

Public Invited to McCormick Museum Lecture on October 8

WHEATON, IL, September 24, 2009 — The Robert R. McCormick Museum at Cantigny Park and the McCormick Freedom Museum announce the following free lecture:

The Age of Lincoln

Presented by Orville Vernon Burton

Thursday, October 8

6 pm to 7:30 pm

McCormick Museum Gold Theatre

Burton will discuss *The Age of Lincoln*, a fiercely original history of the five decades that pivoted around Abraham Lincoln's presidency. Contrary to what many believe, Burton argues that Lincoln's most enduring achievement was his attack on unfettered capitalism, not the 1865 Emancipation Proclamation.

A distinguished scholar at the University of Illinois since 1974, Burton is currently a professor of history and sociology and a senior research scientist and associate director of humanities and social sciences at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications. He is the author or editor of 15 books and more than 100 articles.

Published in 2007, *The Age of Lincoln* was selected for Book of the Month Club, History Book Club and Military Book Club. It also won the *Chicago Tribune* Heartland Literary Award for Nonfiction.

A book signing and light refreshments will follow Burton's presentation. Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

Doors open at 5:30 pm. Admission and parking are free. Advance registration is recommended at 630 260 8162.

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About the McCormick Museum

The Robert R. McCormick Museum, part of the McCormick Foundation, is a historic house museum interpreting the life and legacy of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, former editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesday-Sunday, with visits by free guided tour. Visit Cantigny.org for more information and a complete schedule of Cantigny Park events.

About the McCormick Freedom Museum

The McCormick Freedom Museum enables informed participation in our democracy by demonstrating the relevance of the First Amendment and the role it plays in the ongoing struggle to define and defend freedom. Through extensive outreach initiatives our audiences improve their understanding of the First Amendment and its importance to our democracy, engage in civic dialogue, and prepare for their role as citizens. The

McCormick Freedom Museum is part of the McCormick Foundation, which also includes the Robert R. McCormick Museum, Cantigny Park and Golf, the Cantigny First Division Foundation and five grant making programs. To learn more about the Freedom Museum's new outreach program visit FreedomMuseum.US A focus on children, communities and country unites the Foundation and its many parts and keeps us true to our mission of advancing the ideals of a free and democratic society. To learn more visit McCormickFoundation.org.

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About the McCormick Foundation

The McCormick Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to strengthening our free, democratic society by investing in children, communities and country. Through its grantmaking programs, Cantigny Park and Golf, museums and civic outreach program the Foundation helps build a more active and engaged citizenry. It was established as a charitable trust in 1955, upon the death of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune. The McCormick Foundation is one of the nation's largest charities, with more than \$1 billion in assets. For more information, please visit McCormick Foundation.org.

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