

# INKLINGS AND IDLINGS

*The Newsletter of the Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association*

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## In Case You Wondered...

The name, "Inklings and Idlings", comes from the title of Carl Sandburg's first column, printed in The Galesburg Evening Mail under the pseudonym "Crimson", in 1904....

## Carl Sandburg Festival to be held April 19 to 21, 1996

The first ever CARL SANDBURG FESTIVAL will begin Friday, April 19, with the presentation of a two-act play, "Sandburg Among The Goats", a 90-minute performance by Nick Earll, well-known actor and Carl Sandburg look-alike. Free and open to the public, the play will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Carl Sandburg College Fine Arts Theatre.

Also beginning Friday, April 19, will be a Carl Sandburg radio trivia contest, a Carl Sandburg photography contest, and tours of the Sandburg-related sites in Galesburg. **Listen for radio announcements.**

On Saturday, April 20, the trivia contest continues. Half-hour tram tours will be given all day, beginning and ending at the Carl Sandburg Birthplace, 331 East Third Street.

From 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Bob Feller, great Hall of Fame pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, will greet fans at a Sports Card & Memorabilia show at the Main Lobby/Lounge of Carl Sandburg College.

From 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, Helga Sandburg, the poet's daughter, will host a writer's workshop and lunch at Carl Sandburg College.

Saturday at Carl Sandburg's Birthplace Historic Site, Sandburg's Rootabaga children's stories will be read aloud by Rossann Baker-Priestley and Peg Young beginning at 1:00 p.m. Nick Earll, as Carl Sandburg, will be at the Site during the day and will give dramatic readings at 2:00 p.m. Winners of the annual Knox College/Sandburg Site poetry contest will be presented with their awards at 3:30 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. Saturday, **YOU ARE INVITED** to an informal outdoor dinner-buffet at the Historic Site (under a 40-foot tent!), attended by Helga Sandburg, Nick Earll, perhaps Mr. and Mrs. Feller, and many others. Music will be provided by Galesburg's master of folksong and stringed instruments, Jon Wagner, with informal performances by Miss Sandburg and Mr. Earll. Association members receive a 25% discount on the \$8.00 dinner tickets: call 342-2361.

On Sunday the trivia contest and tours will continue. Nick Earll as Sandburg will again give dramatic readings at the Historic Site at 2:00 p.m. Also at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, there will be a **children's concert** at Carl Sandburg College's children's school, with activities (including a petting zoo) to follow at 3:00 p.m. The Festival's grand finale will be held at Cherry Street Brewing Company, 6:00-9:00 p.m. The **Rootabaga Jammers** will entertain with **big band music**. Results of the trivia, CSC poetry, and Carl Sandburg look-alike contests will be announced and grand prizes awarded.

A complete listing of all events will appear in a **special brochure** entitled "Sandburg Days Festival 1996" -- look for it! This is the first of what many hope will be a series of Sandburg Festivals. The event is being publicized throughout the Midwest.

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### Many Improvements Noticed at the Historic Site

Our concrete car bumpers have been replaced by railroad ties, for a less modern appearance... We have purchased a new mulcher-lawnmower... A new handicapped-access toilet has been installed... A new video has been produced with the help of the Site's employees and to comply with ADA guidelines, and a new deck, wheelchair ramp, and boardwalk have been built... New sod was laid to cover torn-up portions of the lawn... posts and rails for the new picket fences were built before winter weather stopped outdoor construction... Malcolm Brown built a large two-sided showcase for the new exhibit room... Folding doors have been installed so that noise from other areas of the Visitors Center will not disturb those listening to the video... The Visitors Center has a new front stoop with beautiful and functional railings... All this contributes to the improved appearance of the site... This year the outdoor projects are to be completed... the cottage and visitors center will be painted... The historic outhouse will be stabilized... a brick walk will be built across the rear yard... vegetable and flower gardens will be planted... Reconstruction of the summer kitchen and porch are also in the plans.

### An Invitation...

The Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association has long enjoyed the devoted and selfless service of a small number of dedicated volunteers. Though many people express an interest in Carl Sandburg and in Galesburg's history, and many local people visit the Site and bring with them visitors from far away, management of the gift shop and the organization of special events have been the responsibility of a stalwart few. The Association's board of directors (ten in number) extends a cordial invitation to all interested persons to not only become members of the Association but to offer to serve on the board. Please contact current president Margaret Krueger, or site managers Carol Nelson and Steve Holden, 342-2361, if you are not already an Association member and would like to join, or if you are a member and would like to serve on this active board.