

# Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln

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## May 2009 Events

**Tuesday, May 12, 2009**

**Lincoln, Philadelphia, and the Civil War**

**7:30 p.m.**

Historical Society of Frankford, 1507 Orthodox Street, Philadelphia, PA19124

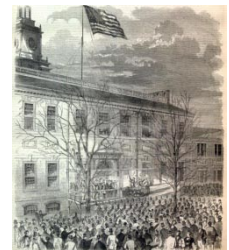
Dr. Anthony Waskie, Assistant Professor of History at Temple University, has written and lectured widely on the Civil War and is very active in Civil War history, research and preservation. Free admission for members and \$5 donation at door for non members. For more info please call (215)743-6030.



**Friday, May 15, 2009**

**Exhibition: Abraham Lincoln & The Contemporary Artist  
05/15/2009 - 05/31/2009**

The National Civil War Museum, One Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103 Please join The National Civil War Museum in celebrating a new generation of artists as they redefine the image of America's renowned Civil War President, Abraham Lincoln. The exhibit will feature some 60 works in all media by twenty Pennsylvania State University student artists as they present their perspectives on Lincoln's stature as an American Icon. Also featured will be commentary on Lincoln iconography and contemporary art by PSE Humanities Professor Paul Manlove, MFA. For more info on the opening reception on May 14<sup>th</sup>, please call 717-260-1861 or visit the [website](#).



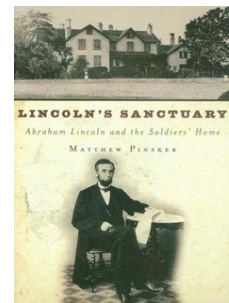
**Saturday, May 23, 2009**

**"What's Next in Lincoln Studies?"**

**11:30 a.m.**

The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Village Square, Harrisburg, PA

Dr. Matthew Pinsker, Pohanka Chair for Civil War History at Dickinson College, will provide an overview of where studies and historical perspective stand on Abraham Lincoln. Emphasis will be placed on controversial topics such as the assassination and Lincoln's attitudes toward race. Immediately following his presentation, Dr. Pinsker will be available for booksigning of his work titled *Lincoln's Sanctuary: Abraham Lincoln and the Soldiers' Home* (OUP). Sponsored by The Pennsylvania State Archives and part of a "Lincoln's Footsteps in Harrisburg" a day-long historical review of Abraham Lincoln, including events at The State Museum along with presentations at The State Library of Pennsylvania and The National Civil War Museum. **RSVP required.** For more info or to RSVP, please visit the [website](#).



**Thursday, May 28, 2009**

**The Madness of Mary Lincoln with author James Emerson**

**Light refreshments: 7:00 p.m.; program starts at 7:30 p.m.**

Civil War Roundtable, GAR Building, 53 East Middle Street, Gettysburg, PA

Mr. Emerson presents a new examination of Mary Todd Lincoln's insanity case based on his discovery of Mary Lincoln's twenty "lost" insanity letters, for which historians had been looking for eighty years. For more info, please visit the [website](#).

**Saturday, May 30, 2009 - Opening**

**Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War and Lincoln Slept Here**

**May 30, 2009 – February 2010**

The Senator John Heinz History Center, 1212 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

As part of Abraham Lincoln's bicentennial in 2009, the History Center will welcome a 2,500 square foot traveling exhibition from The National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. Lincoln: The Constitution and The Civil War will show how Lincoln's momentous struggle to save the Union transformed the nation and our Constitution, while exploring several key themes across American History. The History Center will augment the exhibit with various Lincoln items from his visit to Pittsburgh on the eve of the Civil War including the Lincoln bedroom set from the Monongahela House hotel and other Lincoln bedroom sets from across the country. For more info, [click here](#).





**Saturday, May 30, 2009**

**Rededication Ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial**

**2:25 p.m.**

Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.

National Mall and Memorial Parks in collaboration with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, and the Military District of Washington will present a Lincoln Memorial Rededication Retrospective on May 30, 2009. As part of the yearlong Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial celebration, the memorial built in honor of Abraham Lincoln will be rededicated.

The program, which begins at 2:25 p.m. at the Lincoln Memorial, will feature special guest speakers that will deliver remarks about how Abraham Lincoln and the Lincoln Memorial remained entwined as beacons of freedom. The program also will feature performances by the United States Marine Band and by William Farley, winner of Poetry Out Loud, who will be reading a poem by well-known Abraham Lincoln biographer Carl Sandburg.

## *The Lincoln Birthday Card Travels to Washington*

Artist Wendy Allen's "Lincoln Birthday Card Project" will play a role in the re-dedication ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial on May 30th. The signature panels from Harrisburg and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and those from cities across the United States will be assembled in a public display of greetings and well wishes to President Lincoln. Photos and videos of the Card's cross country journey can be seen on the official [website](#). **National ALBC Signature Event**



### **About the Commission**

Based at the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, the purpose of the Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission is to organize, arrange, and coordinate bicentennial tributes to Abraham Lincoln in Pennsylvania and to coordinate those activities with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission of the federal government, as well as other interested parties. For more information about the PA ALBC, please visit our website at:

<http://www.palincoln.org/>

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--August 26, 1863 Letter to James Conkling