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**1st DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD ARCHITECTURAL TOUR EXPLORES 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH OF THE OLD STATE CAPITOL**

SPRINGFIELD – On Wednesday, May 6th, Downtown Springfield, Inc. invites you to discover some interesting and little-known facts about our city’s unique architectural treasures. Designer Anthony Rubano of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency will lead a walking tour discussing the architectural styles, materials, and treatments that make up historic downtown Springfield. He will also talk about design successes and areas for improvement along the way.

This free tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and begins on the South Old State Capitol Plaza at 5:30 p.m. in front of the Lincoln Herndon Law Office (6<sup>th</sup> & Adams). This month’s tour will highlight the architectural treasures on 5<sup>th</sup> Street south of the Old State Capitol Plaza. The Widow at Windsor, also a downtown treasure, located at 711 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, will host a small reception following the tour. For more information, please call the Downtown Springfield, Inc. office at 544-1723 or visit

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

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