



# The Marketplace Merchant

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## Alton Marketplace to host award-winning workshop and Downtown Loft Tour!

On Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Alton Marketplace Association will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Downtown Loft Tour in conjunction with an award winning workshop

presented by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency called "Upstairs Downtown". The workshop will run from 9am-4pm, and is intended to teach commu-

nity leaders and property owners how to best utilize the upper stories in existing buildings for residency, galleries, and other functions. The workshop will feature speakers who have been involved in many aspects of this endeavor giving presentations on loans, tax

credits and other financial considerations, construction and inspection issues, how to recognize and avoid pitfalls, and much more. The registration fee for the workshop

community, a walking tour with shuttle service that will showcase many upper story properties in downtown Alton. A \$20 ticket will gain you access to approximately 20

downtown upper story units of various uses, concluding with a post-tour reception at Mineral Springs Mall. Some of the featured properties on the Loft Tour will be: Mississippi Landing Lofts, Laura Lofts, Lin-

coln Lofts (FKA the Franklin House), Mississippi Mud Pottery, JMC Loft, Jacoby Arts Center, A&A Loft, Temple Banquet Facility, Riverview Suites, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Apartments, Mineral Springs Ballroom, and the newly renovated Alton City Hall.

is \$75, which includes a light breakfast, workshop materials, lunch, and admission to the Loft Tour.

Following the workshop, from 4:30 – 7:30 pm, Alton Marketplace will be offering the workshop attendees as well as the Riverbend com-

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## Director's Note ~

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a big thank you to the staff of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for all that they are doing to help Alton's downtown revitalization efforts. In addition to working closely with Marketplace to bring the invaluable Upstairs Downtown workshop to the region, the IHPA architects are scheduling their second visit in 3 months to Alton in order to meet with property owners who would like to take advantage of the free facade design services that they offer through the Illinois Main Street program. Limited appointments are still available for 8/7 and 8/8, please call the Marketplace office ASAP to make your appointment if you are interested in meeting with them!



~ Sara

To learn more about the **Upstairs Downtown** workshop, please visit:

[www.UpstairsDowntown.org](http://www.UpstairsDowntown.org)

For more information or to reserve your spot for the workshop or the Downtown Loft Tour, please contact

Alton Marketplace at 463-1016 or

[info@altonmarketplace.com](mailto:info@altonmarketplace.com)

### Payment Options:

**In Person:** tickets are available at: the Alton Regional Convention & Visitors' Bureau, Tony's Restaurant, Paul Lauschke & Associates, & the Marketplace office.

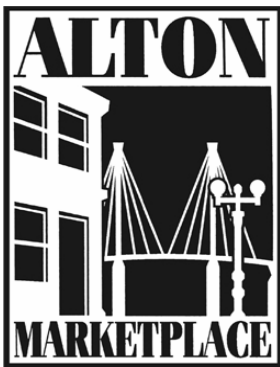
**By Mail:** Please send your check to Alton Marketplace—100 E. Broadway Alton, IL 62002

**Online:** registration is available at: [www.AltonMarketplace.com](http://www.AltonMarketplace.com)

**Pay for your ticket online with PayPal!**

**"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together."**

**~ Vincent Van Gogh**



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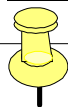
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not-for-profit, volunteer  
organization dedicated to  
securing the economic  
vitality and aesthetic  
quality of the district.



Swing by  
100 E. Broadway &  
check out the newly remod-  
eled Marketplace office!  
BIG thanks to Ed Agles  
Discount Carpet of Alton  
(465-2622) & Sherman  
Flooring of Moro  
(779-6420) for donating  
materials, and to our many  
volunteers for working so  
hard to get the job  
done – it looks great!

## *Alton Marketplace Partners—News, Sales & Events!*

### Argosy Casino—

Alton's own singer, song-  
writer, and actress *Bonnie  
Bramlett* comes to Argosy  
Casino courtesy of the St.  
Louis Blues Society. All  
ticket proceeds benefit the  
Blues Mission Fund.

Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm  
in the Argosy Music Hall.

Bonnie has shared the  
stage with Ike & Tina  
Turner, Eric Clapton, the  
Allman Brothers, and  
Stephen Stills among  
others. Tickets - \$20

*Chuck Berry*—8/11 8pm  
SOLD OUT!

*The Grass Roots (featuring  
Rob Grill)* - 8/24 & 25 @  
7pm Tickets - \$20

### The Realm—

Classes are forming now  
at the Alton's first spiri-  
tual boutique in Mineral  
Springs Mall! Reiki Circle  
August 13th from 6pm-  
7pm. All healers welcome!  
Spiritual guidance sessions  
are available & yoga  
classes are starting soon!  
Call Regina & Joe at 975-  
5482 for more info or to  
schedule an appointment.

### Meridian Bank—

The historic Meridian Bank  
building located at 200  
West Third Street in down-  
town Alton has office space  
available ranging from 300  
to 3,649 square feet. Se-  
cured keyed entry after  
hours. Gas, electric and wa-  
ter is included. Charter ca-  
ble is available. Lease terms  
vary. For additional infor-  
mation contact Al Manring  
or Cathy Lawless: 462-8631

### St. Paul's Episcopal Church—

Is collecting backpacks &  
school supplies for the  
Women's Oasis Center.  
Collections will run  
through August 19th &  
items can be taken to either  
St. Paul's or Trinity Chapel.

### Mississippi Mud

#### Pottery—

Is offering summer classes!  
Creative Clay for Kids  
(\$65), Making Leaves (\$55),  
and Pottery Making (\$120).  
Enrollment is limited, so  
call Felicia & Chad at  
462-7573 to reserve your  
spot today!

### YWCA—

Is holding its 2nd Annual  
YWCA Great Goblin 5K  
Run/Walk. This program,  
to be held on Saturday,  
October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 is in  
support of the YWCA's  
"Week Without Vio-  
lence." This run/walk will  
begin at 9am at the  
YWCA and proceed  
through Historic Middle-  
town—\$15 entry fee

### Groomer Van Gogh—

A mobile grooming ser-  
vice, based in downtown  
Alton is open for business!  
Owner, Ann Bromaghim  
has attended various style-  
training sessions for spe-  
cific breeds of dogs. Ap-  
pointments are available  
Tues—Sat from 9-5 & they  
come to you! Pricing varies  
according to the size of  
your pet; mention that  
you saw this ad in the  
Marketplace newsletter to  
receive \$5 off any service!

### Friends of Haskell—

"Doors of Middletown"  
fundraising posters are  
available at Haskell House  
and Picture This & More.  
Contact Caroline Pond at  
463-0091 for more info!

## Tour the USS LST-325!

From September 6th—12th, the residents of the Riverbend community will be able to experience a tour unlike any other! The LST (Landing Ship Tank) is an amphibious vessel designed to land battle-ready tanks, troops, and supplies on enemy shores. This ship is one of two World War II LSTs to be preserved in the United States. This ship that appeared on the beaches of Normandy and Omaha Beach is currently being restored and used as a museum. It will dock at the Alton Riverfront for one week & will be open to the public for tours—thousands of people are expected to take part in the celebration of this monument visiting the Mississippi River. Tickets are \$10 for adults & \$5 for children. Visit [www.visitalton.com](http://www.visitalton.com) for more info about the docking ceremony!