Apple Lane, Monticello, beginning at 2pm.

Once the quick business part of the meeting is out of the way, the Museum Board is honored to have Dr. John Schmale give his presentation on regimental Civil War flags. Piatt County's Civil War General, John Mansfield's regiment flag will be on display, and the Museum will also have several Civil War era items on hand. Piatt County Museum members and the public are invited and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Museum Events

Spring was a busy time for the Piatt County Museum. This past April the Museum hosted Christopher Bantz, local Lincoln expert with his presentation titled "A Conversation with Lincoln" at an evening dinner event at Holly's Country Kitchen.

Co-hosted by the Allerton Public Library, doll enthusiasts were able to bring their dolls and learn more about the history of various doll collections from Cindy Skeels, doll enthusiast and expert.

Coming up in August is the annual Piatt County Quilt Show featuring quilts from all over Piatt County. Speakers will be on hand covering a wide range of quilt-care and quilt-historical topics. Attendees are also able to bring a quilt to have it appraised (appraisal fee will apply).

The event will be held on Saturday, August 19th from 9am - 2pm at the Monticello Community Building. The public is invited- there is a \$5/person admission fee. For display or for more information, contact Tari Bricker, 217.722.0710.



Top: Christopher Bantz presented on Abraham Lincoln.
Bottom: Cindy Skeels gives a history of various dolls.

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Interested in volunteering?
Contact Lucia Wilkin
(217.649.1766) about what
opportunities are available!



The Piatt County Museum is an all-volunteer organization that maintains it's non-profit status. This allows for members to receive the benefits on their income tax status through membership dues. We invite you to consider the gift of membership to go towards preserving Piatt County's past and help the organization achieve future goals. Mail in your membership form below with the enclosed envelope before the end of the year!

(Circle One:)

Name: _____

\$25 Individual

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