

The Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association

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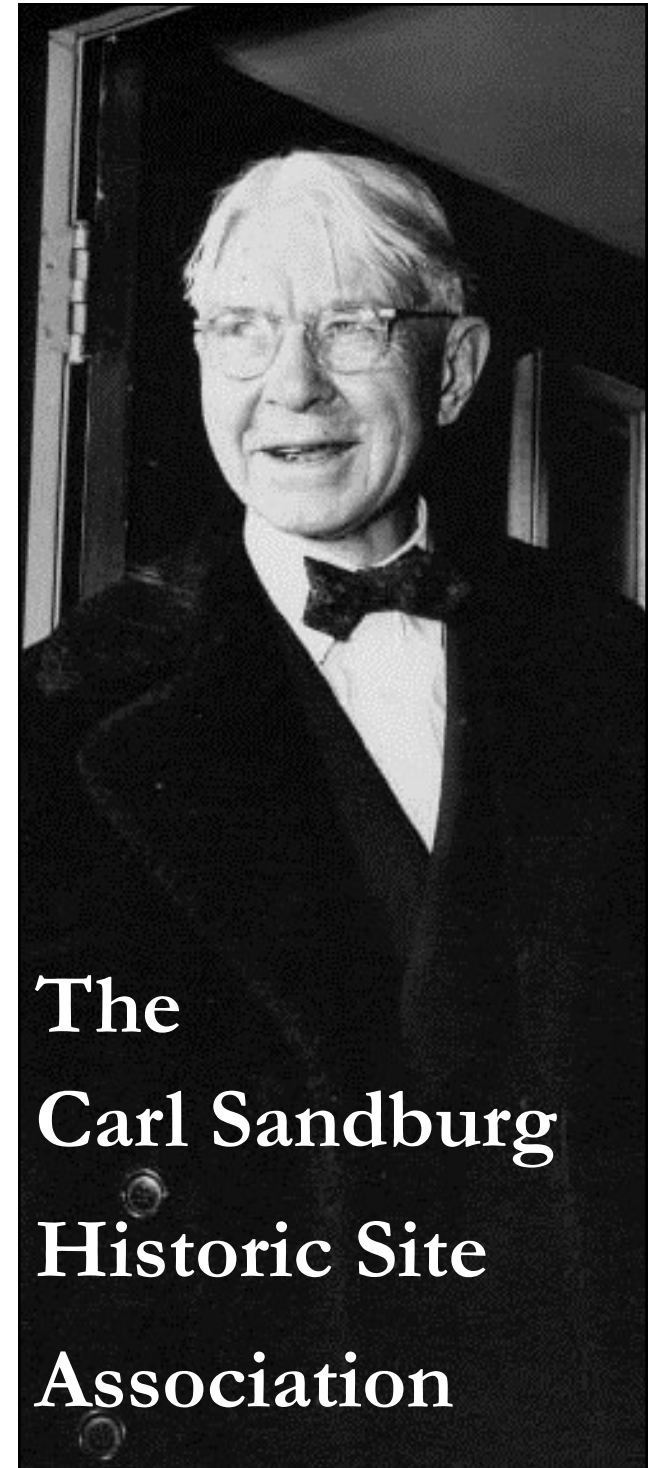
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The Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association promotes awareness of the historical and cultural significance of Carl Sandburg and the Carl Sandburg Historic Site in Galesburg.

It supports a variety of educational programs and the collection, preservation and display of materials which demonstrate the life, times and achievements of Carl Sandburg.



It was in this room on January 6, 1878 that Carl Sandburg was born. The Pulitzer prize-winning Lincoln biographer, poet, author, activist, and raconteur went on to become one of America's best-loved cultural icons. His ashes are buried beneath Remembrance Rock" in a garden behind the home



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Join us!

The home where poet and author Carl Sandburg was born and its adjacent grounds containing a small park and garden are located at 331 East Third Street in Galesburg.

Next door is the Visitors Center staffed whenever the birthplace is open. It contains a museum, store and small theater where an orientation video about Carl Sandburg is shown. The museum contains hundreds of artifacts and displays appropriate for all ages.

The Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association sponsors and participates in many activities throughout the year to honor and remember Carl Sandburg.

These include the “Penny Parade” which brings schoolchildren to the site to have fun while learning about Galesburg’s most famous son. The Association is a participating sponsor of the Sandburg Days Festival for the Mind held every Spring. It hosts several band and folk music concerts held on the grounds in warmer weather and inside the Visitors Center or the backyard “Barn” in the fall and winter. These are free to members and guests.

The Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association planned and funded a perennial garden in the back yard. Many of the plantings are appropriate to Sandburg’s era and surround Remembrance Rock, where the ashes of Carl Sandburg and his wife, Lilian are buried.

Benefits of membership

- Invitation and free admission to concerts and special events.
- Volunteer opportunities.
- A newsletter, Inklings and Idlings, which contains information about the Association’s activities and stories about Carl Sandburg and his times.
- 10% off all museum store purchases.
- Special premiums for large donations.
- The knowledge that every member is helping to preserve the heritage of an outstanding American poet and historian.