

Lincoln Poster Contest Winners Announced

WHEATON, IL, Feb. 9, 2009 — The Robert R. McCormick Museum at Cantigny Park has unveiled the winning entries in its Abraham Lincoln poster contest. The posters, created by local students and depicting Lincoln's life and accomplishments, will be displayed at the museum through April 30.

First Place in the 6th to 9th grade category went to Joey Simeo, a home-schooled 9th grader from Glen Ellyn. Second Place was awarded to Stephanie Szmergaski, an 8th grader from Wauconda Middle School. Honorable Mention was earned by Ariana Koehler, also a Wauconda Middle School 8th grader.

First Place in the 1st to 5th grade category was Abrielle Evans, a 5th grader from Northlake who attends JACE Home School. Second Place honors went to Noah Treadway, a 1st grader from John Stewart Elementary School in Elburn. Anna Fank, a 5th grader from Whittier Elementary in Wheaton, won Honorable Mention.

In addition to having their art exhibited at the McCormick Museum, the students received invitations to a special reception at the museum on February 7, a certificate of achievement and a free pass to Cantigny Park.

Photos of the two First Place winners with their posters are available upon request.

The poster contest is part of series of events sponsored by the McCormick Museum in commemoration of the Lincoln Bicentennial in 2009. Events still to come include two lectures in partnership with Wheaton College (April 9 and May 15) and a vintage "Base Ball Tournament" at Cantigny on June 13. For details, please visit Cantigny.org or call 630 260 8162.

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The McCormick Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to strengthening our free, democratic society by investing in children, communities and country. Through its five grantmaking programs, Cantigny Park and Golf, and three world-class museums, 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 www.McCormickFoundation.org.

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