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The use of the word "stump" as a metaphor for a platform for political discourse goes back to the earliest days of American history. Just as Douglas argued his political ideas "from every stump in Illinois," the Lincoln-Douglas Society seeks to share information and ideas about one of the key events in our history.



DEBATE ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

The one hundred-fifty-five anniversary of the Freeport Lincoln-Douglas Debate will be held **at 7 PM on Tuesday, August 27th** at Debate Square.

Freeport Mayor James Gitz will be the guest speaker. Freeport High School's NJROTC Color Guard will present the National Colors. L-D Society president Edward Finch will serve as master of ceremonies.

Attendees are urged to bring lawn chairs. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held inside Freeport Public Library.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Lincoln-Douglas Society will be held at **6:30 PM on Tuesday, 27 August 2013** in the large meeting room of Freeport Public Library.

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CIVIL WAR EXHIBIT NOW AT LIBRARY

The deadliest weapon of the Civil War was one that nobody could see, killing two soldiers for every one felled by gunfire: disease. The impact of disease on the Civil War, as well as the battlefield casualties and medical responses are the subjects of a new exhibit: **To Kill and To Heal: Weapons and Medicine of the Civil War.**

The Lincoln-Douglas Society and Freeport Public Library have partnered to bring this traveling exhibit to Freeport for the month of August. The 150th anniversary of the Civil War is being marked by this exhibit's time in Freeport.

The exhibit explores the invisible killer of the Civil War: disease, as well as the conventional weapons used to create slaughter on an unprecedented scale. This traveling exhibit is from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library and is underwritten by the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. It will be displayed on the first floor of Freeport Public Library and can be seen during regular library hours.

SOKUP LECTURE SET

The biennial Sokup Lecture will feature noted Civil War historian Dr. John F. Marszalek. The lecture and dinner will be held at the Freeport County Club, **Friday, October 4th at 6 PM.**

Marszalek is the Giles Distinguished Professor Emeritus, and Director and Mentor of Distinguished Scholars at Mississippi State University. In addition, he is the Executive Director and Managing Editor of the Ulysses S. Grant Association. The papers of Ulysses S. Grant are housed at Mississippi State University.

The Sokup lecture is named in memory of Richard F. Sokup, Freeport native, long-time portrayer of Stephen A. Douglas and one time president of the Lincoln-Douglas Society. The lecture series which bears his name was created using the legacy he left to the Society.

The buffet dinner will consist of herbed chicken breast or rosemary pork loin, glazed baby carrots, parsley buttered red potatoes, and a dinner salad with raspberry vinaigrette dressing. A dessert assortment will conclude the meal. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets for the event are \$40 per person and must be reserved in advance. To make reservations, call 815-233-2255. **Deadline for reservations is September 30th.**

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MARY TODD LINCOLN PROGRAM

Mary Todd Lincoln in the later years of her life will come to life in a moving portrayal on the Winneshiek Theatre stage on **Saturday, November 2 at 7 PM.** Dr. Maria Boundas Bakalis stars in *Mary Todd Lincoln: Reflections on a Life of Shattered Dreams*, a riveting one-act drama which she also authored. The event is sponsored by the Lincoln-Douglas Society in cooperation with Winneshiek Players.

Alone and emotionally abandoned, Mary Todd Lincoln spent the years after the assassination of her husband looking back on a life that left her without a family or a place to call home. After enduring the humiliation of an insanity trial, confinement in an asylum, and estranged from her only son, Mary Todd wandered throughout Europe in self-exile. In her compassionate portrayal, Dr. Bakalis reveals the spirit and heart of Mary Todd Lincoln, a woman of shattered dreams.

Dr. Maria Bakalis holds certificates from London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (England), the Athens Center (Greece), and the Oxford Round Table (England). She holds a Bachelor of Arts from DePaul University, Masters of Arts from Northeastern Illinois University and a doctorate from Northern Illinois University. She has performed on stages in England and Greece, as well as numerous ones in the United States.

Further details on the event, including ticket prices and how to reserve tickets will be announced in early October. Announcement will be sent to everyone on the mailing list for *The Stump*.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please remember to renew your Lincoln-Douglas Society membership using the form enclosed. Your continued support is critical to maintaining Debate Square. We appreciate your past support.

HOLZER'S BOOKS ON LINCOLN ARE WORTH YOUR TIME

If the only books on Abraham Lincoln you ever read are those authored or edited by Harold Holzer, you would have a very extensive and well rounded picture on the sixteenth President of the United States. In fact, if you owned all of the books credited to Holzer, you would have a Lincoln book collection that was larger than that of many Lincoln aficionados.

A long-time friend and member of the Lincoln-Douglas Society, Harold Holzer has spoken in Freeport on a number of occasions, most recently as the principal speaker at the 2008 Sesquicentennial ceremony and dedication of Debate Square.

For those looking for interesting books on Lincoln, we offer the following list of works written or edited by one of the foremost Lincoln scholars of our time. This list is not inclusive of all works by Holzer, but is a good cross-section of his scholarly endeavors. We invited you to enjoy as many of these titles as you can—they are all worth your time.

Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory. Harold Holzer & Mark E. Neely, Jr. (eds.). Random House, 1996.

The Lincoln Mailbag: America Writes to the President 1861-1865. Harold Holzer (ed.). So. IL Univ. Press, 1998.

Lincoln As I Knew Him: Gossip, Tributes and Revelations from his Best Friends and Worst Enemies. Harold Holzer (ed.). Algonquin Books, 1999.

The Union Image: Popular Prints of the Civil War North (Civil War America). Harold Holzer & Mark E. Neely, Jr. Univ. of No. Carolina Press, 2000.

Lincoln Seen and Heard. Harold Holzer. Univ. Press of Kansas, 2000.

The Lincoln Image: Abraham Lincoln and the Popular Print. Harold Holzer, Gabor S. Boritt, & Mark E. Neely, Jr. Univ. of IL Press, 2001. New paperback just out.

The Lincoln Forum : Rediscovering Abraham Lincoln. Harold Holzer & John Y. Simon (eds.). Fordham Univ. Press, 2002.

Prang's Civil Pictures: The Complete Battle Chromos of Louis Prang. Louis Prang, Illustrator & Harold Holzer, Editor. Fordham Univ. Press, 2002.

The Lincoln-Douglas Debates: The First Complete, Unexpurgated Text. Harold Holzer (ed.). Fordham Univ. Press, 2004.

Why Lincoln Matters Today More than Ever. Mario Cuomo with Harold Holzer (Historical Consultant). Harcourt, 2004.

Lincoln on Democracy. Mario M. Cuomo & Harold Holzer (eds.). Fordham Univ. Press, 2004.

Lincoln At Cooper Union: The Speech that made Lincoln President. Harold Holzer. Simon & Schuster, 2004.

Lincoln in the Times: The Life of Abraham Lincoln, as Originally Reported in The New York Times. David Herbert Donald, & Harold Holzer. St. Martin's Press, 2005.

The Lincoln Family Album. Harold Holzer and Mark E. Neeley, Jr. (eds.). So. IL Univ. Press, 2006.

Dear Mr. President: Letters to the President. Harold Holzer (editor), So. IL Univ. Press, 2006.

The Battle of Hampton Roads: New Perspectives on the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia. Harold Holzer & Tim Mulligan. Fordham Univ. Press, 2006.

The Emancipation Proclamation: Three Views. Harold Holzer, Edna Greene Medford, & Frank J. Williams. Louisiana State Univ. Press, 2006.

Abraham Lincoln Portrayed in the Collections of the Indiana Historical Society. Harold Holzer (ed. & introduction). Indiana State Historical Society Press, 2006.

Lincoln's White House Secretary: The Adventurous Life of William O. Stoddard. Harold Holzer (ed.). So. IL. Univ. Press, 2007.

Lincoln Revisited. Harold Holzer, John Y. Simon, & Dawn Vogel (eds.). Fordham Univ. Press, 2007.

Lincoln and Freedom: Slavery, Emancipation, and the Thirteenth Amendment. Harold Holzer & Sarah Vaughn Gabbard (eds.). So. IL. Univ. Press, 2007.

The Lincoln Anthology: Great Writers on His Life and Legacy from 1860 to Now. Harold Holzer (ed.). Library of America, 2008.

Lincoln President-Elect: Abraham Lincoln and the Great Secession Winter 1860-1861. Harold Holzer. Simon & Schuster, 2008.

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In Lincoln's Hand: His Original Manuscripts with Commentary by Distinguished Americans. Harold Holzer & Joshua Wolf Shenk. Bantam, 2009.

The Lincoln Assassination Conspirators: Their Confinement and Execution, As Recorded in the Letterbook of John Frederick Hartranft. Harold Holzer (Ed.). Louisiana State Univ. Press, 2009.

Lincoln and New York. Harold Holzer (editor). New York Historical Society, 2009.

The Lincoln Assassination: Crime and Punishment, Myth and Memory—A Lincoln Forum Book. Harold Holzer & Frank J. Williams (eds.). Fordham Univ. Press, 2010.

The New York Times Complete Civil War 1861–1865. Harold Holzer & Craig Symonds (eds.). Black Dog & Leventhal, 2010.

Hearts Touched by Fire: The Best of Battles and Leaders of the Civil War. Harold Holzer (ed.). Random House, 2011.

Lincoln on War. Harold Holzer (ed.). Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 2011.

Emancipating Lincoln: The Proclamation in Text, Context, and Memory. Harold Holzer. Harvard Univ. Press, 2012.

1863: Lincoln's Pivotal Year. Harold Holzer (editor). So. IL Univ. Press, 2013.

The Civil War in 50 Objects. Harold Holzer & Sara Vaughn Gabbard. Viking Adult, 2013.

HOLZER BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS:

Abraham Lincoln the Writer; A Treasury of His Greatest Speeches and Writings. Harold Holzer (ed.). Boyds Mills Press, 2000.

The President is Shot!: The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Harold Holzer. Boyds Mills Press, 2004.

Father Abraham: Lincoln and His Sons. Harold Holzer. Boyds Mill Press, 2011.

Lincoln: How Abraham Lincoln Ended Slavery in America: A Companion Book for Young Readers to the Steven Spielberg Film. Harold Holzer. Harper Collins, 2013.

LAMM DONATION

Richard & Becky Lamm have donated to the Society a custom-made archive box to be used in the preservation of materials from the 2008 Lincoln-Douglas Debate Sesquicentennial.

Bearing the title “Remembering a Nation’s Epiphany on the Prairie,” the box will hold the minutes from the Freeport Sesquicentennial Commission plus copies of all the programs, tickets, flyers and photographs generated during the celebration.

Just as the Sesquicentennial Commission drew on the archival material from the Centennial Commission, this box will preserve for future planners the records from 2008.

When the contents of the box are collected and stored in acid-free files, the box and its contents will be presented to the Local History Room of Freeport Public Library for permanent storage.

Robert Schmelzle and his family donated very large scrap books from the 1958 Centennial celebration and those records are also stored in the Local History Room.

The Lincoln-Douglas Society is grateful to the Lamms for this generous and thoughtful donation.

This exhibit is currently open at Freeport Public Library.

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WEAPONS AND MEDICINE OF THE CIVIL WAR
An Exhibit Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War