

HARLAN-LINCOLN HOUSE
NEWSLETTER
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Museum Hours
Monday to Friday
12:00pm – 4:00pm

Admission
Free



The Harlan-Lincoln House requests groups larger than six individuals to contact the museum in advance to schedule a tour.

The Harlan-Lincoln House is closed in observance of national holidays and in conjunction with the Iowa Wesleyan University campus calendar. Please contact the museum with any travel questions or concerns.



Letter from the Director



Often discussions of gratitude arise in the fall, as we gather with family and friends around a holiday meal. The approaching end of the year promotes reflection and brings forth feelings of thankfulness. For the Harlan-Lincoln House, our appreciation for the museum's visitors, volunteers, and members is overflowing. So much so, that we cannot wait until fall to share our gratitude with you.

Between December 2017 and March 2018 the museum served 434 visitors. These onsite visits included daily tours, group tours for community organizations and schools, and attendance at the Friends of the Harlan-Lincoln House Brown Bag Lecture Series. On February 23rd alone, 72 individuals toured the museum during the Welcome Home Grand re-Opening that included an official ribbon cutting with the Mount Pleasant Area Chamber Alliance. Throughout the Brown Bag Lecture Series the audience explored Iowa Wesleyan University in 1918 with myself, the Jefferson Highway with author Lyell D. Henry Jr., the coal-mining town of Buxton, Iowa with author Rachelle Chase, and Henry County in WWI with curator Leo Landis. Thank you for showing your support by visiting the museum, whether for a specific event or tour. The numbers illustrate how supportive the campus, local community, and region have been of the museum and its mission.

Providing programs and tours for visitors would not be possible without the support of museum volunteers and the Friends of the Harlan-Lincoln House Annual Members. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who assist with everything from daily tours to exhibit installation. Also, thank you to the individuals and families who have already committed their support to the new Annual Membership Program of the Friends of the Harlan-Lincoln House, allowing the museum to provide free admission and educational programs throughout the year.

On behalf of the Friends of the Harlan-Lincoln House and Iowa Wesleyan University, Thank You. Our gratitude is abundant.

Anna Villareal, Director of the Harlan-Lincoln House



Upcoming Events

Harlan-Lincoln House Volunteer Fair

Thursday, June 7th, 2018
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Are you passionate about history? Do you enjoy sharing stories from the past? Does research excite you? If so, the Harlan-Lincoln House wants to know you! Volunteers are the foundation of the museum and key to realizing it's mission. Your unique talents and interests could support the Harlan-Lincoln House during tours, behind-the-scenes, and at public events. Stop by the museum on June 7th between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm to learn more about volunteer opportunities through the Harlan-Lincoln House at Iowa Wesleyan University.



New Exhibit

At the Welcome Home event, visitors had the first chance to explore the second floor of the Harlan-Lincoln House including the new exhibit *Etched into History: Depictions of President Abraham Lincoln*. This exhibit highlights artifacts in the museum collection that include illustrations of President Lincoln.

Currency. Postage. The likeness of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States of America, remains present in modern life. Whether through a mass produced print from the 19th century or in a contemporary painting, each artist who depicts President Lincoln captures their unique perspective of his distinguished and famed features. As



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with his speeches, legislation, and vision for the United States of America, the portrait of President Lincoln has been etched into the historical record.

Etched into History: Depictions of President Abraham Lincoln will be on display in the second floor gallery through August 1st.

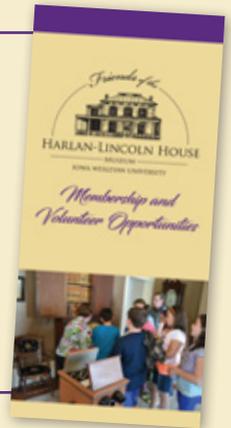
Our Mission

The mission of the Harlan-Lincoln House and its collection is to interpret the site to the public for its significance to the Harlan and Lincoln families, to reinforce the relationship to Iowa Wesleyan University, and to fulfill the home's vital role in the living history of the University and the Mount Pleasant community.

Annual Membership

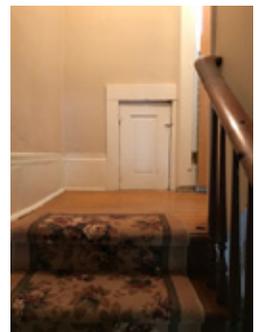
Visit www.iw.edu/friends-of-harlan-lincoln-house or request your Membership and Volunteer Opportunities Brochure Today!

Give to preserve the past and realize the potential of the future.



Quarterly Quandary

At the top of the main stairwell in the Harlan-Lincoln House is a small white door. This unique architectural feature has been the subject of numerous visitor inquiries as to its function within the home. As we dig into the archives, researching its use, we want to know your thoughts. What is this door? How was it used? Does your home have a similar feature? Share your ideas with Anna at hlhouse@iw.edu. Check back for responses and research results in the Summer 2018 newsletter.



Subsequent mailings of the Harlan-Lincoln Newsletter will be primarily electronic. To ensure you receive an e-newsletter, please email Anna at hlhouse@iw.edu with your preferred contact information.