

# Civil War Weekend of Union County,

## February 25 – 27, 2022

Sponsored by Shawnee Hills Arts Council and PAST,

Location: Anna Arts Center, 125 W. Davie, Anna, IL

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### EVENTS

#### **FRIDAY, Feb 25, 6 PM: Blue and Gray Dinner** –Guest Speaker

Dr. Ed Finch who will portray Captain Silas Wright Terry, USN. He will talk about his experiences on the Red River Campaign and escorting President Lincoln in to Richmond at the end of the war. The Kitchen on Lafayette is catering. Tickets are \$25 and please **RSVP, Monday, Feb 21**, by emailing [vabchlee@gmail.com](mailto:vabchlee@gmail.com) or calling Lee's cell 1- 904-625-1109. Dr. Edward F. Finch holds a doctorate in History Education and was director of the Stephenson County Museum, Freeport, Illinois for 6 years. In 2010 the Naval Institute Press published his first book, *Beneath the Waves: The Life and Navy of CAPT Edward L. Beach, Jr.* His latest novel is *Killing Lincolns: A Gabby Gordon Mystery*.



#### **SATURDAY, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – 3:30 PM Speakers and Exhibits**

**Speakers and exhibits are all FREE and everyone is invited.**

- **9 AM:** Dr. Edward F. Finch, "The United States Navy in the Civil War."
- **10:15 AM:** Brian "FOX" Ellis, Illinois Road Scholar, "Walt Whitman's Lincoln". Lincoln was a fan of Whitman. His encounters with Lincoln were woven into his poems, commentary on the war, and recollections of their misty morning encounters.
- **11:30 AM:** Mike McNally, History Instructor at Shawnee Community College, "Britain and the American Civil War."
- **1 PM:** Dr. Nancy Kinsey Caldwell, Musicologist, "A Soundtrack for Wartime: The Songs of the Civil War." Whether celebrating a victory, commemorating a battle, commiserating with other members of the regiment, or consoling the family of a soldier lost in combat, the songs of the Civil War offered something to every American.
- **2:15 PM:** Ed and Diane Annable, winners of the 2018 Delta Award for Southern Illinois Historians and Authors, will discuss a historical narrative of the soldiers from Johnson County, Illinois. The battles they fought, the "March to the Sea" with General Sherman, and the march in the Grand Review in Washington, D.C.

#### • **SUNDAY, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30 PM P.A.S.T. of Union County will host an**

**Open House** at the Heritage House, 102 S. Main Street in Jonesboro. **It is Free.**

The House will feature local items handed down from the Civil War to Union Co. descendants. Local historian, Darrel Dexter, will speak at 2:00 pm.



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**125 West Davie Street, Anna, IL 62906**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**-- Feb. 12, Saturday, at 10 AM - General Photo Workshop.** SHAC is delighted to announce that Caleb Hale is doing stand-alone workshops on various Photography subjects. Each workshop would run approximately 2.5 hrs. Each workshop will cost \$20 that will go straight to the arts center for their programs and renovations on the buildings. The first workshop, General Photo Class, will unlock the photographer within you. Learn the basics of creating stronger, more impactful photographs with any camera. This one-day class will teach you to think like a photographer and help you translate the images you see in your mind's eye into photographs for everyone to see. Questions, contact Lee – cell 1-904-625-1109 or email [vabchlee@gmail.com](mailto:vabchlee@gmail.com) **Just come to the workshop** – money will be collected at the door.

**-- Feb. 19, Saturday, at 10 AM - Making the Portrait Workshop.** Learn to create your own striking portraits of people. This one-day workshop will teach you about the two most critical elements of portraiture – expression and light. You'll also learn how to make connections with the people you're photographing, putting them at ease and getting the best results in any environment. Questions, contact Lee – cell 1-904-625-1109 or email [vabchlee@gmail.com](mailto:vabchlee@gmail.com) **Just come to the workshop** – money will be collected at the door.

**-- February 21, 2022, 6 PM - Short Story Pizza Night** – Led by Tom Caldwell to discuss a short story that you read in advance and eat pizza. The short story to be discussed on Feb 21 is "Hills Like White Elephants" by Ernest Hemingway - retrieve the short story at <https://www.gvsd.org/cms/lib/PA01001045/Centricity/Domain/765/HillsPDFText.pdf>. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite drink and \$3 for the pizza. If you have any questions text Tom at 1-217-994-3449. Please RSVP to Tom by February 20, so there is plenty of pizza to go around.

**-- March 12, 7 PM – Gospel Group – “The Redeemsmen”** - Gary Roach, Dwane Sims and Larry Smith will perform. The concert is FREE and everyone is invited

**-- March 31, 7 PM – PLAY THAT HOT FIDDLE: OLD TIME RADIO AND THE LIFE OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SWING FIDDLER “PAPPY” WADE RAY by Dennis Stroughmatt.**

Born in 1916 in southern Indiana from a southeastern Illinois family, the child prodigy fiddler and singer Wade Ray, developed into one of the most endearing entertainers in country and western swing music. Through the medium of radio on shows such as “The Pappy Cheshire Show” on KMOX in St. Louis and the “National Barn Dance” on WLS in Chicago, Wade Ray gained national prestige alongside performers such as Patsy Montana and Rex Allen.

- Presenting the fast swing fiddling and humorous stories of his mentor Wade Ray, Dennis Stroughmatt will lead audiences through the early years of Old Time Radio and share how music brought America through The Great Depression, WWII, and beyond.
- This presentation will also be accompanied by rare video of Wade Ray and personal memorabilia from the Wade Ray collection.
- Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at the door