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### **Likes Lecture Series Begins June 4**

Pittsfield, IL – The annual Marvin J and Thomas Leo Likes Lecture Series will take place each Tuesday evening in June at 7 PM at Sprague’s Kinderhook Lodge near Barry. These lectures are free and open to the public. No reservations are required.

The lecture series is sponsored by the New Philadelphia Association (NPA), Great Rivers Bank, the City of Barry, and Sprague's Kinderhook Lodge. The theme for this year is “Freedom Seekers”. The Lecture Series is being coordinated again this year by NPA board member Marynel Corton. She can be reached by telephone at 217-335-2716 or by email at [jecorton@aol.com](mailto:jecorton@aol.com).

This year’s schedule of speakers includes:

June 4 – Dr. Korhan Raif of Barry, Illinois. Dr. Raif’s topic will be Swords of the Civil War.

June 11- Kathryn Harris of Springfield, Illinois will speak about Mother Priscilla Baltimore, founder of Lovejoy, Illinois. Kathryn is a retired librarian from the Abraham Lincoln Library and a member of the Springfield and Central Illinois African American Museum.

June 18- Terry Maggart, the Chairperson of the Underground Railroad Committee of the Morgan County Historical Society will be presenting a program regarding Woodlawn Farm in Jacksonville. Woodlawn Farm, founded in 1824, is an Underground Railroad site.

June 25- The last Likes Lecture of 2019 will be a very special Roundtable about New Philadelphia featuring Gerald A. McWorter and Kate Williams-McWorter. They are authors of the new book, entitled *New Philadelphia*.

For additional information about the lecture series, please check the New Philadelphia website at [www.newphiladelphiail.org](http://www.newphiladelphiail.org). or call Marynel Corton. Sprague's Kinderhook Lodge is at 22168 State Highway 106, Barry, Illinois (telephone 217-432-1090). The lodge is located between the towns of Barry and Kinderhook on Rt. 106. Driving directions are available at <http://www.kinderhooklodge.com>.