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Upcoming Programs at Illinois State Museum Research and Collections Center

Historic Houses of Lincoln's Illinois on Dec. 19; Tales from the Vault on Dec. 20

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois State Museum will host two free mid-day programs on Illinois history at the ISM Research and Collections Center, 1011 E. Ash in Springfield, on December 19 and 20.

Historic Houses of Lincoln's Illinois

Brown Bag Program presented by presenter Erika Holst, Curator of Art and History, Illinois State Museum

Wednesday, December 19, 12 noon-1:00 p.m.

ISM Research & Collections Center

1011 E. Ash St., Springfield, IL

Free, donations appreciated

Erika Holst, author and Curator of Decorative Art and History at the Illinois State Museum, will explore the connections Abraham Lincoln has to several historic buildings within the 42-county Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, all of which are open to the public. Each site links today's visitors with a place Lincoln lived, a home of a Lincoln friend or colleague, or a spot that illuminates Lincoln's era and legacy in central Illinois. This talk is based on Holst's book *Historic Houses of Lincoln's Illinois*, newly released by SIU Press.

Marshall Field's Christmas

Tales from the Vault Program moderated by Betsy Dollar, Springfield Art Association

Thursday, December 20, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

ISM Research and Collections Center

1011 E. Ash St, Springfield, IL

Free, Donations Appreciated

For nearly a century, Marshall Field's flagship store in Chicago dazzled visitors at Christmas time with its holiday window displays, a giant tree in the Walnut Room, and whimsical decorations, including Uncle Mistletoe and Aunt Holly. View and learn about the Marshall Field's holiday artifacts in the Museum's collection with Betsy Dollar, director of the Springfield Art Association, who worked at the store making ornaments in the 1970s.

"Tales from the Vault" is a collaborative program hosted by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and the Illinois State Museum which allows the public to discover some of the treasures from these institutions' collections.

REMINDER: The Illinois State Museum Research and Collection Center's new Ash Street entrance must be approached from 11th Street or further east due to the rail closure at Ash and 10 ½ Streets. For additional information, email events@illinoisstatemuseum.org or phone 217-558-6696.

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