Add a Painting Project

Take advantage of everything the Springfield Art Association has to offer by booking a group painting session. You can pick the theme and everyone will be able to take home their painting that day. Each person will get a photo to work from and one-on-one help from the instructor.

(pending instructor availability)
$20 per person in addition to tour

Stay for Lunch

Feeling hungry before or after your tour of Edwards Place? We will provide a box lunch which includes a salad or sandwich, chips, fruit cup or pasta salad, a cookie, and drinks served in Edwards Place (small groups) or the M. G. Nelson Gallery (larger groups). Or, you can bring your own lunch and we will give you a place to eat it!

Box lunch: $20 per person
Bring your own lunch: $50 per group (set-up and clean-up fee)

Dark-colored sodas are not permitted inside Edwards Place. Consider adding a lecture for a “lunch and learn” experience!

Group tours available by appointment
Monday through Friday
9 am to 4 pm
Saturday
10 am to 2 pm

*Special rates for school groups

Call 217-523-2631 or email collections@springfieldart.org to book your outing!

Please book at least two weeks prior to the anticipated date of your visit.

Edwards Place is located at 700 N. Fourth Street, two blocks north of Carpenter Street.

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Tours

On your tour of Edwards Place you will see historic treasures including original family furnishings and portraits and the “courting couch” on which Lincoln and Mary Todd sat during the early days of their romance. Peel back layers of the house’s history as you peek into the walls to see original masonry and scraps of wallpaper side-by-side with their reproduction patterns. Try out the antique furniture to get a true feel for what it was like to live in the 19th century! $5 per person

About Edwards Place and the Springfield Art Association

Newly restored to the glory of its pre-Civil War heyday, Edwards Place takes you back in time to experience social and family life in antebellum Springfield. Built in 1833 and remodeled in 1857, Edwards Place was the social center of town, where Benjamin and Helen Edwards hosted luminaries such as Abraham Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglas, and Ulysses S. Grant at their glittering legislative parties. Today Edwards Place is owned and operated by the Springfield Art Association, which includes the Condell Studio of Art, the Michael Victor II Art Library, and the M.G. Nelson Family Gallery. Be sure to stop in the gallery on your visit to enjoy the current art exhibit!

Lectures

Interested in learning more? Book a lecture for your group to enjoy on site at the Springfield Art Association. Curator of Collections and Interpretation Sarah Adams will present a slide-illustrated talk on the topic of your choice:

- Courtship & Weddings in Lincoln’s Springfield
- Domestic Servants in the 19th Century
- Art in Antebellum Springfield
- Victorian Cooking and Dining
- 19th Century Mourning
- Edwards Place Evolution—1833 to Today
- Edwards Place Historical Archaeology

$50 per lecture