

**ALTON AREA LANDMARKS ASSOCIATION**  
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**February 2008**

**General Membership Meeting**

Monday February 18, 2008. 7:30 p.m. Hart House, 524 Belle St. Alton, IL While the AALA's concern is our urban landscape, the Great Rivers Land Trust's goal is to preserve open space and wildlife habitat along the Mississippi River corridor. Alley Ringhausen is the Executive Director of the GRLT and our featured speaker this month. Alley will explain how the Land Trust works and why. Everyone is invited to attend.

**New Sign**

The old Christian Hill sign across State Street from Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral was looking pretty faded. So the AALA had a new sign made exactly like the old one. Thank Brenda Hoven for organizing this improvement. We will soon have a price for some small historic district signs for Christian Hill similar to the ones in Middletown.

**Lincoln and Douglas**

This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lincoln/Douglas debate in Alton. There are several events planned to celebrate this important event. We will put these in the newsletter as we receive information. Stay tuned.

**Hart House**

We have had some more electrical improvements made recently. An additional light has been added to the south side of the building. An old fuse box was removed from the basement.

**House Tour**

We have one fabulous house committed to the tour already but, we are always looking for new houses, new volunteers and new ideas. Please call Terry Sharp at 463-5761.

**Programs**

It is a new year and it is a good time to entertain fresh ideas. If you have an idea for program or project for the AALA, please call Terry Sharp at 463-5761.

## **Neighborhoods**

Right now Olin Park (Water Tower Park, to you old timers) at State Street and West Ninth Street is still under major make over. We hope that the surrounding neighbors will speak up and their voices will be considered in the reshaping of this park. Volunteers continue to make a difference in our neighborhoods.

Dormann Square- Residents around this newly renovated park are doing much of the landscaping. This area has a bright future.

## **Museum**

One of our most important historical resources we have in Alton is our Alton Museum of History and Art (2803 College Ave., 462-2763) in Upper Alton. From newspaper reports it sounds as if the Museum is in a critical period. If you haven't made a New Year's resolution yet, promise to give the Museum some of your time, talents or money. We can not afford to lose this Museum to our inactivity.

## **Dues**

Dues for 2008 can be mailed to the AALA , Box 232, Alton. IL 62002. Individual dues are \$15.00. Family membership is \$25.00 a year. Contributions are tax deductible. Thank you for your support.