



Tinker Swiss Cottage Fall Harvest Festival

Berdan's Aide Society/1st U.S.S.S Sharpshooters Co. C

September 12, 2009, 10 AM to 4 PM.

Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in our first Mid-Victorian Fall Festival/Living History Event at Tinker Swiss Cottage, 411 Kent Street Rockford, IL 61102 , <http://www.tinkercottage.org>

We are looking for living historians who would be interested in demonstrating period crafts, skills or activities. We are planning on posting a schedule of demonstrations, so participants need not demonstrate all day and can also enjoy the festival. As of May 11th we have the following activities:

Manny Reaper Demonstration

Master Gardners demonstrating vegetable gardens and harvest/preserving techniques

Period Fashion Show

Victorian Craft Demonstrations, spinning, weaving, cooking

Victorian Dance Lessons/Demonstrations

Quilt Display, Home of the Brave (Quilt Project for Gold Star Mothers)

As of this letter, we are only planning a single day. There will be people on the grounds starting at 7:30 AM on Saturday and set up would continue until the festival opens at 10 AM. Tear down could be after 4 PM. The event is outside, but there will be a large (modern) tent. Let us know if you want to set up your own canvas.

Dress will be Mid-Victorian. Ladies are welcome to wear hoops, bustles or work dresses. Men can wear either period civilian or military uniforms.

Amenities for the day include lunch and a free tour of the Tinker Cottage, and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to honor the completion of restoration on the lower level of the cottage.

Thank your interest in our event,

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Event Registrar

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