Dine with Abraham Lincoln to Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Thanksgiving Day Proclamation

Hale Farm & Village hosting Thanksgiving Dinner with President Abraham Lincoln November 16

BATH, Ohio—The story behind the national holiday of Thanksgiving is told by President Abraham Lincoln, over a traditional dinner on November 16 at Hale Farm & Village, which will begin at 3:30 pm. This year marks the 150th anniversary of a monumental year in history, a year when the Thanksgiving Day Proclamation was made and President Lincoln delivered the famous Gettysburg Address.

Thanksgiving Dinner with Abraham Lincoln will feature a traditional meal, including produce grown at Hale Farm & Village. Educators and costumed interpreters will be on-hand all evening to delight visitors with stories of the holiday and music of the time period. President Abraham Lincoln will dine with guests and share the story of the Thanksgiving Day Proclamation, which set the precedent for the holiday we celebrate today. The proclamation closed government offices and set aside the last Thursday of November as “a day of Thanksgiving and Praise” across the United States.

“Thanksgiving is a celebration deeply rooted in the timeline of American history and at Hale Farm & Village, we are excited to honor that celebration and the man who made it a national holiday, President Abraham Lincoln,” said Kelly Falcone-Hall, Interim CEO of Western Reserve Historical Society. “Knowing the story behind the holiday gives it an entirely new meaning to families and provides us with another opportunity to share the stories of America’s at Hale Farm & Village.”

Attendance at “Thanksgiving Dinner with Abraham Lincoln” requires reservations in advance. Reservations can be made by calling (330) 666-3711 ext. 1720 or by email at halereservations@wrhs.org. Tickets are $40 for adults, $30 for members, and $15 for children ages 3-12.

Hale Farm & Village, a living history museum of the Western Reserve Historical Society, is located on 90 acres with 32 historic structures, farm animals, heritage gardens, farming, and early American craft and trade demonstrations. The location is open for special programming and events through the month of March. Visit www.halefarm.org or call (330) 666-3711 ext. 1720 for seasonal hours, program listings, rental information, and turn-by-turn directions.
Founded in 1867, Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) is Northeast Ohio’s premier storyteller based on its vast collection of the tangible history of Northeast Ohio—such as: automobiles, airplanes, archives, books, carousel horses, ceramics, decorative arts, diaries, furniture, gardens, garments, genealogical resources, historic buildings, letters, maps, paintings, photographs, shoes, toys, uniforms, and weapons. It is one of the oldest and largest nonprofit regional historical societies in the nation. It presents the lives and activities of 19th-Century settlers through historic Hale Farm & Village in Bath, Ohio, and it presents the glitter and industry of the Gilded Age through the history of Cleveland’s millionaires and entrepreneurs. WRHS offers a wealth of resources to research your family heritage at the History Center in University Circle, Cleveland. For more information on the Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106 visit: http://www wrhs.org/ or contact Jane M. Mason, Vice President of Communications and Marketing jmason@wrhs.org, 216-721-5722, x 1501.

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