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Lincoln exhibit coming to Orange County in February 2010

“Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America,” on loan from the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Illinois, is joined by local artifacts

A special traveling exhibit from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Illinois is coming to the Old County Courthouse, 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd. in Santa Ana, from Feb. 1, 2010, to Feb. 26, 2010. This exhibit, created to commemorate the Lincoln Bicentennial celebration, will be free to the public.

The Orange County Archives, in collaboration with OC Parks, is hosting the month-long exhibit plus a series of lectures commemorating the 16th president. The exhibit covers Lincoln’s childhood and self-education, his careers as a surveyor and lawyer, his family life, the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, the 1860 Presidential election, the Civil War, his assassination, and other important periods and events in his life.

The exhibit is enhanced with local Lincoln memorabilia, including photographs from “Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln” on loan from Disneyland; a copy of the federal patent signed by the President returning Mission San Juan Capistrano to the Catholic Church; and a special “Lincoln carving” bronze by artist Victor David Brenner, who rendered the Lincoln penny in 1908. Other support for exhibit events is provided by the Old Courthouse Museum Society.

To build on the experience of “Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America,” the Orange County Archives, OC Parks and the Orange County Museum Society are offering a special series of lectures about our nation’s 16th president. All of the lectures will be held at the Old County Courthouse.

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These skilled speakers will complement an already fascinating exhibit:

Wednesday, Feb. 3 6:00 p.m.	Dr. Don McCue, Curator, Lincoln Shrine	Lincoln and California? Explaining Lincoln's relationship with the Wild West
Thursday, Feb. 11 6:00 p.m. <i>RSVP Required</i>	William Peck, Lincoln Reenactor	Lincoln and the Law Mr. Peck will perform as Lincoln, the attorney, and discuss this lesser known aspect of the president's life
Wed. Feb. 17 11:45 a.m. <i>RSVP Required</i> <i>(Lunch fee extra)</i>	Dr. Larry Burgess	Bicentennial's End: Where does that leave Lincoln? Dr. Burgess discusses the president's role in our nation's future
Thursday, Feb. 25 6:00 p.m.	Dr. Ron Rietveld	The Last Photograph Dr. Rietveld chronicles his discovery, at age 14, of the last photo taken of Lincoln, in his coffin

To RSVP for the space-limited lectures, please e-mail Jennifer Lowe at jennifer.lowe@rec.ocgov.com or call (714) 834-3012.



Lincoln drawing by Aidan Daly, 5

Also, make sure to join us on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Old County Courthouse, 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana for **Kids' Day** at "Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America."

There will be Civil War-era crafts, games and snacks.

The federal "We the People" program of the National Endowment for the Humanities provided major financial support for the traveling exhibit. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation and the History Channel provided additional financial and in-kind support. For more information on the exhibit, visit www.PresidentLincoln.org.

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