

**Dedication Day* and Remembrance Day Events
November 2009 Schedule of Events**

Thursday, November 19

**Note: November 19, the anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, was formally designated as Dedication Day, by a joint resolution of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, on August 7, 1946.*

9:30 a.m. **Wreath Laying Ceremony** Soldiers' National Monument, Soldiers' National Cemetery (East Gate cemetery entrance) *Visitors can walk through the cemetery along the upper drive to reach the Rostrum.*

10:00 a.m. **146th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address Dedication Day Ceremony**, Rostrum Soldiers' National Cemetery. (West Gate cemetery entrance)
Speakers: Governor Edward G. Rendell and Richard Dreyfuss

Performances by "The President's Own" United States Marine Band
Naturalization Ceremony will be held at conclusion of the Dedication Day ceremony Presented by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services and hosted by the National Park Service. Sponsored by the [Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania](#), the [Gettysburg National Military Park](#), the [Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College](#), and the [Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission](#). These events were financed in part by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development
(Inclement weather location: [Majestic Theater](#), 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, NOT Christ Chapel) Free and open to the general public.

11:15 a.m. **US Colored Troops Graveside Salute**
Immediately following the Dedication Day Ceremony
Soldiers' National Cemetery (northern area of the cemetery)
Speaker: James Getty, portraying Abraham Lincoln (*For more information contact Debra McCauslin (717) 528-8553.*)

12:00 p.m. **Lincoln Fellowship Luncheon**, Gettysburg College Union Ballroom
Speaker: Lewis Lehrman is a philanthropist and a co-founder of the Lincoln Prize and the author of *Lincoln at Peoria: The Turning Point* (Stackpole Books, 2008).
[For Fellowship members only; pre-registration is required; no phone reservations accepted. For information on becoming a member of the Lincoln Fellowship, visit us online at www.gettysburg.edu/civilwar/institute, by phone (717) 337-6590, or write to the Lincoln Fellowship, P.O. Box 3372, Gettysburg, PA 17325].
Book Signing following Luncheon- Lewis Lehrman: *Lincoln at Peoria: The Turning Point* (Stackpole Books, 2008).

2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. **Dedication Day Reception**
The Historic Gettysburg Railroad Station, 35 Carlilse Street, Gettysburg
Featuring the public Gettysburg premiere of "The Gettysburg Address: Adagio" at 2:00 p.m. "The Gettysburg Address: Adagio" is a lyrical piece of music written for a baritone solo, piano accompaniment and snare drum. The composer, Rebecca Gillan, followed Lincoln's text closely, and used the rhythm of the text to dictate the musical rhythms. The original musical work was inspired by Abraham Lincoln's original text an was commissioned by the Louisiana Abraham Lincoln's Bicentennial Commission and premiered on Oct. 26, 2008 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
The reception and performance are free and open to the general public.
More info: [Rebecca Gillan website](#), [Stephen Rushing website](#).

2:00-5:00 p.m. **Abraham Lincoln & Governor Curtin Meet & Greet**
Come shake hands and meet President Abraham Lincoln and Pennsylvania Governor Andrew Curtin. This event recreates the public meet & greet that was held the evening of November 19, 1863 in which visitors were received and were able to meet the President and Governor.
Cost: Free with admission Ages: All ages
The David Wills House, 8 Lincoln Square , Gettysburg, PA Phone: (866) 486-5735
Website: <http://www.davidwills.house.org/>

SOLD OUT

4:00 p.m.

“Gettysburg Addresses Lincoln”

After his address at the National Cemetery, President Lincoln traveled with local patriot John Burns to the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church for a rally. This free one-hour program will include a presentation “How Lincoln Came to Be ‘Under God’ at Gettysburg “ by public historian, Dr. Charles Teague, at the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, 208 Baltimore Street in downtown Gettysburg, just two blocks south of Lincoln Square.

7:30 p.m.

FOR THE PEOPLE (world premiere) Majestic Theater at the LeVan Performing Arts Center
An oratorio commissioned by the PA Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, composed and conducted by John William Jones, Professor of Music, The Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College. **Special Guest Narrator: Distinguished Actor of Stage and Film [Stephen Lang](#).** Performances by: The Spires Brass Band, Kathleen Sasnett, soprano, Jeffrey Fahnestock, tenor Roosevelt Credit, bass-baritone, The Sunderman Conservatory Woodwind Octet, and The Victorian Dance Ensemble

Dedicated to the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College in celebration of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial. Texts from “Of The People, By the People, For The People” (ed. by Gabor S. Boritt), popular songs of the day, and biblical verse.

The Eleventh Annual Michael Shaara Prize for Excellence in Civil War Fiction

Majestic Theater, awarded by Jeff Shaara

Recipient: Nick Taylor: *The Disagreement: A Novel* (Simon & Schuster)

48th Annual Robert Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecture

Performing Arts Center

Speaker: Michael Burlingame holds the Chancellor Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair in Lincoln Studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield,
Topic: "Abraham Lincoln: New Information, Fresh Perspectives"

9:30 p.m.

Public Reception and Book Signings, Lobby

Authors: Michael Burlingame: *Abraham Lincoln: A Life*
Jeff Shaara: *The Steel Wave*, at the Majestic Theater.
Allen C. Guelzo: *Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates that Defined America*
Gabor Boritt: *The Gettysburg Gospel*
Nick Taylor: *The Disagreement: A Novel*
Stephen Lang
Roosevelt Credit

Friday, November 20

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Meet the Wills**

Meet David and Catherine Wills as they open their home to meet visitors. Learn about what their lives were like during the Civil War. Find out interesting facts about the Wills family and ask questions first hand.

Cost: Free with admission Ages: All ages

The David Wills House, 8 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg, PA Phone: (866) 486-5735

Website: <http://www.davidwillshouse.org/>

Saturday, November 21

1:00 p.m.

Remembrance Day Parade and Activities, sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans.

Visit their website at www.suvcw.org

3:30 p.m.

Lincoln Cemetery Speaker: TBA

Location: Lincoln Lane behind Gettysburg Hospital.

5:30 p.m.

Seventh Annual Remembrance Illumination

Soldiers' National Cemetery, hosted by the Gettysburg Foundation. *Anyone interested in sponsoring one of the 3,500 luminaries is encouraged to contact the Gettysburg Foundation.*

Phone: (717) 338-1243 website: <http://www.friendsofgettysburg.org/>

Special Exhibits...

The Historic Gettysburg Railroad Station, 35 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, PA (717) 337-8233 Open daily 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free Admission

[The Historic Gettysburg Railroad Station](#) is one of only two railroad stations in Pennsylvania used by President Lincoln that is still in existence. It is operated by the National Trust for Historic Gettysburg with support during the Bicentennial year from the Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Free admission and interpretive tours provided.

November 2 – December 11, 2009

[Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Exhibit](#)

Free At Last: A History of the Abolition of Slavery in America

Panel exhibition that traces the debate over slavery in the United States from the framing of the Constitution until its abolition during the Civil War. The exhibition will present personal letters, documents, cartoons, photographs, and broadsides from the Gilder Lehrman Collection, previously unavailable to the public nationally. Among the highlights are: an early fragment of the “House Divided” speech written by Abraham Lincoln; and letters by leading abolitionists, slaves, and soldiers who fought in the Civil War.

The documents and images in the exhibition are drawn largely from the Gilder Lehrman Collection, and are supplemented by materials from public institutions. This exhibit is sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

November 16 – November 22, 2009

The Lincoln Flag of the [Pike County Historical Society](#)

This 36-star flag was draped over the balustrade in the presidential box at Ford’s Theatre on Good Friday, April 14, 1865. On that night President Lincoln was there to see the play, "Our American Cousin." John Wilkes Booth, a former actor, assassinated President Lincoln that night in hopes of creating political chaos. The Lincoln Flag was used by Laura Keane, an actress starring in that evening’s performance, to cradle the President’s head as he lay mortally wounded.

These exhibits were sponsored in part by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development.

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Hunt Slonem’s “Blue Lincoln” Portrait

[The Gettysburg Festival](#) invites the public to an exhibit of New York artist Hunt Slonem’s “Blue Lincoln” at the Historic Gettysburg Railroad Station during the month of November, in conjunction with Dedication Day activities. The oil painting of Abraham Lincoln, measuring four and a half feet by three feet and valued at \$24,000 was exhibited at the June 2009 Gettysburg Festival and is being donated to the Borough of Gettysburg following the November exhibit. Since 1977, Hunt Slonem’s work has been exhibited globally in more than 150 galleries and 150 museums including the Metropolitan Museum in New York. The Gettysburg Festival is an annual 10-day cultural arts festival held in mid-to-late June. Check www.gettysburgfestival.org for more information or call 717-334-0853.

PARKING, SHUTTLE, AND VISITOR INFORMATION

Parking near Soldiers' National Cemetery West Gate Entrance - [MAP](#)

A limited amount of free parking will be available on Taneytown Road, across from the National Cemetery West Gate entrance.

Parking in downtown Gettysburg - Gettysburg Borough Parking Garage - [MAP](#) Phone: (717) 334-4390

Parking is available in down town Gettysburg at the Gettysburg Borough Parking Garage conveniently located near the Gettysburg Transfer Center for shuttle service to and from Soldiers' National Cemetery and other points of interest in Gettysburg. Parking is also available at metered spaces in the downtown area. Gettysburg Borough Parking Garage website: <http://gettysburg-pa.gov/parking.htm>

SHUTTLE SERVICE - Freedom Transit Website: www.ridethetrolley.com Phone: (717) 337-1345

Shuttle service to and from Soldiers' National Cemetery is available via the Freedom Transit System. Please refer to the **Lincoln Line (Summer Weekday)** schedule for stops at the Gettysburg Transfer Center (at The Historic Gettysburg Railroad Station), National Cemetery East Gate, and National Cemetery West Gate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

For other information about visiting Gettysburg, please visit the Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau: www.gettysburg.travel