

## Civil War Commemoration in Roscoe Village

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On April 12, 1861 the first shots of the Civil War were fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina. One hundred fifty years later, on April 12, 2011, Historic Roscoe Village will begin a new adventure to commemorate the sesquicentennial of this epic American struggle. Entitled *Civil War: On the Home Front*, this Roscoe Village tour will convey the life of the village from 1861-1864. Presented as a series of letters between village residents and their acquaintances and loved ones - including boys in the army and friends behind enemy lines - this exciting circuit reveals knowledge of local events, business, and fashion as well as the amazing actions of local lads in service to their country. The Civil War tour will be offered from 2011-2014.

In addition, a monthly lecture series is planned for May 2011 through October 2011 featuring such topics as Civil War music, photography, fashion, ghost stories and others. Roscoe Village is proud to offer these lectures free of charge; however, donations are accepted to defray the costs of speakers' fees.

### Lecture Series Schedule:

May 15 – *Lessons of the Civil War Through Music*, presented by Steve Ball

June 19 – *Mr. Lincoln's Camera Man: An Afternoon with Matthew Brady*, portrayed by Mark Holbrook

July 10 – *The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln: The Hunt for John Wilkes Booth*, presented by Steve Long

August 7 – *Female Spies of the Civil War*, presented by Sharon Hunter

September 11 – *Women's Fashions of the Civil War Era*, presented by Jennifer White and Heather Nichols

October 9 – *Haunts & Spirits in the Blue & Gray: Ghost Stories of the Civil War*, presented by Chris Hart

Be sure to include Historic Roscoe Village in your plans to remember this turbulent period in American history by taking the Civil War tour or attending a lecture.

Detailed information on Historic Roscoe Village can be seen on the website at [www.roscoevillage.com](http://www.roscoevillage.com) or you may call 740-622-9310 or toll free at 800-877-1830. Featured in Neil Zurcher's *One Tank Trips*, Roscoe Village is a 19<sup>th</sup> century living history community depicting life in Ohio's Canal Era. The Village is located on State Routes 16 and 83 near the junction of US Route 36 in east-central Ohio.

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