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Cottage Conversations Returns to President Lincoln's Cottage

2013-2014 lecture series brings authors to the Cradle of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Washington, D.C. – Civil War scholars and political historians return to President Lincoln's Cottage for a sixth season of "Cottage Conversations," the signature lecture series held at the Cradle of the Emancipation Proclamation. Featured authors in the 2013-2014 season of Cottage Conversations will discuss a range of topics, from Lincoln's explorations in faith to the impact of the war here in Washington, DC. Enjoy a relaxing evening to socialize and deepen your understanding of the Civil War and President Lincoln in his Washington home.

- **Thursday, October 17th:** Richard Moe, author of *Roosevelt's Second Act: The Election of 1940 and the Politics of War*
- **Thursday, November 21st:** Chris DeRose, author of *Congressman Lincoln: The Making of America's Greatest President*
- **Thursday, December 5th:** Kenneth Winkle, author of *Lincoln's Citadel: The Civil War in Washington, D.C.*
- **Thursday, April 24th:** John Taliaferro, author of *All the Great Prizes: The Life of John Hay, from Lincoln to Roosevelt*
- **Thursday, May 15th:** Stephen Mansfield, author of *Lincoln's Battle With God: A President's Struggle with Faith and What it Means for America*

Guests are invited to mingle with authors at a 6:00 pm cocktail reception in the Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center atrium. Lectures are held at 6:30 pm in the Emancipation Room of President Lincoln's Cottage, and are followed by a book signing in the library.

Reservations requested. Email SMiraminy@savingplaces.org. Admission is \$10/person for the lecture and \$10/person to attend the reception. The 2013-2014 season of Cottage Conversations is made possible with generous support from: [Northern Trust Corporation](#), David Bruce Smith, and F. James Tennies.

President Lincoln's Cottage, "the Cradle of the Emancipation Proclamation," is located on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, DC. While living here for more than a quarter of his presidency, Abraham Lincoln bonded with soldiers and veterans, made crucial decisions about the Civil War, and, most notably, developed the Emancipation Proclamation his first summer in residence. His daily commute put him in regular contact with wounded soldiers and self-emancipated men, women, and children. Today, the site offers an intimate, never-before-seen view of Abraham Lincoln's presidency and private life, and new perspectives on the influential ideas Lincoln developed while living here.

Hours of operation: The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center is open 9:30am-4:30pm Monday-Saturday and 10:30am-4:30pm Sunday. Cottage tours are on the hour, 7 days a week. For more information on President Lincoln's Cottage, visit: www.lincolncottage.org or call 202-829-0436.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately-funded non-profit organization, works to save America's historic places. President Lincoln's Cottage is a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For more information, visit: www.preservationnation.org.
