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# HOW TO USE THE COLORING RESOURCE

This downloadable coloring resource is available to Illinois REALTORS<sup>®</sup>, member offices, partners and members of the public to promote the state of Illinois' 200th birthday and raise awareness for our bicentennial theme **"REALTORS<sup>®</sup> Working with Heart in Every Community."**

These pages represent the more than 36 bicentennial legacy projects undertaken by our 29 local REALTOR<sup>®</sup> associations to celebrate the **200th birthday of the state of Illinois**. Each has "adopted" a local historic home, property or event to raise awareness for the rich history of the state of Illinois.

## Ideas for How to Use this Resource

- Individual REALTOR<sup>®</sup> office coloring contests or promotions
- Local REALTOR<sup>®</sup> association coloring contests or promotions
- Use at open houses, even just a few pages
- Handouts at home shows or county fairs
- Print in your local newspaper
- Partner with your local library
- Partner with YMCA
- Print copies to distribute to pre-schools and schools
- Share on social media
- Promote downloadable link on social media
- Offer a small token for participation (e.g., pencils, notepads using the REALTORS<sup>®</sup> Working with Heart logo)
- Use to help with project fundraising



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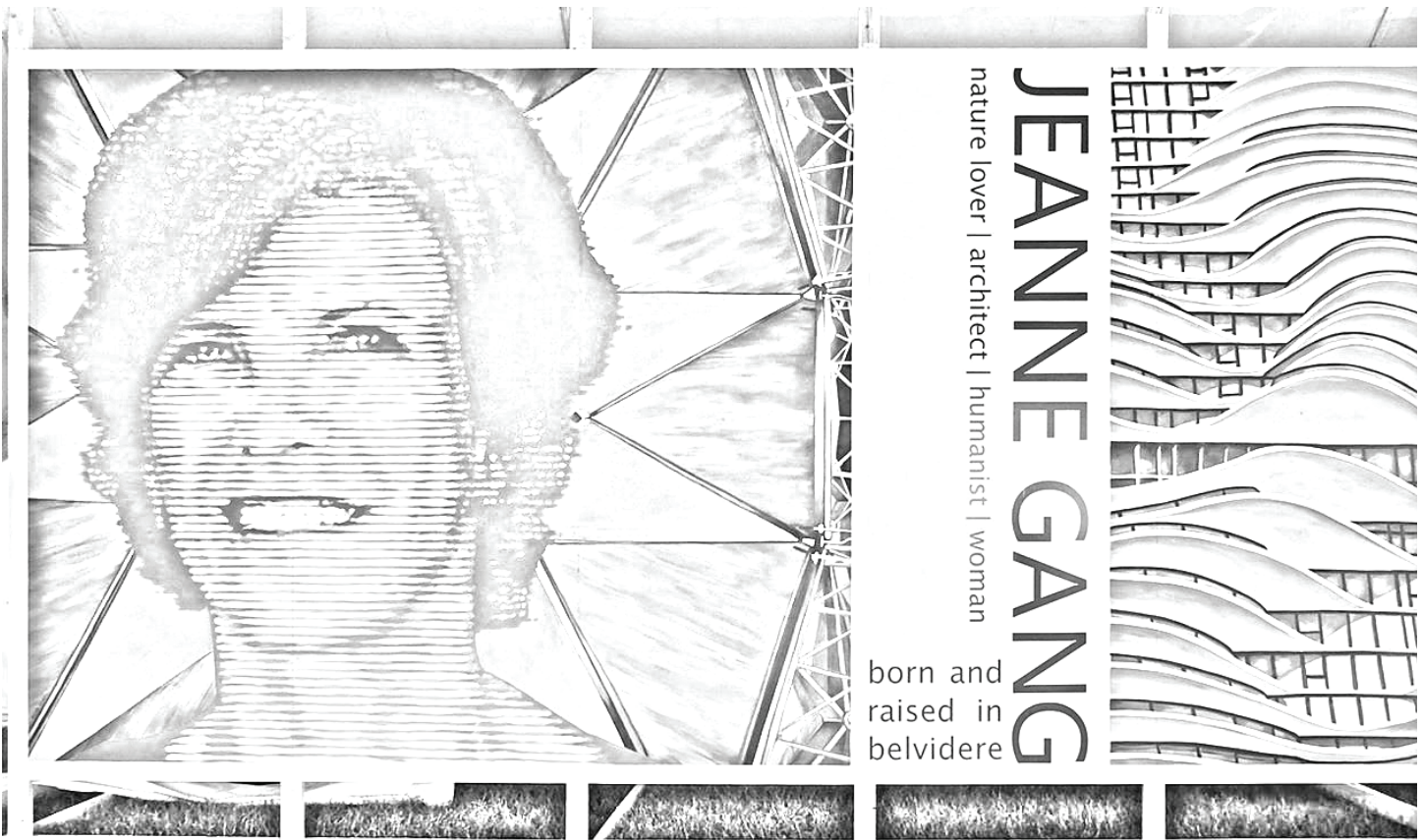


# BOONE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

## 20 YEARS OF MURAL ART

### BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

The Boone County Arts Council, located in Belvidere, was established by the Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce in 1987 and is a volunteer-based organization aimed at promoting and enriching the arts in town through a variety of local programs and events. The group has also participated in physically bringing art to Belvidere, and have sponsored the installation of over a dozen sculptures throughout the city, as well as the creation of several murals in the downtown area, aiding in the town in becoming Illinois' official "City of Murals" in 1997. The council commissioned the internationally renowned Walldogs mural group to create this 200-foot mural to pay homage to world renowned American architect and Belvidere native, Jeanne Gang.



Jeanne Gang Mural, 323 S. State Street, Belvidere, Illinois  
[www.boonecountyarts.com](http://www.boonecountyarts.com)

As part of the "REALTORS® Working with Heart" bicentennial legacy projects, the **Belvidere Board of REALTORS®** partnered with Boone County Arts Council to help fund the 200-foot mural paying homage to Belvidere native and renowned American architect Jeanne Gang, FAIA of Studio Gang in Chicago.

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# BOONE COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

The Boone County Museum of History is dedicated to the preservation of the history of the area, and pledges to showcase and educate visitors with a variety of exhibits. The museum features a chapel filled with artifacts from Boone County churches, a vintage car that is the first of its kind, and a two-story cabin built in the 19th century with historically accurate interior and décor. The museum offers tours and scavenger hunts, allowing those visiting the museum the ability to make the most of their experience.



Boone County Museum of History, 314 S. State St., Belvidere, Illinois  
[www.bcmuseumofhistory.org](http://www.bcmuseumofhistory.org)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, the **Belvidere Board of REALTORS®** partnered with the Boone County Museum of History to fund a unique educational tool called a “Teacher Trunk” filled with historical artifacts representing the Victorian era in Boone County with a focus on local homes of the time, allowing a hands-on learning experience for Belvidere students.

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# THE DAVID DAVIS MANSION BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

The David Davis Mansion, located in Bloomington, was originally the historical home of U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice David Davis and his family. Davis was best known for being an influence on Abraham Lincoln during his political career in Illinois during the late 19th century. Built in 1876, the David Davis Mansion stands three stories tall and includes 36 rooms, the most modern technology of the time, barns and stables, and a flower garden. Today, the mansion has been restored to its original state and draws in over 60,000 visitors annually for tours and events. Guests are invited to get a glimpse of Illinois antiquity by taking a look around the mansion's fully renovated and historically accurate interior and grounds.




*David Davis Mansion, 1000 Monroe Drive, Bloomington, Illinois  
[www.daviddavismansion.org](http://www.daviddavismansion.org)*

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, the **Bloomington-Normal Association of REALTORS®** helped fund the restoration and repair of the Lincoln era barn windows that lie on the grounds of the David Davis Mansion.

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# EDWARDS PLACE

## SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

While Illinois' capital is an obvious place for artist activity, Springfield's Edwards Place stands out among several other capital art hubs due to its historical background, which dates back to 1833. Edwards Place, the oldest house in Springfield, was originally the home of Springfield settler William Kelly and was eventually sold to attorney Benjamin S. Edwards in the 1850s. He doubled the house's size and turned it into a home of refined living. Guests in the 19th century included Stephen Douglas, David Davis, and John Stuart, and it is famously known for housing the "courting couch" that Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd sat as they were courting in the early days of their romance. Today, Edwards Place still stands on its original foundation and sits adjacent to the Springfield Art Association. The home hosts both historical and art-related events including performances, art fairs and tours.




*Edwards Place Historic Home, 700 N. Fourth Street, Springfield, Illinois*  
[www.edwardsplace.org](http://www.edwardsplace.org)

As part of the "REALTORS® Working with Heart" bicentennial legacy projects, **Capital Area REALTORS®** partnered with the Springfield Art Association to raise funds to assist in the staircase renovation of the Edwards Place Historic Home.

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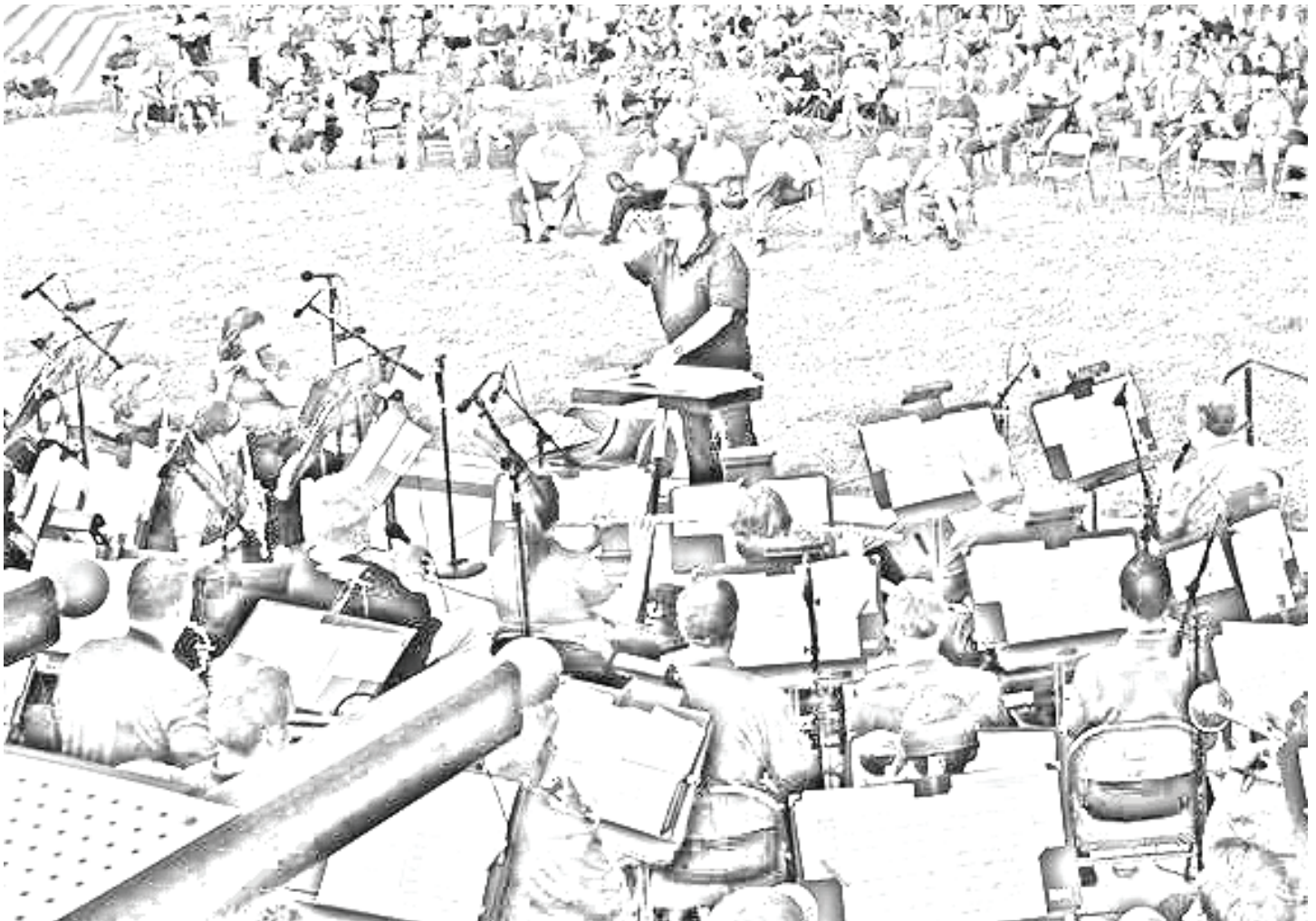
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# DECATUR MUNICIPAL BAND

## DECATUR, ILLINOIS

The Decatur Municipal Band has been providing entertainment to the area since September 19, 1857, and stands as one of the oldest nonmilitary bands in continuous service in the United States. Originally made up of just nine members, the band was originally known as the Decatur Brass Band, among a few other names throughout its history before becoming the Decatur Municipal Band that it is today. The band is made up of high school and college students and adults who all dedicate their time to providing music to the community. Today, the band is busy performing weekly concerts every Monday evening of the summer in Decatur's Central Park.



*Decatur Municipal Band, Decatur, Illinois*  
[www.decaturmuni.band](http://www.decaturmuni.band)

As part of the "REALTORS® Working with Heart" bicentennial legacy projects, **Central Illinois Board of REALTORS®** will work with the Decatur Central Park to provide a historical timeline of the Decatur Municipal Band, which conducts weekly summer concerts in the park on Monday evenings. The Decatur Municipal Band has been performing for over 150 years in the area.

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# LINCOLN LOG CABIN

## LERNA, ILLINOIS

The 19th century log cabin belonging to the parents of 16th President of the United States of America, Abraham Lincoln, lies here in Illinois at the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site in Lerna. Today, the cabin sits on an 86-acre historic site owned by the state and managed by the Historic Preservation Division, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and includes a historically accurate depiction of the two-room cabin that Abraham Lincoln lived in with his family during his childhood. The current cabin is a reproduction which was reconstructed on the original cabin site in the 1930s and is now surrounded by a living history farm.



Lincoln Log Cabin, 402 S. Lincoln Highway, Lerna, Illinois  
[www.lincolnlogcabin.org](http://www.lincolnlogcabin.org)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **Central Illinois Board of REALTORS®** are partnering with the Lincoln Log Cabin State Park to design and install a map depicting Abraham Lincoln and his family’s migration from Indiana to Illinois in 1830. The map will help further educate visitors on his life before presidency.

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# ORPHEUM CHILDREN'S SCIENCE MUSEUM CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

Before it was a children's science museum, 346 N. Neil Street in Champaign was home to the Orpheum Theatre, a sight for vaudeville entertainment and film beginning in 1914. Built by famous Chicago-based architectural company Rapp & Rapp, the Orpheum was originally designed to mimic the opera house at Versailles with an interior resembling the style of the French Renaissance and Baroque periods. Famous entertainers, such as Harry Houdini, frequented the Orpheum stage, which was one of the most popular spots to see vaudeville performances during the early 20th century. After a series of renovations, the city of Champaign purchased the theatre and turned it into the Orpheum Children's Science Museum in 1994.



*Orpheum Children's Science Museum, 346 N. Neil Street, Champaign, Illinois  
[www.orpheumkids.com](http://www.orpheumkids.com)*

As part of the "REALTORS® Working with Heart" bicentennial legacy projects, **Champaign County Association of REALTORS®** will fund a free day at the Orpheum Children's Museum, covering the cost of entrance for community members and their families.

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# PETERSON GARDEN PROJECT

## CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Peterson Garden Project is a Chicago-based nonprofit whose mission is to teach everyone how to grow and cook their own food. The garden will provide for local seniors, refugees, children and other community members in need. Today, community gardens are popping up all over the city and impacting the community in a variety of positive ways, with components like food-growing education programs, volunteer opportunities, cooking demonstrations and last but not least – food to fill the stomachs of those in need.



Peterson Garden Project, 2954 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Illinois  
[www.petersongarden.org](http://www.petersongarden.org)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **Chicago Association REALTORS®** partnered with the Peterson Garden Project to create the Bicentennial Garden at Global Garden using seeds common in Illinois 200 years ago. Volunteers helped develop the community garden.

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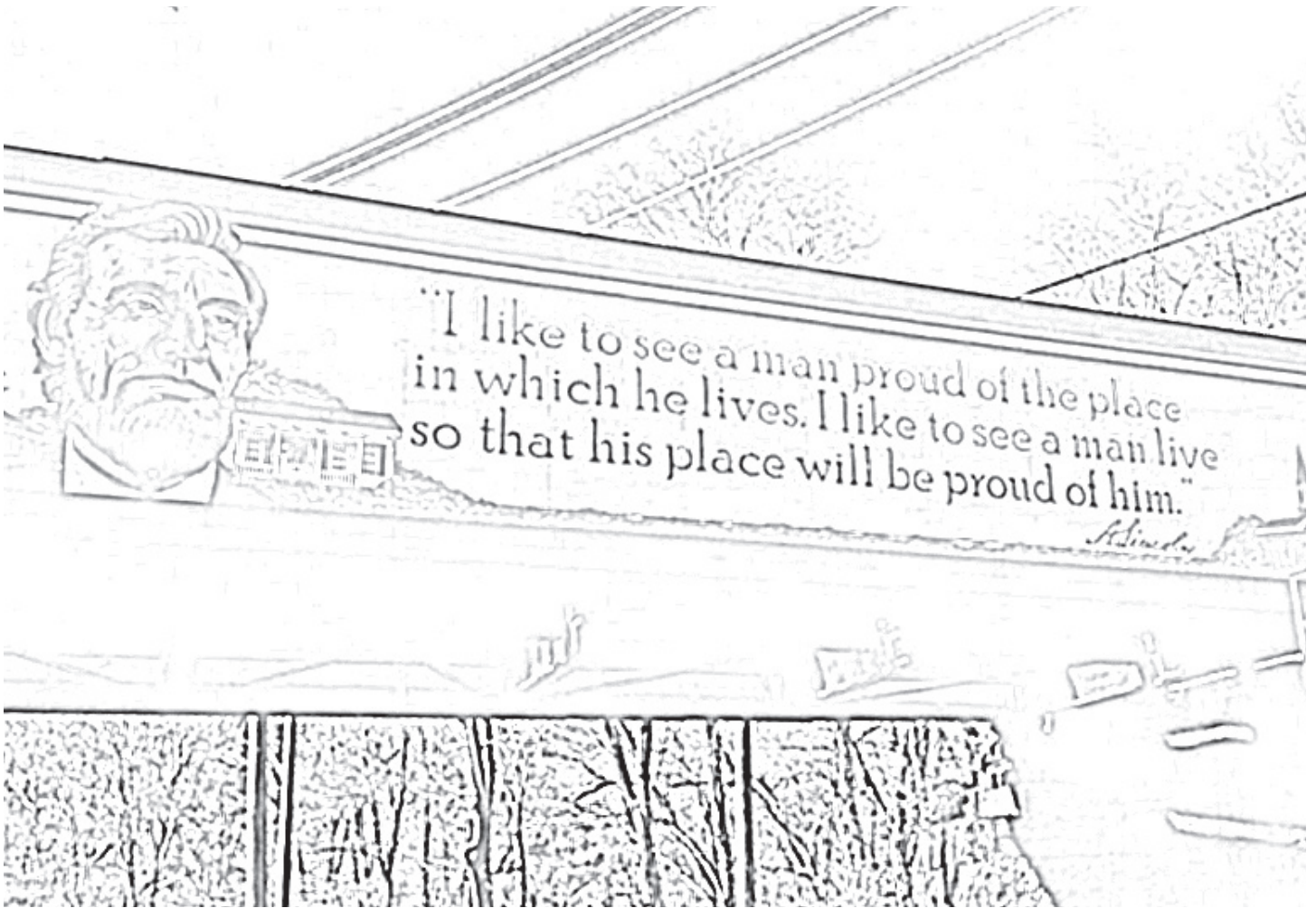
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# LINCOLN'S BELIEF MURAL DANVILLE, ILLINOIS

*"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I love to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him." - Abraham Lincoln*

The city of Danville installed a new mural to their town, which adds to the already extensive list of paintings that decorate the buildings of the area. Dedicated to local historical homes, the Lincoln Belief Memorial will sit atop the Fairchild, Danville overpass, greeting those coming into the city. Buildings such as the Leyman House and the Breezy Towers, the tallest buildings in Danville, will be featured on the mural.




East Fairchild Street Overpass, Danville, Illinois  
[www.visitdanvillearea.com/category/attractions/murals/](http://www.visitdanvillearea.com/category/attractions/murals/)

As part of the "REALTORS® Working with Heart" bicentennial legacy projects, **Danville Area Board of REALTORS®** helped fund the creation of a mural showcasing the history of Danville.

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# BALD KNOB CROSS OF PEACE

## ALTO PASS, ILLINOIS

The Bald Knob Cross towers over the foothills of the Ozark Mountain range in southern Illinois, and represents peace, faith, charity and hope. Standing at over 110 feet tall, the cross was designed in 1937 as a place where people of any denomination would be welcome to gather for worship. Construction began in 1959 after sufficient funding was raised, and by 1963 it was completed and open to the public. Today, the cross is home to many events and public gatherings, including being in “The Path of Totality” for the 2017 eclipse.



*Bald Knob Cross, 3630 Bald Knob Road, Alto Pass, Illinois  
[www.baldknobcross.com](http://www.baldknobcross.com)*

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **Egyptian Board of REALTORS®** funded development of storyboards that tell the history of the Bald Knob Cross of Peace, a southern Illinois monument established in 1937.

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# HASKELL HOUSE

## ALTON, ILLINOIS

The Haskell House, built in 1911 in Alton, was left to the city of Alton. The house has been sitting vacant with little purpose to the town for years. That is, until two local women decided coined the idea of turning the home and its land into a children's museum. Today, the city is working to build the museum and is in the early stages of development and fundraising. The museum, which the purpose of bringing educational and recreational experiences to all children, will be the only museum of its kind in the area.



*Haskell House Children's Museum of Alton, 1211 Henry Street, Alton, Illinois*  
[www.facebook.com/haskellhousechildrensmuseum](http://www.facebook.com/haskellhousechildrensmuseum)

As part of the "REALTORS® Working with Heart" bicentennial legacy projects, **Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS®** has partnered with the city of Alton to restore the century-old Haskell House into a children's museum by assisting in the development of a structural plan and fundraising.

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# COLBY-PETERSEN FARM

## McHENRY, ILLINOIS

Petersen Farm, a five-generation farm, traces its origins to the 1840's when Page Colby of Vermont settled here. The farm was then passed down to his granddaughter, Caroline Colby Petersen. The farm remained in the family until 1998 when the City of McHenry purchased the property from son Kenneth and grandson Robert. The brick Greek Revival Home, horse barn, dairy barn, wooden stave silos, and oak savannah, represent a Midwestern family farm at its historical best. Today, the farm has been preserved as an agricultural museum and resource center to depict McHenry County life in the 19th and early 20th centuries.



*Petersen Farm, 4112 McCullom Lake Road, McHenry, Illinois*  
[www.mchenrycountyliving.com/event/day-petersen-farm/](http://www.mchenrycountyliving.com/event/day-petersen-farm/)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **Heartland REALTOR® Organization** is partnering with several historic sites to promote events and drive traffic to these local historic treasures.

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# COLONEL PALMER HOUSE CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS

The Colonel Palmer House, located in Crystal Lake, was built in 1858 and first owned by Gustavus A. Palmer and wife Henrietta, who were early settlers of McHenry County. Palmer was a founding member of the Nunda Masonic Lodge, and his home was known to have held meetings and popular dances. The area was known by the locals as “Palmer’s Corners.” The Colonel Palmer House was built mirroring a combination of Greek revival and federalist styled architecture and features cobblestone crafted by a New York stone mason. The Colonel Palmer House, now open to the public for tours, special events, and research of local history, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Colonel Palmer House, 660 E. Terra Cotta Avenue, Crystal Lake, Illinois  
[www.crystallakeparks.org/colonel-palmer-house](http://www.crystallakeparks.org/colonel-palmer-house)

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# McHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM UNION, ILLINOIS

McHenry County Historical Society has been preserving and promoting McHenry County history since the mid-1960s. On July 4, 1976, the society officially opened the museum in Union, Illinois as a place for family-oriented entertainment and education, and now houses a vast collection from preserved buildings to education programs and artifacts.



McHenry County Historical Society & Museum, 6422 Main Street, Union, Illinois  
[www.mchenrycountyhistory.org](http://www.mchenrycountyhistory.org)

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# THE EGYPTIAN THEATRE

## DEKALB, ILLINOIS

The Egyptian Theatre has been one of Downtown DeKalb's main sources for entertainment for nearly a century. Beginning as a theatre for film and live performance in 1929, the DeKalb Theatre Company conceptualized the design of the Egyptian Theatre around the discovery of King Tut's tomb six years prior. While over 100 theatres across the country adapted an Egyptian style during the first half of the 19th century, today DeKalb's is one of only five remaining Egyptian inspired theatres remaining and is one of the only ones still in use. Famous visitors of the theatre include John F. Kennedy only three months before his presidency, and bands such as Heart and Journey have started their musical careers on the Egyptian theatre stage. Preservation efforts saved the building from condemnation in the late 1970s, and local citizens were able to raise funds and restore the theatre in less than five years. Today, the Egyptian Theatre is used regularly for live performances, film screenings, and community events.




*Egyptian Theatre, 135 N. Second Street, DeKalb, Illinois*  
[www.egyptiantheatre.org](http://www.egyptiantheatre.org)

As part of the "REALTORS® Working with Heart" bicentennial legacy projects, the **HomeTown Association of REALTORS®** will help fund the air-conditioning restoration project of the historic Egyptian Theatre in DeKalb.

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# RONALD REAGAN BOYHOOD HOME DIXON, ILLINOIS

The early home of one of America's most well-known president's lies in Dixon, Illinois, where visitors are invited to tour the historically preserved childhood residency of Ronald Reagan. Today, the home has been restored with furnishings of the period and mirrors the décor that Reagan likely saw every day during the 1920s. Before his two-term stint in presidency, Reagan was extremely active in his Illinois community, developing a growing interest in various subjects at Dixon High School before attending Eureka College, where he was involved in Greek life, sports, theatre, and politics. His Dixon home became a historic site in 1980, when local business leaders purchased the property a few months before Reagan was elected into office, and gained support from Reagan himself during its restoration. After years of meticulous renovations, the home opened to the public, welcoming between 10-15000 visitors annually.



Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home, 810 S. Hennepin Ave., Dixon, Illinois  
[www.reaganhome.org](http://www.reaganhome.org)

As part of the "REALTORS® Working with Heart" bicentennial legacy projects, **HomeTown Association of REALTORS®** will provide financial support and volunteer assistance for the home of our 40th U.S. President.

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# STREATOR SESQUICENTENNIAL

## STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The Streator Walldogs are an organization in Streator, IL, formed in 2015 as a committee based on bringing the Downtown Streator Sesquicentennial to their community three years later. Aside from their largest event planned for June 2018, the Walldog committee also plans a variety of local events, including an inaugural New Year's Eve celebration, a food truck festival, and a dog-friendly party in Streator's Marilla Park. On June 27, 2018 the Sesquicentennial will begin, and hundreds of artists will flock to the town for five days with the plans of adding 10-15 murals to the downtown area.



*Streator Sesquicentennial Murals, Streator, Illinois*  
[www.streatorwalldogs.com](http://www.streatorwalldogs.com)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, Illini Valley Association of REALTORS® will help fund wall murals, provide event promotion and volunteers for the Downtown Streator Sesquicentennial celebration June 27-July 1, 2018.

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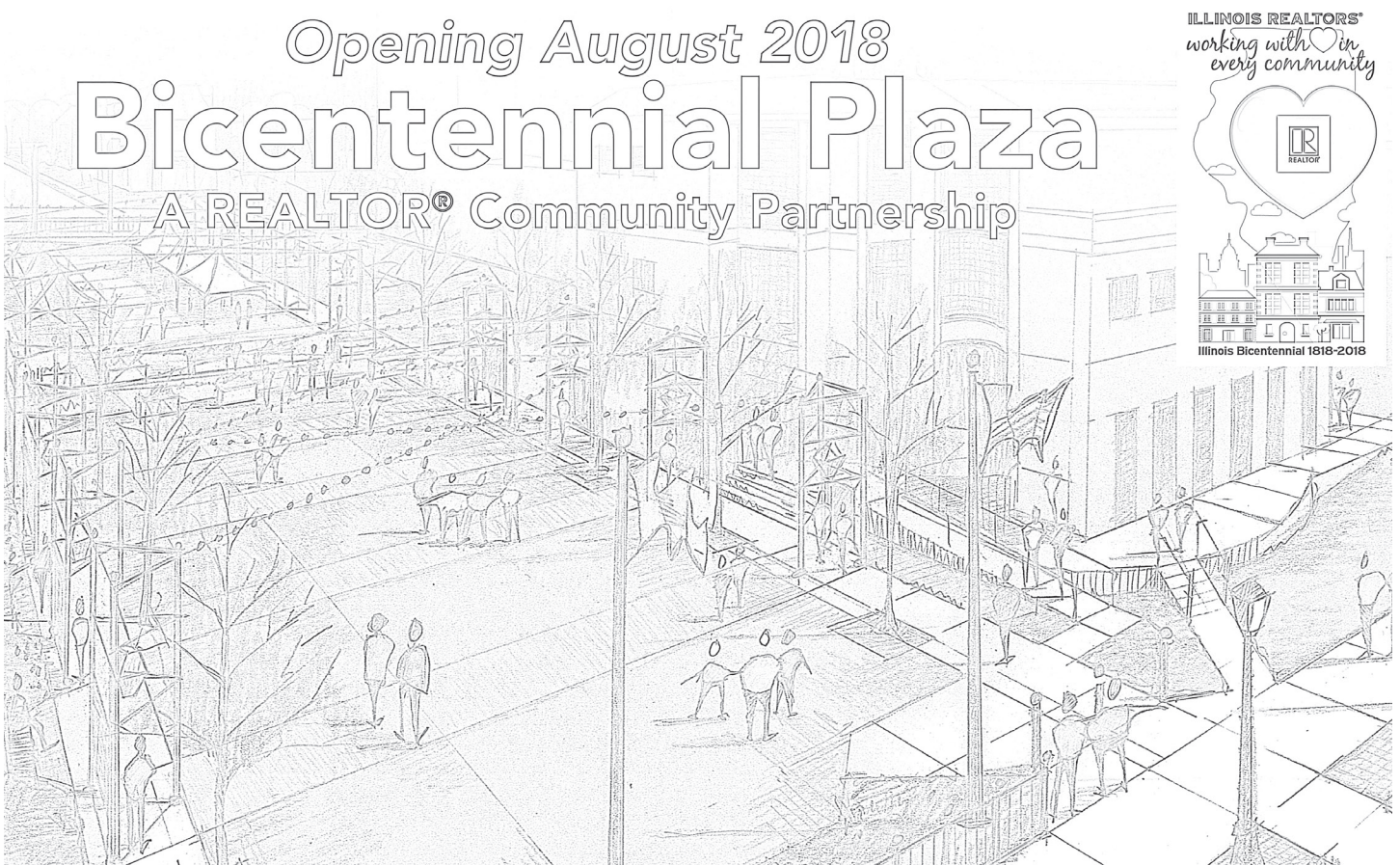
# BICENTENNIAL PLAZA – A REALTOR® COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS


Bicentennial Plaza is dedicated to President Abraham Lincoln’s vision for America as a country with opportunity and equality for all. Located between Fifth and Sixth streets, just north of Illinois REALTORS® headquarters, the area around Bicentennial Plaza has sites linked to Abraham Lincoln, who historians say would have often used the Jackson Street Corridor while he lived in Springfield. The plaza will have 16 interpretive panels showcasing the people who lived and worked in Springfield and who advanced his vision. Also included will be a marker commemorating the federal Fair Housing Act which guaranteed housing opportunity for all.

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Bicentennial Plaza, 428 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois  
[www.IllinoisRealtors/Bicentennial](http://www.IllinoisRealtors/Bicentennial)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **Illinois REALTORS®** are partnering with the city of Springfield to build a pedestrian walkway linking the Abraham Lincoln Home Historic Site with the Illinois Governor’s Mansion and State Capitol. The plaza is being built on land owned by Illinois REALTORS®.

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# B. HARLEY BRADLEY HOUSE

## KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

Frank Lloyd Wright was known for his prairie style architecture, and the first house of such design lies in Kankakee, Illinois. The B. Harley Bradley House, built in 1900, was one of the first where Wright was able to have total control over the exterior and interior, including furnishings, art, and windows. B. Harley and Ann Bradley remained in the home till 1913. Following the Bradley's, the house was sold and bought by several different owners who used the property as a birdhouse business, office space, and restaurant and inn throughout the 1900s. In 2005, Gaines and Sharon Hall acquired the house and began to restore it into the treasure it once was. In 2010 the property was purchased by the Wright in Kankakee organization. Today, the house is open for tours, is the location of many local events and meetings.



*B. Harley Bradley House, 701 S. Harrison Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois*  
[www.wrightinkankakee.org](http://www.wrightinkankakee.org)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **Kankakee-Iroquois-Ford Association of REALTORS®** partnered with the Wright in Kankakee Foundation to provide landscaping and new foliage for the rain garden area of the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed B. Harley Bradley House in Kankakee.

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# THE STREVELL HOUSE

## PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

Pontiac's Strevell House pays homage to local attorney Jason Strevell, who moved to Illinois in 1855 to pursue law. Strevell later went on to being involved in the Pontiac legal practice for 24 years, served as a republican in the Illinois House of Representatives, completed a term as a senator, was a member of the electoral college, and was close friends with Abraham Lincoln. Today, his home has been purchased by the Livingston County Historical Society with the plans of turning the home into a historical museum for the community.




*The Strevell House, 401 West Livingston Street, Pontiac, Illinois*  
[www.visitpontiac.org/2155/The-Strevell-House](http://www.visitpontiac.org/2155/The-Strevell-House)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **Livingston County Board of REALTORS®** will help complete landscaping for the Strevell House located in Pontiac.

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# ARLINGTON HEIGHTS HISTORICAL MUSEUM

## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

The Arlington Heights Historical Museum, located near downtown Arlington Heights, lives inside many historical buildings of the area, including the former Victorian styled-home and soda pop factory of Frederick W. Müller. The museum includes five local landmarks and permanent exhibitions, including their newest on Müller's 145-year-old soda company, where visitors can learn about the company's history and try some of its soda themselves. Other exhibits open for touring include a carpentry shop, a log cabin, and an arts and crafts designed 1908 restored home.



*Arlington Heights Historical Museum, 110 W. Fremont St., Arlington Heights, Illinois*  
[www.ahmuseum.org](http://www.ahmuseum.org)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **Mainstreet Organization of REALTORS®** will provide funding to help preserve real estate records and improvements to facilities in the main museum center in the historical 1906 soda pop factory. Improvements include installation of new carpeting throughout the second-floor library, offices and collections as well as purchasing storage to help preserve real estate records.

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# DUPAGE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

## DUPAGE, ILLINOIS

Located in the former Adams Memorial Library, built in 1891 and residing in the Wheaton Park District, lies the DuPage County Historical Museum. Formed in the 1960s by the DuPage County Historical Society, the museum is the only institution dedicated to the collection and preservation of material revolving around the history of DuPage and has been collecting materials for research since 1929. Dedicated to educating the public through its collection and resources, the DuPage County Historical Museum offers a variety of exhibitions yearly.




*DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 E. Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois*  
[www.dupagemuseum.org](http://www.dupagemuseum.org)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **Mainstreet Organization of REALTORS®** helped fund a green lighting initiative, replacing outdated and inefficient incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs with modern and efficient LEDs. The LED lighting will protect artifacts by preventing environmental damage such as fading from light damage and less chance of electrical fire.

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# SOUTH SUBURBAN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAZEL CREST, ILLINOIS

South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society was founded in February of 1968 as a library which was housed by the Librarian Thelma Kohlberg at her home. Throughout the years, the library has moved from several locations and grown to a collected of over 14,000 books, periodicals, microforms, maps, directories and special collection manuscripts. The mission of the society is to collect, preserve and publish historical and genealogical materials and records of south Cook County and east Will County as well as to foster the research and study of genealogy and local history.



South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society, 3000 W. 170th Place, Hazel Crest, Illinois  
[www.ssghs.org](http://www.ssghs.org)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects,  
**Mainstreet Organization of REALTORS®** will fund development of a new website.

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# WAUKEGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

The Waukegan Historical Society, a not-for-profit volunteer organization, was founded in 1968. Founded on the mission to preserve and promote the history of Waukegan, the society with the Waukegan Park District operate the Waukegan History Museum. The society's extensive collection of photos and documents are housed at Raymond Library within Lilac Cottage, one of two historic structures the museum operates out of. Raymond Library is open Wednesday through Friday.



*Waukegan Historical Society, 1917 N. Sheridan Road, Waukegan, Illinois*  
[www.waukeganhistorical.org](http://www.waukeganhistorical.org)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **Mainstreet Organization of REALTORS®** helped fund the installation of UV-protective windows. The windows will protect the artifacts on display and help maintain proper temperature and climate controls in each room. Protecting the artifacts is key for future generations to learn from, enjoy and experience.

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# THE LITTLE FAMILY CABIN

## KEWANEE, ILLINOIS

The Little Family Cabin was one of the first homes of the Kewanee area, and was occupied by Abner Little, a settler from New England sent to explore the Midwest in the 1800s, and his family. Five weeks after leaving New Hampshire, the Little family reached the Illinois area and made temporary shelter for the winter. By springtime, the family had found permanent residence in a small log cabin in Wethersfield, a surveyed town with a small population. The 18x20 foot one-room cabin still stands in what is now Kewanee, Illinois.



*Little Family Cabin, Kewanee, Illinois*  
[www.facebook.com/preservekewanee/](http://www.facebook.com/preservekewanee/)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **Mid Valley Association of REALTORS®** will partner with the Kewanee Preservation Society to help fund the restoration of the Little Family Cabin in Kewanee.

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# BARRINGTON HISTORY MUSEUM BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

Formally known as the Barrington Area Historical Society, the museum was founded in 1968 with the mission to keep history alive through preservation, education, and exhibits. The museum operates from two restored Victorian houses in Barrington, one of which was built by one of the area's first settlers, Gilbert A. Applebee, in 1892. The museum offers a range of exhibits, collections, and programs for pre-school aged children through adults. In addition Barrington History Museum is home to the original Wichman Blacksmith Shop that dates back to 1929 that was moved to its grounds.



*Barrington History Museum, 212 W. Main St., Barrington, Illinois*  
[www.barringtonhistorymuseum.org](http://www.barringtonhistorymuseum.org)

As part of the "REALTORS® Working with Heart" bicentennial legacy projects, **North Shore-Barrington Association of REALTORS®** is providing funding for two programs at the Barrington History Museum. The first program will be held in spring and cover 1818 to 1918. The second program will be in either late summer or early fall and cover 1918 to 2018. The 45-minute programs will give visitors a glimpse of Illinois' past from a trading post along the Chicago River to a world class city.

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# HOPE UNION HERITAGE CENTER NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS

A 123-year-old Northbrook church was donated to the Northbrook Historical Society, which has big plans in store when it comes to the preservation of such an important piece of local history. The society is hoping to use the building to keep a history library and archives as well as utilizing the space for offices where more work dedicated to the area's local history can be done. The Northbrook Historical Society will preserve the church space and plans on keeping the current sanctuary untouched and available for weekly services and weddings while also executing minor renovations to the building.



*Hope Union Heritage Center, 1812 Chapel Court, Northbrook, Illinois  
[www.northbrookhistory.org](http://www.northbrookhistory.org)*

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **North Shore-Barrington Association of REALTORS®** are partnering with the Northbrook Historical Society to help transform the 1892-era Hope Union Church into Hope Union Heritage Center.

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# THE FREDERICK C. ROBIE HOUSE

## CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Frank Lloyd Wright designed homes are scattered throughout Illinois, and one of the most famous lies in Chicago. The Frederick C. Robie House is home to around 40,000 visitors annually, and is an example of Wright's most well-known prairie style construction. Today, committees are continuing their efforts to restore the Frederick C. Robie house in its entirety by funding for further preservation. The final step in the restoration process includes stabilizing the house and its foundation, looking at the magnificent glass windows which provide lighting for the interior and exterior of the home, and getting original pieces and reproductions of the furniture and carpets which originally decorated the home.




*Frederick C. Robie House, 5757 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois*  
[www.flwright.org/visit/robiehouse](http://www.flwright.org/visit/robiehouse)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, the **Oak Park Area Association of REALTORS®** will fundraise to assist in the restoration of the prairie-style Frederick C. Robie House. Restoration plans will renew the home to its original prairie style vision, stabilize the foundation and fund acquisition of original pieces and reproductions of original furniture and carpets.

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# PETTENGILL-MORRON HOUSE MUSEUM PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Built in 1868 originally for Moses Pettengill, who moved to the area in 1833, when Peoria was a town of less than 200 people and log cabins were the most common type of housing. Now a museum, standing in the Second Empire architectural style with 11 rooms, the museum contains a collection of objects from Peoria families showing the history of the area during the 19th and 20th century. The museum currently hosts tours and a variety of historical themed events on the home's grounds.



*Pettengill-Morrison House Museum, 1212 W. Moss Ave., Peoria, Illinois  
[www.peoriahistoricalsociety.com/latest-news/2018/3/28/  
welcome-to-the-pettengill-morrison-house](http://www.peoriahistoricalsociety.com/latest-news/2018/3/28/welcome-to-the-pettengill-morrison-house)*

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **Peoria Area Association of REALTORS®** will assist with the landscaping and outdoor renovations of the Pettengill-Morrison House including redoing the garden area, adding seating and lighting for evening events.

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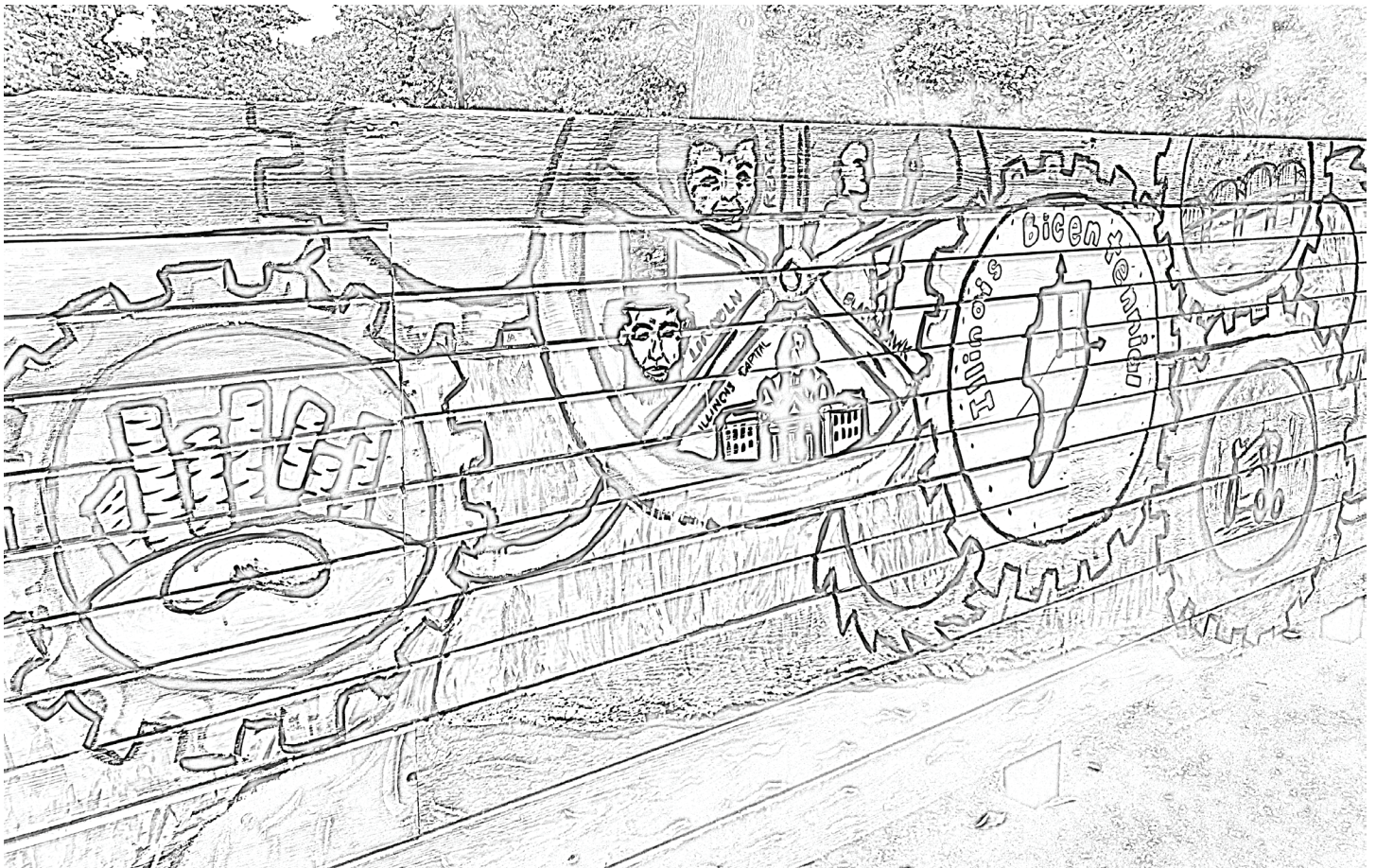




# BLACK HAWK STATE HISTORIC SITE

## ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

Rock Island's Black Hawk State Historic Site boasts hiking trails, a nature center, a museum on Native American life, and more. The park is a historic landmark of the area with 208 acres of nature and over six miles of hiking trails bordering the Rock River in Rock Island county. Built upon land that was once the home to the Native American Sauk nation, the park pays homage to its former residents with the Hauberg Indian Museum, which interprets the story of the Sauk and Meskwaki tribes.



Black Hawk State Historic Site, 1510 46th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois  
[www.blackhawkpark.org](http://www.blackhawkpark.org)

As part of the "REALTORS® Working with Heart" bicentennial legacy projects, **Quad City Area REALTOR® Association** helped fund and create a new mural in Black Hawk State Historic Site in Rock Island.

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# THE QUINCY MUSEUM

## QUINCY, ILLINOIS

The Quincy Museum is located inside of the historic Newcomb-Stillwell Mansion, an example of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture in the late 19th century. Today, the museum utilizes the restored first floor to depict home life in the 1800s in addition to having exhibits on the second and third floors. Exhibits cover archaeology, science, history, mechanics, dinosaurs, wildlife, and more, where attendees of all ages can find something new to discover.




*The Quincy Museum, 1601 Maine Street, Quincy, Illinois*  
[www.thequincymuseum.org](http://www.thequincymuseum.org)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **Quincy Association of REALTORS®** will provide a free admission from June 8 to August 20, 2018 at the Quincy Museum for children ages 3 to 18 years old.

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# THE GALENA FOUNDATION

## GALENA, ILLINOIS

The Galena Foundation was formed over 30 years ago with the sole purpose of preserving Galena and its heritage through the efforts of its community members. Today, the board of nine upholds the foundation's original mission of initiating and providing financial support to areas of need in Galena, allowing the city to maintain authenticity. The Galena Foundation is a non-for-profit organization involved in restoration, preservation, and grant funding, allowing residents and visitors the opportunity to walk amongst history.



*The Galena Foundation, P.O. Box 1, Galena, Illinois  
[www.galenafoundation.org](http://www.galenafoundation.org)*

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **REALTOR® Association of Northwestern Illinois** is partnering with the Galena Foundation to provide funding and volunteer support to help preserve the rich history of the region including the Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic Site, Grant Park and Turner Hall.

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# ST. CLAIR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS

The St. Clair Historical Society has been dedicated to education, history, artifact preservation, and community outreach for over a century. The society is a part of a legacy project that was founded in 1905 with the hope of preserving the county's history. 100 years later, the original mission of the society is still alive, and the society uses its collections, museums, and community members to help tell the story of St. Clair County.



St. Clair County Historical Society, 701 E. Washington Street, Belleville, Illinois  
[www.stcchs.org](http://www.stcchs.org)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **REALTOR® Association of Southwestern Illinois** will partner with the St. Clair County Historical Society to plan, promote and fundraise for Fair St. Clair being held on August 25, 2018.

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# THE GARFIELD FARM

## LA FOX, ILLINOIS

Campton's 366-acre Garfield Farm is the only surviving and historically intact 19th century prairie farmstead, and is currently being restored as a living history farm. Garfield Farm was part of the transportation network that led Chicago to be the largest shipper of grain by 1850, and provided shelter, food, and drink to farmers driving wheat to northern Illinois. Today, the farm is open to tours and holds entertainment events and educational workshops.



Garfield Farm and Inn Museum, 2N930 Garfield Road, La Fox, Illinois  
[www.garfieldfarm.org](http://www.garfieldfarm.org)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **REALTOR® Association of the Fox Valley** will partner with Garfield Farm to help drive traffic, create awareness and assist in maintenance projects for the 1840s living history farm and tavern museum.

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# TINKER SWISS COTTAGE ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Tinker Swiss Cottage is a historic house museum with the mission to preserve, protect, and interpret Rockford's authentic history, heritage and culture. Located in the heart of Rockford, the museum contains the historic house, barn and carriage house from the Tinker family. Tinker Swiss Cottage is also location on the founding site of Rockford and contains a Pre-Columbian Native American conical mound.



*Tinker Swiss Cottage, 411 Kent St., Rockford, Illinois*  
[www.tinkercottage.com](http://www.tinkercottage.com)

As part of the "REALTORS® Working with Heart" bicentennial legacy projects, **Rockford Area REALTORS®** partner with local community groups to provide media promotion and complimentary entry fees for visitors to a variety of local historical tourist attractions in Winnebago, Ogle and Boone Counties during select days in summer and fall 2018. On October 6, 2018 Rockford REALTORS® will sponsor a community day at Tinker Swiss Cottage with free tours of the cottage and local food vendors present.

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# WILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOCKPORT, ILLINOIS

Will County Historical Society was founded in 1972 when the National Park Service listed the former Illinois and Michigan Canal administrative building on the National Register of Historic Places. With the mission of connecting people and organizations to the rich history of Will County, Illinois, the society operates the Will County Historical Museum and Research Centers, and is part of the I & M Canal National Heritage Area. The museum houses a range of exhibits open for tours and admission is free.



*Will County Historical Society, 803 S. State St., Lockport, Illinois*  
[www.willhistory.org](http://www.willhistory.org)

As part of the “REALTORS® Working with Heart” bicentennial legacy projects, **Three Rivers Association of REALTORS®** will provide scanning equipment to help preserve historical documents and photographs for historical societies in Will and Grundy counties including the Will County Historical Society.

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# ABOUT THE COLORING RESOURCE

This downloadable coloring resource is available to Illinois REALTORS<sup>®</sup>, member offices, partners and members of the public to promote the state of Illinois' 200th birthday and raise awareness for our bicentennial theme **"REALTORS<sup>®</sup> Working with Heart in Every Community."**

These pages represent the more than 36 bicentennial legacy projects undertaken by our 29 local REALTOR<sup>®</sup> associations to celebrate the **200th birthday of the state of Illinois**. Each has "adopted" a local historic home, property or event to raise awareness for the rich history of the state of Illinois.

On Aug. 26, the Illinois REALTORS<sup>®</sup> will dedicate Bicentennial Plaza – A REALTOR<sup>®</sup> Community Partnership in Springfield. The pedestrian walkway which links Springfield's historic sites will feature interpretive exhibits of people, places and events which connect with Abraham Lincoln's vision for a nation of equal opportunity for all.

The Plaza's grand opening is a Signature Event of the state's Bicentennial Commission's celebration of the birthday milestone. All 29 local projects are officially endorsed by the state of Illinois Bicentennial.



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