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Weekend Excursion! Behind the Scenes Tour: Kay Smith's Paintings in Springfield, IL

Plans are now complete for Lincoln Park Village's special trip to Springfield, Illinois the weekend of September 15 and 16 for a private tour of member Kay Smith's new exhibition of watercolor paintings for the Illinois State Historical Society.

The exhibition, "Holding Hands with History: The Life and Times of Abraham Lincoln in the Context of Our National History, 1775-1865," opens July 14 and runs through September 21.

"Holding Hands With History" is a traveling exhibition of 50 paintings selected from the American Legacy Collection by the Illinois Bicentennial Commission and endorsed by the Commission as part of the state's observations of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday.

Smith, who is Artist Laureate of Illinois, will be with us for the entire two days and will deliver a special gallery talk about this grouping of her acclaimed historical paintings. Kay says,

"Imagine how special that through Lincoln Park Village my neighbors and friends have the opportunity to visit historic Springfield together, and that I will have the opportunity to personally introduce you to my paintings and to show you through the stories the paintings tell how they hand down to posterity a pictorial legacy of our country."

For more information on Kay and these works, go to www.kaysmithartist.com or to www.historyillinois.org.

Two adventure-packed days!

The fun starts at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15 when we travel together by private motor coach to Springfield. Box lunches will be served on the bus and who knows - there may even be some "road trip" songs! Saturday activities include a guided tour of the renowned Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, dinner at a local Italian restaurant followed by a "champagne and chocolate" reception with Kay and a private tour of the exhibition (<http://www.historyillinois.org/>).

We will spend the night in a block of rooms in the historic Mansion View Hotel.

On Sunday, we will explore historic Springfield and tour the Illinois State Capitol before walking to the Executive Mansion, which is being opened just for our group. We will tour the Mansion and gardens followed by Sunday brunch in the Executive Mansion before boarding the coach to return to Chicago (estimated return time is 4:30-5:00 pm). The weekend will involve a considerable amount of walking but we are told cabs are available as needed.

Don't Miss Out! Make Your Reservations Now. Cost per person is \$175, which includes all expenses except the hotel room and the cash bar at Saturday night's dinner. The Mansion View Hotel rooms must be booked directly (1-800-252-1083) and cost \$78.40 for single occupancy or \$39.20 per person for double occupancy.

The bus will depart from and return to the Village office at 2502 N. Clark Street. We expect that the trip will fill quickly -- and we are asking that reservations and payments to the Village be made by August 30 (checks should be made payable to Lincoln Park Village).

Great art, good food, fun times - you can't beat it! Join Lincoln Park Village on this special get-away weekend.

For more information about the Village, check out its new website @ www.lincolnparkvillage.org

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