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SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- Today: **Renew your membership!**
- April 22-24: Preserving Historic Places Conference—Kokomo, Indiana
- April 30: Cambridge City Main Street—Lincoln Event

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CAMBRIDGE CITY MARKS ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN'S DEATH

Cambridge City—Situated on the historic National Road in Wayne County, Cambridge City understands the important role history plays in its sense of place. The town boasts a connection to some of Indiana's influential places and people, including the Whitewater Canal, Overbeck Pottery, and the Commander of the infamous Civil War Iron Brigade Solomon Meredith. This April, Cambridge City will mark another nationally significant event -- the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's funeral train procession from Washington, DC back to the his hometown of Springfield, Illinois.

In the early morning hours of April 30, 1865, the train passed through Cambridge City en route to Indianapolis, where the coffin laid in state for the day. Thousands of people lined the route from Richmond to the capital city.

Cambridge City Main Street, Inc., a newly formed nonprofit organization dedicated to downtown redevelopment, is encouraging downtown building owners to commemorate the event by decorating their buildings in mourning. It was common in the Victorian era for property owners to

pay homage to important politicians by draping buildings in black and patriotic bunting, black, purple, and white lace, or large black bows upon their death.

In addition, Cambridge City Main Street, Inc. (CCMS) is commissioning a large mural to memorialize the event in a more permanent way and is also crafting and selling Victorian style mourning badges as a fundraiser for the mural and other efforts.

The annual *Cambridge City Spring Antique Show* is scheduled for Saturday April 25th, and "we encourage people to come visit Cambridge City that day to see the decorations and perhaps buy an antique or two," stated J.P. Hall, President of Cambridge City Main Street, Inc. "The citizens of Cambridge City really rallied in response to the assassination 150 years ago, and we see this commemoration as another example of citizens, downtown merchants, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Town Council coming together and showing great pride in their community," stated Hall.

In addition to the Spring Antique Show, CCMS is hosting an event at 7:00pm on April 30th at The Archive – 33 West Main



Above: Lincoln Mourning Badge (historically known as cockades) for sale by Cambridge City Main Street.

Street - where an unveiling of the proposed mural design will take place and local Lincoln expert Bruce Wissel will present a program in tribute to Abraham Lincoln.

For more information contact J.P. Hall, director of Indiana Landmarks' Eastern Regional Office, 765-478-3172, 317-822-7937, jphall@indianalandmarks.org.

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 Beds: 6
 Style: Federal
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