



A Town Hall with Abraham Lincoln: Willamette Heritage Center's 21st Annual Heritage Awards Ceremony

- WHAT:** A Town Hall with Abraham Lincoln, as part of the Willamette Heritage Center's (WHC) 21st Annual Heritage Awards Ceremony
- WHERE:** The Willamette Heritage Center *at The Mill*, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR, 97301
- WHEN:** Friday April 19, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- COST:** \$25 members, \$35 non-members, \$200 table of 8 for dinner reservations
- INFO:** 503-585-7012, <http://www.willametteheritage.org>

The WHC is proud to host its Annual Heritage Awards Ceremony that recognizes and honors our community's leaders and organizations who have contributed significantly to our heritage. Awards are presented in six areas (Historian, Preservation, Heritage Education, Board Member, Heritage Enterprise, Service to the WHC and Volunteer of the Year).

The program includes dinner and will feature Steve Holgate, who will present his first-person portrayal of Abraham Lincoln. Holgate, an actor of forty years experience, has been a Lincoln presenter for twelve years, offering rare insights into the life of Abraham Lincoln, including his personal tragedies as well as some of his favorite jokes and even his poetry.

Imagine having the chance to ask Abraham Lincoln about his years in the White House and hear him discuss the dark years of the Civil War and the momentous decisions he made. Lincoln actor Steve Holgate gives audiences a chance to do just that.

"Steve Holgate truly brings Lincoln to life. His portrayal calls on all the wisdom, humor, and lore of our 16th President, as one would imagine him, and as Lincoln was in real life," said Mike Burton, Chairman, Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

This event is sponsored in part by MAPS Investments and MAPS Insurance. Please contact Amy Vandegrift amyv@willametteheritage.org or 503-585-7012 to make reservations.

The Willamette Heritage Center *at The Mill*, a unification between Mission Mill Museum and Marion County Historical Society, is a stroll through the history of the Willamette Valley. Its 5-acre campus is home to the 1841 Jason Lee house (arguably the oldest wooden framed house in Oregon), 1841 Willamette Mission Parsonage, 1847 John Boon home, 1858 Pleasant Grove Church and the 1896 Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, named an *American Treasure* by the National Park Service. Since its founding in 1964 as a private non-profit association, Mission Mill Museum has established a reputation as a leader in the preservation and interpretation of Oregon's history. The museum's histories are shared with visitors through daily and group tours, speakers, living history, children's programs, hands-on activities, special events, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information call 503-585-7012 or visit <http://www.willametteheritage.org>

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