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WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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HISTORY MAKERS TOUR HEADS TO SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Historical Society's ongoing History Makers Tour is traveling statewide in the lead up to the opening of the Wisconsin History Center in 2027. We're wrapping up programming in the South-Central region after collaborating with **22 community partners** and reaching nearly **35 thousand people** with our programs! The tour continues with a full lineup of experiences in Southeast Wisconsin taking place now through this October.

We're debuting brand-new tour elements like a "History Walks" pop-up display, interactive "Step into History" installations and several unique travelling artifact displays, and watch out for new details coming soon about upcoming "Signature Events" highlighting this leg of the tour. Click the button below to browse upcoming events and to learn when the tour will be in your region!

[BROWSE UPCOMING EVENTS](#)

The History Makers Tour was made possible by our generous sponsor, Culver's, and a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (Grant Number MA-253159-OMS-23).



MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

This May, dive into the fascinating history of Door County's "Ghost Ports" during a virtual presentation in honor of Historic Preservation and Archaeology Month or dial in for our "Powwow Prep" webinar where you'll learn all you should know about these vibrant community gatherings. And, as the Society's historic sites across Wisconsin open for the season, mark your calendar to check out NEW experiences and familiar favorites happening this spring and summer.

May 22 – [Powwow Prep \(webinar\)](#) **FREE!**

May 23 – [Opening the Door: The Ghost Ports of Door County \(webinar\)](#) **FREE!**

May 25 – [Stagecoach Saturdays at Wade House \(Sheboygan County\)](#) **NEW!**

June 15 – [Midsummer Celebration at Old World Wisconsin \(Waukesha County\)](#) **NEW!**

June 15 – [Beer Barons of Lake Geneva Cruise \(Walworth County\)](#)

June 1-2 – [Visitor Appreciation Weekend at Madeline Island Museum \(Ashland County\)](#)

July 6-7 – [Independence Day Weekend at Old World Wisconsin \(Waukesha County\)](#)

[Click here](#) for a complete list of upcoming events.



7th Annual History Advocacy Day



THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER GREAT HISTORY ADVOCACY DAY!

Special thanks to everyone who participated in the 7th Annual History Advocacy Day last month at the Wisconsin State Capitol! Over **50 volunteers** from across the state showed their support for the Society by meeting with **more than 60 legislative offices**, thanking lawmakers for their ongoing support, and highlighting the importance of collecting, preserving and sharing history across Wisconsin. We appreciate all who took the time to meet with our volunteer history advocates, and we can't wait to see you again next year!



Wisconsin Historical Society staff presented a certificate to Peshtigo Elementary student Henley Wollak, who found a shipwreck that sunk in Lake Michigan more than a century ago on the night of the Peshtigo Fire.

IN THE NEWS

- [WBAY Green Bay](#): [Peshtigo Elementary student honored for shipwreck discovery](#)
- [WisPolitics](#): [Wisconsin Historical Society and UW-Madison's Wisconsin folksong Collection added to the Library of Congress' National Recording Registry](#)
- [Madison Magazine](#): [Personal grief and historic politics — two wildly different new books for Wisconsin author](#)
- [Lake Geneva Regional News](#): [Wisconsin Historical Society to launch Dungeons & Dragons inspired game](#)
- [Wisconsin State Journal](#): [Polka has been Wisconsin's state dance for 30 years, and there's a party to celebrate](#)

FRESH LISTINGS

Recent Additions to the National Register of Historic Places:

- [Lakeview Hospital](#) (Milwaukee, Milwaukee County)
- [Zion Lutheran Church](#) (Wausau, Marathon County)
- [Daniel and Catherine Welty Barn](#) (Town of Wiota, Lafayette County)
- [Peoria Shipwreck](#) (Town of Baileys Harbor, Door County)

Recent Additions to the State Register of Historic Places:

- [Dr. Joseph and Olivia Soper House](#) (Sturgeon Bay, Door County)
- [Isabel and Orrin Johnson House](#) (Neenah, Winnebago County)

- [Modern Woodmen of America Lodge](#) (Elcho, Langlade County)
- [The Hotel Schroeder](#) (Milwaukee, Milwaukee County)
- [Trinidad Shipwreck](#) [Schooner] (Algoma, Kewaunee County)
- [Mojave Shipwreck](#) [Barkentine] (Mosel, Sheboygan County)

DID YOU HEAR?

The historic Al. Ringling Theatre in Baraboo was donated to the Wisconsin Historical Society last month, along with \$3.07 million for transition costs and an operating endowment. The 700-seat theatre was built in 1915 by Al Ringling, co-founder of the world-renowned Ringling Brothers Circus, and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. [Click here](#) to read more about it!

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