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*Collecting, Preserving
and Sharing Stories
Since 1846*

The architectural renderings above depict what will become the State Archive Preservation Facility, a 188,733-square-foot, state-of-the-art building for the storage and care of museum artifacts, archaeological materials, and library and archival collections for both the Society and the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. Read about the project's history and its future on pages 2 and 10.



Ellsworth H. Brown
The Ruth and Hartley Barker Director

As you can see from the cover,

the Society is a giant step closer to fulfilling a dream long in the making — building a state-of-the-art, off-site State Archive Preservation Facility.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT of Administration will build and own the 188,733-square-foot structure, which will house more than a half million museum artifacts available for future exhibitions and research use. The facility will also store a significant portion of our library and archival holdings and empty two warehouses we currently lease. It will serve patrons at the Society's headquarters, who can order documents through our electronic catalogs for daily delivery to our headquarters. This milestone has taken many years to realize. And we didn't achieve this on our own. We have had the benefit of excellent partners committed to a common goal.

The Society will share the facility's space with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, which operates the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison. Working with Veterans Affairs, we also collaborated with the Department of Administration, which has navigated many layers of design and approval and actively made the case for the \$46.7 million project.

The project also had the benefit of two exceptional architectural and engineering firms — Engberg Anderson of Milwaukee and SmithGroupJJR in Washington, D.C. The latter firm counts among its prestigious clients the National Archives, the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institution.

We thank both Governors Scott Walker and Jim Doyle for their unwavering support of the State Archive Preservation Facility. Both have demonstrated a deep commitment to Wisconsin's

history, as have lawmakers. We also thank our aforementioned partners in this endeavor for their hard work and commitment, and we thank the lawmakers and staff of the Department of Administration — in particular, Administrator of State Facilities Summer Shannon-Bradley — for tireless and competent work to bring this much-needed structure to approval. You can read in more detail about this project on page 10.

Earlier this year we saw another outstanding example of how partnerships can make things happen that might otherwise remain an unfulfilled dream — the opening of the new Visitor Center and Wesley W. Jung Carriage Museum at Wade House. A public-private partnership helped that magnificent facility come to fruition, with nearly half the cost of the \$12.1 million, 38,000-square-foot building coming equally from the Kohler Trust for Preservation and the Mark Jung family. This project, too, required the professional assistance of the Department of Administration.

All of this brings to mind the symbiotic and longstanding relationships the Society has had with so many of its friends, donors, members, volunteers and constituents. Much like a close-knit family, we are all in this together. And we see the advantages of pooling our resources and working together to make our aspirations become reality. Our donors and our members, in particular, play such a vital role in pursuing our mission of collecting, preserving and sharing stories. Thank you for all that you do. •

Columns

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Nominations to the Board of Curators

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Curators nominates Society members for election to the board. Voting members of the Society may suggest a candidate for board service by submitting the candidate's name and a brief resume to: Nominating Committee Chair, *c/o Columns*, Wisconsin Historical Society, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706 or via email to info@wisconsinhistory.org.

Members may also nominate a prospective candidate by petition. In addition to its nominees, the Nominating Committee will place in nomination the name of any member presented to it by a petition signed by 25 members of the Society, provided that the signatures are gathered between January 31 and March 2 of each year and submitted to the committee by March 2.

Upon request, any member seeking to prepare such a petition shall have access to the names and addresses of the Society's members. A petition template is also available upon request. Such requests may be sent to the above-listed name and address.

Madison Couple Creates a Lasting Legacy

MARK AND JANET GAJEWSKI met while attending the University of Oklahoma. Mark served on the Society's Board of Curators for almost 13 years, including a term as president. He has been president of Historic Madison for the past nine years. They enjoy traveling to visit their son Matt in Brooklyn, New York, and their daughter Jamie in Madrid, Spain. We recently sat down with Mark to ask him about his interest in history and his decision to include the Society in his estate plans.

Why does history matter to you?

When I was 6 years old, my grandfather's aunt took me up into her attic and showed me her father's journal and sword from the Civil War. From then on, I was hooked on history. In the mid-1850s two of Janet's ancestors settled three miles east of the Society's Wade House historic site in Greenbush. So she has strong roots in the state.

Are you particularly interested in any specific aspects of history?

I'm interested in the contributions people made in the past that affect our present. Madison

history is a focus for me. I'm also interested in the Civil War, World War I and ancient Egypt.

What is special, in your view, about the Wisconsin Historical Society?

There is truly something special for everyone. However, I have particularly enjoyed researching the Society's unparalleled collections of historic newspapers, photos and other primary resources for my own publications and for my work with Historic Madison.

What inspired you to include the Wisconsin Historical Society in your estate plans?

Since the 1850s the Society has been funded by a combination of public and private funds. As an Emeritus Member of the Society's Board of Curators, I understand how important it is to provide an ongoing, continuous private funding stream for the Society. The bequest Janet and I have set aside will carry on our involvement in the Society long into the future. •



Mark and Janet Gajewski

Create a Lasting Legacy — Join the Robert B.L. Murphy Legacy Circle

Creating a legacy often means handing down what we value most. For many of us, that includes passing on our rich heritage to our successors. You can help ensure that future generations inherit our collective history by remembering the Wisconsin Historical Society in your will, naming the Society as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, or establishing a life-income or other planned gift. In honor of your commitment, we are pleased to recognize you as a distinguished member of the Robert B.L. Murphy Legacy Circle.

For more information about the various ways you can support the Society through gift planning, please contact Sarah Milestone at (608) 264-6585 or email sarah.milestone@wisconsinhistory.org

Act now — the IRA Charitable Rollover Act expires December 31, 2013

THE ROLLOVER PROVISION, which was extended to December 31, 2013, allows individual taxpayers 70½ years and older to donate up to \$100,000 from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) and Roth IRAs to charitable nonprofits, like the Wisconsin Historical Foundation, without having to treat the withdrawals as taxable income.

The giving incentive is particularly important to individuals who do not claim itemized deductions on their tax return because the funds are sent directly to the Foundation from IRA accounts and are never counted as income. If you have retirement assets in a 401(k), 403(b) or other qualified plan, you must first roll them into an

IRA before a transfer can be made directly from the IRA to the Wisconsin Historical Foundation.

“The IRA charitable rollover will count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for 2013,” said Sarah Milestone, director of individual and planned giving at the Foundation. “Timely planning — before you take your RMD — is important. There is no guarantee that this provision will be around next year.”

If you have questions about the IRA Charitable Rollover or would like information about including the Foundation in your estate plan, please contact Sarah Milestone at (608) 264-6585 or email sarah.milestone@wisconsinhistory.org. •



The front page of the April 15, 1865, edition of the New-York Daily Tribune. This page, already set in type when President Lincoln was shot the previous evening, carried a story about the assassination on page 4.

A Banner Year for Acquiring New Digital Collections

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S LIBRARY continues to add thousands of new titles on all aspects of North American history, including historical resources that come solely as digital content. Digital acquisitions in the past year include fully searchable databases for the Wall Street Journal (1889–1995), the New-York Daily Tribune (1841–1924) and the latter paper's successor, the New York Herald Tribune (1924–1962). The library has also purchased digital collections of historical pamphlet collections from the holdings of the New York Historical Society — more than 25,000 searchable items spanning the 19th and 20th centuries.

Other acquisitions include current U.S. federal government publications (2004–2010) such as acts, bills and resolutions, committee reports and documents, hearings testimony, selected

legislative histories, and Early Canadiana Online which features books, pamphlets, newspapers, documents and maps on from the 17th to the 20th centuries. These collections are available free of charge, in their entirety, to all visitors to the Wisconsin Historical Society library.

Major program support for the Division of Library-Archives has been provided by: Aeroflex Foundation, American Family Insurance, Diane Kay Ballweg, Drs. Allan and Margaret Bogue, Anne W. Bolz, J. Quinn and Andrea Brisben, Caxambas Foundation, Ceres Trust, Mildred and Marv Conney, Daniel W. Erdman, Claire and Marjorie Johnson, Agnes M. Lee, Robert and Dorothy Luening, Thomas and Nancy Mohs, Natalie Tinkham, University of Wisconsin–Madison, and the Wisconsin Preservation Fund, Inc. •

Fall Genealogy Workshops and Webinars

The Society's workshops and webinars can help you research your family history, taking you on a journey that may uncover stories and connections you didn't know existed. Learn to use military records, land ownership records, and how to get the most out of genealogy websites like Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. See the current list of fall workshops and webinars at wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/classes.

Fuldner Heritage Fund Supports First Round of National Register Nominations

THE FULDNER HERITAGE FUND, endowed with a generous gift from the Jeffris Family Foundation, supports National Register of Historic Places nominations in small towns and rural areas that are not typically eligible for other funding. Devil's Lake State Park and a multiple property form recording the history and evolution of round and multi-sided barns in Wisconsin will be the first projects to seek the National Register listings — the nation's official list of places deemed significant in American history and culture.

Wisconsin's second oldest state park, Devil's Lake State Park, will submit a nomination that

documents its history including its Civilian Conservation Corps and Works Progress Administration building and landscape features. A second nomination will document Wisconsin's exemplary concentration of round and multi-sided barns and allow for easier nomination of all eligible round barns in the future.

Once private property owners achieve National Register status, it allows them to leverage other benefits such as historic preservation tax credits. The Fuldner Heritage Fund honors the name of Henry Fuldner, who served on the Jeffris Family Foundation board for 30 years. •



Six young women posed among the rocks at Devil's Lake, circa 1905



A round barn in the Ontario, Wisconsin, vicinity, May 31, 1965

State Register of Historic Places Recent Wisconsin Additions



Downtown Historic District Darien, Walworth County

Darien's downtown developed along Wisconsin Street after the railroad came to town in 1856. By 1890 wood buildings of various sizes and shapes lined the street. Area farmers drove the local economy, and when those farmers entered

into a successful and profitable period from the late 1890s until 1920, Darien's merchants also became more successful and profitable. Beginning in 1897, when the appropriately named Farmers State Bank constructed a brick building, to 1916, when the last large brick building was constructed, Darien's downtown was transformed.

After major fires in 1909 and 1912, merchants rebuilt bigger and better buildings, all of red brick, a popular building material at the time. These buildings, added to the other brick blocks constructed earlier, give Darien's downtown a unified appearance that reflects a distinct time and place.



North Main Street Bungalow Historic District Oshkosh, Winnebago County

Situated on Oshkosh's north side, the North Main Street Bungalow Historic District is a fine collection of houses constructed during the first three decades of the 20th century. Unlike other neighborhoods in the city that were developed and filled in over time, this two-block section along Main Street was constructed in a relatively short

period. As such, the architectural styles uniformly represent the most popular styles of that period. Small bungalows dominate the neighborhood and are complemented by other styles that also exhibit design characteristics such as front porches with masonry piers and wooden columns, decorative wooden brackets, and arched doors and windows. The district, with its mix of small to modestly sized houses, was home to a wide range of residents, including local carpenters and contractors, railroad employees, machinists, furniture salesmen and businessmen from the city's manufacturing companies. The homes within the neighborhood are well preserved and have much the same appearance today as they would have years ago, resulting in one of Oshkosh's most architecturally intact historic residential areas.



Three Lakes Rod and Gun Club Town of Three Lakes, Oneida County

Wisconsin's Northwoods have always been a popular destination for fishermen, hunters and those simply seeking rest and relaxation amid the lakeside beauty of the region. Beginning in the late 19th century, these seasonal visitors established private clubs, seasonal resorts and personal cottage retreats as the area's primary industry shifted from logging to tourism.

The Three Lakes Rod and Gun Club began as the Gogebic Club, composed of sportsmen

mostly from Batavia, Illinois, that summered at Lake Gogebic, Michigan, in 1884 and 1885. In 1886 a fishing tip directed the 25-member Gogebic Club to the Three Lakes area. The men returned to Three Lakes regularly, many with their families, until the Gogebic Club's disbandment in 1891. A handful of former members kept with tradition, and in 1899 officially organized as the Three Lakes Rod and Gun Club and acquired land on an isthmus between Spirit, Medicine and Laurel Lakes.

The club has continuously owned and used the property for recreational purposes for more than a century. The club property, with its clubhouse, boathouses and cottages, serves as a significant reminder of one of Wisconsin's definitive and deep-rooted Northwoods property types.



Oconomowoc High School Oconomowoc, Waukesha County

During its years of use as a school, the former Oconomowoc High School expanded to fulfill the changing needs of the modern high school. The La Crosse architectural firm of Parkinson and Dockendorff designed the main block in 1922. Eschweiler and Eschweiler of Milwaukee designed the Art Deco-styled auditorium and classroom addition in 1938–1939. The school's construction reflected a statewide trend in the development of dedicated facilities for public secondary education.

The school opened in the fall of 1923, with an enrollment of 279 students. Typical of new high schools of the period, the building featured modern utilities. The classrooms were assigned by subject, with manual training and domestic arts in the basement, recitation rooms on the first floor and a laboratory, chemistry room, commercial room and typewriting room on the second floor. The building also included a library and a gymnasium that could also house school programs.

During the Great Depression, high school enrollment sharply increased, and by 1931 the Department of Public Instruction recommended the construction of an addition to alleviate overcrowding. The Works Progress Administration, a federal New Deal program that operated projects in cooperation with state and local governments, funded 45 percent of the addition's project cost.



State Historic Preservation Officer Jim Draeger (left) presents a State Register of Historic Places certificate to Tom and Darcy Rietz, representing the Three Lakes Rod and Gun Club

What to Know Before You Go

For more information about the Ephraim Historical Foundation, the William Bernhard Collection or any of the foundation's programs, events, tours and museums, visit ephrain.org or contact the Ephraim Historical Foundation administration office at (920) 854-9688.

Collections Highlight:

William Bernhard Collection at the Ephraim Historical Foundation in Door County

THE EPHRAIM HISTORICAL FOUNDATION, founded in 1949 and dedicated to preserving and sharing the history and heritage of the village of Ephraim in Door County, hosts an important archival collection documenting the career of architect William Bernhard. In the early 1990s the foundation received a large donation of architectural plans, designs and drawings, and other works by Bernhard, a Russian-born, German-trained architect who was active in the Chicago area and in Door County from the 1920s into the 1940s. He created designs for numerous buildings in the village of Ephraim,

including the Ephraim Village Hall (1926), the Ephraim Information Center (1926) and the Ephraim Firehouse (1934), now a museum owned by the village of Ephraim and operated by the local firefighters association. Bernhard also designed many private homes, including his own home, located on the northern side of Ephraim. In addition, Bernhard did extensive planning work in the area, in particular for the Peninsula State Park. The Ephraim Historical Foundation proudly preserves more than 200 examples of Bernhard's work in its archives.

The foundation is also the steward for four historic museums that interpret the original use of the buildings: the Pioneer Schoolhouse (1880); the Anderson General Store (1858), with displays of merchandise original to the store; the Goodletson Pioneer Cabin (1855); and the Iverson House (1853). A fifth museum, the 1880s Anderson Barn, hosts rotating exhibits on the history of Ephraim and Door County, and includes a hands-on hayloft exhibit for children. The Ephraim Historical Foundation also offers tours and programs for visitors of all ages and interests. •



A William Bernhard pencil drawing of plans for a National Park Service building at Peninsula State Park

Preservation Training for Local Historical Societies

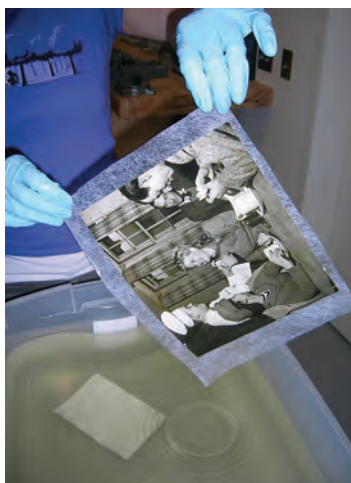
THE 2014 LOCAL HISTORY regional meetings will feature workshops that address some of the greatest areas of preservation needs for historical societies. This training is part of the curriculum available because of the Institute of Museum and Library Services "Connecting to Collections" grant awarded recently to the Society and its statewide partners. The new grant coordinator, Sarah Hopley, will work with local field services officers, Rick Bernstein and Janet Seymour, to offer workshops that explore low- or no-cost practical steps to improved preservation of collections. Workshop attendees will also learn how to use a preservation self-assessment tool.

These self-assessments are a first and crucial step for historical societies who are seeking funding for preservation.

Another exciting training opportunity offers hands-on disaster planning and salvage workshops, enabling local organizations to respond quickly and confidently to floods, fires, storms and other catastrophes. Select workshops will be held in Oshkosh, Eau Claire, Prairie du Chien, Kenosha, Wausau and Ashland.

For more information, contact Sarah Hopley, the Society's "Connecting to Collections" grant coordinator, at sarah.hopley@wisconsinhistory.org. •

MIDWEST ART CONSERVATION CENTER



Disaster salvage workshops, such as cleansing photographic prints as is being done here, will help local historians to better conserve their collections.

Local History Highlight:

De Pere Historical Society Wins Reuben Gold Thwaites Trophy

THE WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY has awarded its highest honor for achievements in the field of local history — the 2013 Reuben Gold Thwaites Trophy — to the De Pere Historical Society. Since 1973 the local historical society has operated White Pillars Museum. Dating to 1836, White Pillars is the oldest building in De Pere and now functions as a repository of the community's historic artifacts and documents. The society also operates Polo Resto, a restored, early 20th-century service station located along the nearby Fox River Trail.

The De Pere Historical Society earned this honor for its dedication to both the digitization of historical documents and photographs, and public service and education. In the last decade the society has become a forerunner in digital history through the creation of its Museum Archive Research System, and the sharing of the community's photographic history at public

photo shows. The Museum Archive Research System is a computerized research system that allows for easy accessibility to De Pere and Brown County newspapers, photographs and other written records. This unique resource is available for public use at White Pillars Museum.

The society has also developed an ambitious education program for local elementary schools. Programs like *Four Seasons and Seven Years Ago* allow students to experience Civil War history beyond the battlefield as they learn about children's lives on the Wisconsin home front.

Additionally, this organization preserves community traditions such as *Santa's House*, where each December families visit White Pillars, and Santa and Mrs. Claus visit with children. Such public programming, photo shows, educational programming and admission to White Pillars Museum remain free to the public as a service to the community. •



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White Pillars Museum is open Monday through Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and other times by appointment. For more information visit deperehistoricalsociety.org.

Almost \$15,000 in Mini-Grants Awarded to 25 Local Historical Societies

Each year, local affiliated historical societies can apply to the Wisconsin Historical Society for a mini-grant of up to \$700 to help fund collections care and management projects. In 2013 the Society was pleased to award 25 grants totaling almost \$15,000. The Society and Wisconsin Council for Local History partner to offer the program, which supports the purchase of archival supplies, software for managing collections, technology for digitization projects and much more. For more information on the mini-grant program, contact Rick Bernstein at (608) 264-6583 or Janet Seymour at (715) 836-2250.

Congratulations to the 2013 recipients:

Bayfield Historical Association — Collections management software
 Brillion Historical Society — Museum collections shelving
 Buffalo County Historical Society — Collections management software
 Caledonia Historical Society — Collections management software
 Cedarburg Cultural Center — Archival collections storage
 Chippewa Valley Museum — Archival collections storage
 Clinton Community Historical Society — Museum collections shelving
 Clintonville Area Historical Society — Collections management software
 Coloma Area Historical Society — Collections digitization project
 Ephraim Historical Foundation — Archival collections storage
 Glenwood Area Historical Society — Collections management software
 Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society — Collections management software
 Loyal Area Historical Society — Archival collections storage

Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society — Museum collections shelving
 Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society — Museum collections shelving
 Minocqua Museum — Collections management software
 Onalaska Area Historical Society — Archival collections storage
 Palmyra Historical Society — Collections management software
 Portage County Historical Society — Archival collections storage
 Rosendale Historical Society — Collections management software
 St. Francis Historical Society — Collections management software
 Vernon County Historical Society — Collections management software
 Washburn County Historical Society — Collections management software
 Washington County Historical Society — Museum collections shelving
 Winneconne Historical Society — Archival collections storage

The following are special event highlights for the Autumn 2013 quarter. For a complete listing of events, visit wisconsinhistory.org/calendar.

> OCTOBER



October 18-19 and 25-26 Halloween Legends and Lore

See the story on page 12. **Old World Wisconsin, 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. \$10 adults, \$7 children 8-17. (262) 594-6301 or oww@wisconsinhistory.org**



October 19 and 26 Hearthside Dinner

Guests prepare a meal in the kitchen of the stagecoach inn. Reservations required. **Wade House, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. (920) 526-3271 or wadehouse@wisconsinhistory.org**



October 20 Wheel Fever Book Talk and Bike Ride in Madison

Authors of *Wheel Fever: How Wisconsin Became a Great Bicycling State* will discuss the early history of bicycling in Wisconsin and then lead a short bike tour of downtown Madison. **Madison Central Library, 201 West Mifflin Street, Book Talk 10 a.m., Bike Ride, 10:30 a.m. (608) 266-6300**

> NOVEMBER



November 2 Hearthside Dinner

Guests prepare a meal in the kitchen of the stagecoach inn. Reservations required. **Wade House, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. (920) 526-3271 or wadehouse@wisconsinhistory.org**



November 5 One Small Farm Book Signing in Madison

Join author Craig Schreiner for a book signing of the new Wisconsin Historical Society Press book, *One Small Farm: Photographs of a Wisconsin Way of Life*. **Wisconsin State Journal, 1901 Fish Hatchery Road, 3 – 5 p.m. (608) 264-6465**



November 10 Quiet Season Book Talk & Signing in Oconomowoc

Celebrated rural historian Jerry Apps will share stories from his new Wisconsin Historical Society Press book, *The Quiet Season: Remembering Country Winters*. **Books and Company, 1039 Summit Avenue, 2 p.m. (262) 567-0106**

> DECEMBER



December 7-8 and 14-15 The Spirit of Christmas Past

Stroll through our 19th-century Wisconsin village, decked out for the holidays. **Old World Wisconsin, 11 a.m. (262) 594-6301 or oww@wisconsinhistory.org**



December 21-22 Breakfast with Father Christmas

Make some new holiday memories. Meet our merry Father Christmas and share a delicious breakfast buffet. Seatings at 9, 9:30, 10:15 and 11 a.m. both days. **Old World Wisconsin, (262) 594-6301 or oww@wisconsinhistory.org**

Dinner Theater Events at Old World Wisconsin

Register early for two exciting series of dinner theater events offered this fall and winter at Old World Wisconsin.

Halloween Dinner Theater: Wake Not the Dead—October 18-20 and 25-27, Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 5 and 8 p.m., Sunday 5 p.m. (times refer to dinner seatings; shows begin one hour later). Begin your evening's adventure with a themed, harvest meal, followed by a lamp-lit stroll to a live drama that will thrill and chill you.

Holiday Dinner Theater: Little Women—November 29-30, Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 1 and 7 p.m.; December 6-7, Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m.; December 13-14, Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m.; and December 20-22, Friday and Saturday 7 p.m., Sunday 5 p.m. (times refer to dinner seatings; shows begin one hour later). Matinee performances (no meal) will be held at 2 p.m. on December 8 and 15. Enjoy an engaging Christmas drama in Caldwell Farmers' Club Hall, including a themed holiday meal in the historic Clausing Barn loft.

Reservations required, as dinner theater events tend to sell out. Call (262) 594-6301 for reservations or email oww@wisconsinhistory.org for additional information.

Ethnic Holiday Dinners at Old World Wisconsin

Get in the mood for the holidays by signing up for one of five festive Ethnic Holiday Dinners being presented by the Old World Foundation in December. Celebrate the holiday traditions of Yankee, German, Irish and Scandinavian immigrants who came to Wisconsin in the 1800s and early 1900s. Enjoy food, decorations, music and entertainment.

December 7-8, 4:15 – 7 p.m.; December 8, 12:15 – 3 p.m.; and December 14-15, 4:15 – 7 p.m. Reservations required. Call (262) 594-2922 for reservations or email friends@friendsoww.org for more information.

Events and Exhibits at the Wisconsin Historical Museum

Through November 2 **Sisters in Spirit: Native American Stories from Rocks and Beads**

Explore the messages left by the original artists and storytellers of Wisconsin. **9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday**

Through November 9 **You Are Here: Maps & Meanings**

See a variety of striking, intriguing and revealing maps from the rich collection of the Wisconsin Historical Society, and explore the place we call Wisconsin. **9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday**

October 15 **Schooner Days in Door County**

Join author Mary Hirthe and her son Peter Hirthe as they share her and her late husband's adventures in crafting their classic work on Door County maritime history, *Schooner Days in Door County*. **12:15 – 1 p.m.**

October 24 **Taste Traditions of Wisconsin: Sons of the Prophet**

Forward Theater Company will open its 2013-14 season with the Wisconsin premiere of "Sons of the Prophet" by acclaimed playwright Stephen Karam. An autumnal dinner will accompany the performance. **6:30 – 9 p.m. \$30 (10-percent discount for members). Registration required by October 17.**

October 25 **Halloween Fun: Ghostly Songs and Stories**

Singer and storyteller Stuart Stotts shares songs and stories for family fun and slight fright at **1 and 3 p.m.** Halloween-themed craft activities from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

October 29 **Old Maps, New Stories**

Join map librarian Susan Krueger for a look at various maps in the Wisconsin Historical Society's collections, and share her observations about their uses by genealogists, treasure hunters, historians, teachers, artists and hobby enthusiasts. **12:15 – 1 p.m.**

October 29 **Halloween Fun: Ghostly Craft Activity**

Create your own spooky ghost and encounter colorful characters from Wisconsin's past wandering the exhibits. **10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

November 5 **Romantic Geography**

Join University of Wisconsin-Madison Geography Professor Yi-fu Tuan as he discusses the wide-ranging ideas that have made him one of the most influential geographers of our time. **12:15 – 1 p.m.**

November 6 **Taste Traditions of Wisconsin: Preserving the Harvest**

Join Phyllis Hasbrouck, founder of Fitchburg Fields, as she covers the basics of preserving foods at home. A catered dinner will highlight the many delicious uses of preserved foods. **6:30 – 1 p.m. \$25 (10-percent discount for members). Registration required by October 30.**

November 21 **Book Talk with Author Jerry Apps**

Join Society Press author Jerry Apps as he discusses his newest book, *The Quiet Season: Remembering Country Winters*. **6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

December 12-15 **Museum Store Annual Holiday Sale**

Give the gift of Wisconsin history and support the museum. Featuring gifts from our *Real Wisconsin* line and a great selection of Wisconsin books for young and old readers alike, there's sure to be something for everyone on your shopping list. Society members receive a 10-percent discount.

The Museum is located at 30 North Carroll Street on Madison's Capitol Square. For more information call (608) 264-6555, email museum@wisconsinhistory.org or visit wisconsinhistory.org/museum.

Save the Date

'Tis the season open house member event

Saturday, December 7, 1 – 4 p.m.
wisconsin Historical Museum

More details coming soon via email. For more information, contact the Membership Office at (888) 748-7479 or email membership@wisconsinhistory.org.

Sign up to receive member emails and the Society's weekly e-newsletter at whist.org/MemberEmails.

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Auction seeks Donations of Antique and Vintage Items

THE FRIENDS of the Wisconsin Historical Society seek donations of antiques and vintage items for the support group's April 26, 2014, 30th Star Benefit Antiques Auction at Old World Wisconsin.

Prior auctions provided important funding for Old World Wisconsin, National History Day and restoration of artwork in the Society's collections. Proceeds from the 2014 auction will support restoration projects at Black Point Estate in Lake Geneva.

Contributions of antiques (more than 99 years old) and vintage items (50-99 years old) are now being gathered from across the Midwest. A provenance statement will accompany each item, in keeping with the goal to preserve and share history. The auction catalog will list the known history of each piece as well as the donor's name. Donors will receive receipts for donated items.

For questions about the auction or to donate an item, contact Teriene Wells at (262) 363-4700 or info@eagle-house.com or contact Debbie McArdle at (815) 575-1272 or jjmcard@comcast.net.

The 30th Star Benefit Antiques Auction is generously sponsored by the Wisconsin Antiques Dealers Association.

State Archive Preservation Facility Gets Final Approval

A SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION in the Historical Society's collections space is soon to become a reality. On August 7 the State Building Commission unanimously approved the construction of a 188,733-square-foot State Archive Preservation Facility on a 5.1-acre site on the Yahara River on Madison's Near East Side. The state-of-the-art facility is designed to protect some of the state's most important historical assets. Shared with the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, the preservation facility will provide secure conditions for the Society's collections.

A collaborative project of the Department of Administration and architectural and engineering firms Engberg Anderson (Milwaukee) and SmithGroupJJR (Washington, D.C.), the State Archive Preservation Facility will house all of the Society's Madison-based museum collections and a significant portion of its library and archival holdings. The new building will provide much-needed space for collections that are overcrowding the Society's headquarters building and rented, off-site warehouses. The facility will also allow for future growth of collections. Its environmental controls and security systems will help the Society fulfill its mission of stewardship, and its dedicated spaces for processing, specialized storage and reference services will ensure professional standards for collections management and access.

The new building will include cold storage for film, an isolation and treatment suite for pest management and a conservation lab. When the facility is complete, the Society will become one of only a handful of institutions to offer a special storage and ceremonial area for the traditional care of Native American sacred objects.

The State Archive Preservation Facility will also offer researchers the most convenient access possible. People wishing to consult the Society's vast collection of museum artifacts will have a special area to do their research by appointment. Those who wish to study the archival and library materials stored there will be able to request them from the Society's headquarters building, which is just three miles west of the site of the new facility. Society staff expect to deliver research materials to patrons daily. Staff will scan some library and archival collections on demand and deliver them directly to researchers' personal computers.

"Following the long tradition of the Society, we and our partners in the project sought to create a facility that appropriately balances user convenience with first-rate collection security," noted Ellsworth Brown, The Ruth and Hartley Barker Director of the Society.

The Department of Administration expects to begin construction on the \$46.7 million facility in the spring of 2014, with an anticipated opening in the summer of 2016. ●

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An architectural rendering of the State Archive Preservation Facility

Catch ‘Wheel Fever,’ Packer tales, Winter Memories and Lighthouse stories

THE WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESS is “pedaling” some great books this year. Riding in this fall is *Wheel Fever: How Wisconsin Became a Great Bicycling State* by Jesse J. Gant and Nicholas J. Hoffman. *Wheel Fever* details the complex and fascinating history of Wisconsin’s first bicycling boom, including the velocipede craze of 1869 and the “wheel fever” of the 1890s. Lushly illustrated with never-before-seen images, the book includes a foreword by bike history expert David Herlihy. Book talks and tours to historic sites in bicycling history are being planned for 2014, including one at Old World Wisconsin. The publication of *Wheel Fever* was made possible, in part, by a generous grant from the Sally Mead Hands Foundation.

Lighthouse Stories

The Society Press continues its 2013 circuit of Wisconsin history with Ken and Barb Wardius’ newly revised *Wisconsin Lighthouses: A Photographic and Historical Guide, Second Edition*. No symbol is more synonymous with Wisconsin’s rich maritime traditions than the lighthouse, and Wisconsin has dozens still standing guard over its waterways. More than 100 stunning color photographs — along with archival photos, maps, documents, and artifacts — help tell the history of each light, the people who lit them, and the mariners who watched for them. The publication of *Wisconsin Lighthouses*

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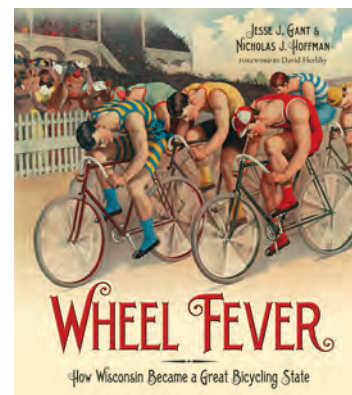
Packer Tales

Take a behind-the-scenes look at the Green Bay Packers in *My Life with the Green & Gold: Tales from 20 Years of Sportscasting* by WTMJ sportscaster Jessie Garcia. Garcia brings fans to the Packers’ sidelines, inside the locker room, aboard the team bus, and into the host’s chair at “The Mike McCarthy Show.” The book also features personal stories about other teams and athletes Garcia covered including the Badgers, Brewers and Wisconsin Olympians.

Winter Memories

Frost-covered windows and kerosene lanterns set the winter scene for a Society Press trip down memory lane with celebrated rural historian Jerry Apps in his newest book, *The Quiet Season: Remembering Country Winters*. Apps recalls winters growing up on a farm in central Wisconsin during the latter years of the Depression — when farmers milked by hand with lantern light, and when woodstoves heated drafty farm homes. Watch for the Wisconsin Public Television documentary, based on the book, *A Farm Winter with Jerry Apps*, scheduled to air in December.

Visit wisconsinhistory.org/whspress for more details on all the fall books. •



Wisconsin historical museum Voted Best of madison Bronze

For the 10th year, MADISON Magazine this year selected the Wisconsin Historical Museum as one of the top three museums in the city. The bronze award puts the museum in good company. The Madison Children’s Museum won the gold award, and the Chazen Museum of Art took home the silver. Thank you to everyone who voted.

Society Receives Awards for Preserving and Interpreting State and Local History

TWO AWARDS FROM the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) have gone to one Society book and one staff member for their role in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history. The winners of the AASLH’s 68th annual Leadership in History Awards went to the Wisconsin Historical Society Press for the publication of *Bottoms Up: A Toast to Wisconsin’s Historic Bars & Breweries* and to Martin “Marty” Perkins, former curator of research at Old World Wisconsin.

The Society Press shares the award with Wisconsin Public Television, which produced a companion documentary to complement the book on Wisconsin’s tavern and brewing history. Perkins received the award for his many years of scholarship in the field of historic preservation and the significant role he played in the development of Old World Wisconsin from the outdoor museum’s origin until his untimely death on November 3, 2012. •



The late Marty Perkins at Old World Wisconsin’s Caldwell Farmers’ Club Hall



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Children admire their huge pumpkin in observance of Halloween, Madison, October 28, 1948



Thank you to WaterStone Bank for sponsoring Halloween Legends and Lore

Halloween Legends and Lore at Old World Wisconsin

THIS HALLOWEEN Old World Wisconsin will celebrate the legends immigrants brought with them and the folklore they created with a new event featuring Wisconsin ghost stories from the 19th and early 20th centuries mingled with the folk and fairytales of the Old World. On October 18-19 and 25-26, Halloween Legends and Lore combines spooky and fun daytime activities with macabre and magical nighttime stories.

During the long dark nights of autumn, rural families and communities, isolated by distance and surrounded by the dark forests of 19th-century Wisconsin, often turned to telling stories for entertainment, comfort, instruction and camaraderie. They shared the familiar tales of their own heritage, and began to create a rich tradition of Wisconsin folklore, spreading the stories of the Ridgeway Ghost, Paul Bunyan, Whiskey Jack and thousands more. Halloween Legends and Lore is a celebration of the strange,

weird and fantastic tales we've listened and shivered to, shared and giggled over, and half believed from childhood to today.

Find your way through multiple fantastic mazes ranging from the whimsical to the eerie. Burn off energy while fleeing ghosts or dancing in the enchanted fairy circle. Solve strange riddles and puzzles, create and decorate macabre artifacts that you can take home, and encounter cackling witches, gloomy grave diggers, strange beasts, freaky fortune tellers and bizarre entities. Learn the terrifying origins of the Ridgeway Ghost, and witness ghostly tales come to life. Enjoy tasty and disturbing treats and drinks, and a wild bonfire finale. Society members receive discounted admission. Visit oldworldwisconsin.org for more details.

Visit a WaterStone Bank branch for a coupon good for \$2 off the admission price (not valid with other discounts). •



Harry Miller, winner of a Governor's Award for Archival Achievement

Society Presents Annual Wisconsin History Awards

IN JUNE OF EACH YEAR the Society rewards individuals and organizations for distinguished work in documenting and interpreting Wisconsin history through historical scholarship, family history, local history, archival achievement, historic preservation, museum exhibits, public programs and other initiatives. Congratulations to the award recipients:

- Book Award of Merit — *Taliesin Diary: A Year with Frank Lloyd Wright* by the late Priscilla J. Henken, edited by National Building Museum Curator Sarah Leavitt and published by W.W. Norton & Co.
- Genealogy/Family History Award — Philip and Mary Kathleen Hasheider of Sauk City for *The Michael and Caroline Bremel Family of Wisconsin: Their Ancestors and Descendants, 1779–2012*.
- Governor's Awards for Archival Achievement — American Girl of Middleton for its

corporate archives program and retired Wisconsin Historical Society Reference Archivist Harold "Harry" Miller for 40 years of service.

- Museum Exhibit Award — Prairie du Chien Historical Society for its permanent exhibit, *Swift U.S. Army General Hospital and Fort Crawford During the Civil War*.
- Public Programming Award — Fairwater Historical Society for its public quarry tours program, *Returning to Utley: Wisconsin's Oldest Ghost Town*.
- Historic Restoration Award — First Hospitality Group of Rosemont, Illinois, for its restoration of downtown Milwaukee's Hilton Garden Inn.
- Reuben Gold Thwaites Trophy for Local History — De Pere Historical Society (see the story on page 7). •

The Culver's Story: A Commitment to Community

CULVER'S RESTAURANT CO-FOUNDERS

Craig and Lea Culver have built their legacy by following the credo: do the right thing for guests, team members, business relations and the community. The Culver's story begins with Craig's parents George and Ruth who first purchased an A&W Root Beer property in Sauk City in 1961 and sold it in 1968, the year Craig graduated from high school.

In 1968 Craig's parents purchased the Farm Kitchen resort at Devil's Lake. Craig worked there during his college breaks and summers. It was there he met his beloved Lea. They married in 1975 and over time became the proud parents of three daughters.

Craig graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 1973, but his interest returned to the restaurant business. Over the next several years Craig worked at McDonalds and later went back to help run restaurants owned by his father and mother.

In 1984 the Culver family had a chance to purchase the same Sauk City A&W property it owned almost 20 years before. They jumped at the chance to return to their roots. On that site, the first Culver's Frozen Custard and ButterBurger restaurant opened for business.

The Culver family is proud to call Sauk County home. It is a place connected to the farms that produce the dairy and grow the food that has made Culver's a family favorite nationwide.

Culver's is pleased to support National History Day in Wisconsin, an innovative program that encourages young people statewide to discover the exciting world of the past while developing the skills needed for future success. Culver's unwavering belief in the value of a good education is an inspiration to the more than 11,000 students, from more than 70 communities across Wisconsin, who participate in the National History Day program annually. •



Craig and Lea Culver



In Memory

THE YEAR 2013 sadly saw the passing of several major figures in the Society's history.

Ruth Barker

Longtime Society supporter Ruth Barker died April 14 at the age of 84. Ruth served on the Society's Board of Curators from 2001 to 2008 and, together with her late husband Hartley, endowed the position of the Society Director in 2007. Ruth was a devoted and generous member of many organizations in both Wisconsin and Arizona.

Grant Beutner

Grant Beutner of Milwaukee died July 8 at the age of 90. Grant, an Army Air Corps Veteran, graduated from Marquette, Carroll and Harvard universities and founded two corporations — RBP Chemical and Automated Systems Inc. He generously supported the Society through the Greater Milwaukee Foundation — Grant and Rosemary Beutner Fund.

Richard Erney

Former Wisconsin Historical Society Director Richard "Dick" Erney died September 11 at the

age of 88. Dick served as acting director from 1969 to 1970 and again from 1976 to 1977, and as director from 1977 until he retired in 1985. The Society is deeply grateful for his years of dedicated service.

Lansing Lamont

Lansing "Lans" Lamont died September 3 in New York City at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife Ada Jung Lamont, formerly of Sheboygan and the daughter of Wesley W. Jung. Lans and Ada enthusiastically supported the new Visitor Center and Wesley W. Jung Carriage Museum at Wade House and attended the grand opening festivities in June.

Paul Poberezny

Experimental Aircraft Association founder Paul Poberezny, honored by the Society as one of its Class of 2008 History Makers, died August 22 at the age of 91. Poberezny was one of the most decorated men in the international aviation community, having received literally hundreds of trophies, awards and honors for his countless contributions to the world of flight. •



Members Enjoy ‘A Remarkable Evening’ in Neenah at the Havilah Babcock House



Wisconsin Historical Society supporters gathered in July for an exclusive member event at the historic Havilah Babcock house in Neenah. Guests were immersed in the Victorian era as they toured the mansion and enjoyed late-19th-century refreshments, fashion and entertainment. The Havilah Babcock house is featured in the book, *Wisconsin's Own: Twenty Remarkable Homes*, and in the popular blog, *An American Downton Abbey*. The historic mansion was designed by William Waters of Oshkosh and built in 1883 by Havilah Babcock, a founder of the Kimberly-Clark corporation and Bergstrom Stove Works.

(Top) From left to right: The Havilah Babcock house; the library on the first floor; Wisconsin Historical Society Press book, *Wisconsin's Own: Twenty Remarkable Homes* by M. Caren Connolly and Louis Wasserman, with photography by Zane Williams.

(Middle) From left to right: Christopher Berry, President, Wisconsin Historical Foundation, Claire Boldt, Renee Boldt, Board of Directors, Wisconsin Historical Foundation, and Ellsworth Brown, The Ruth and Hartley Barker Director of the Wisconsin Historical Society; Peter Adams, homeowner and great-grandson of Havilah Babcock, leading a tour of the home; Conrad Goodkind, President, Wisconsin Historical Society Board of Curators, and Sandy Goodkind.

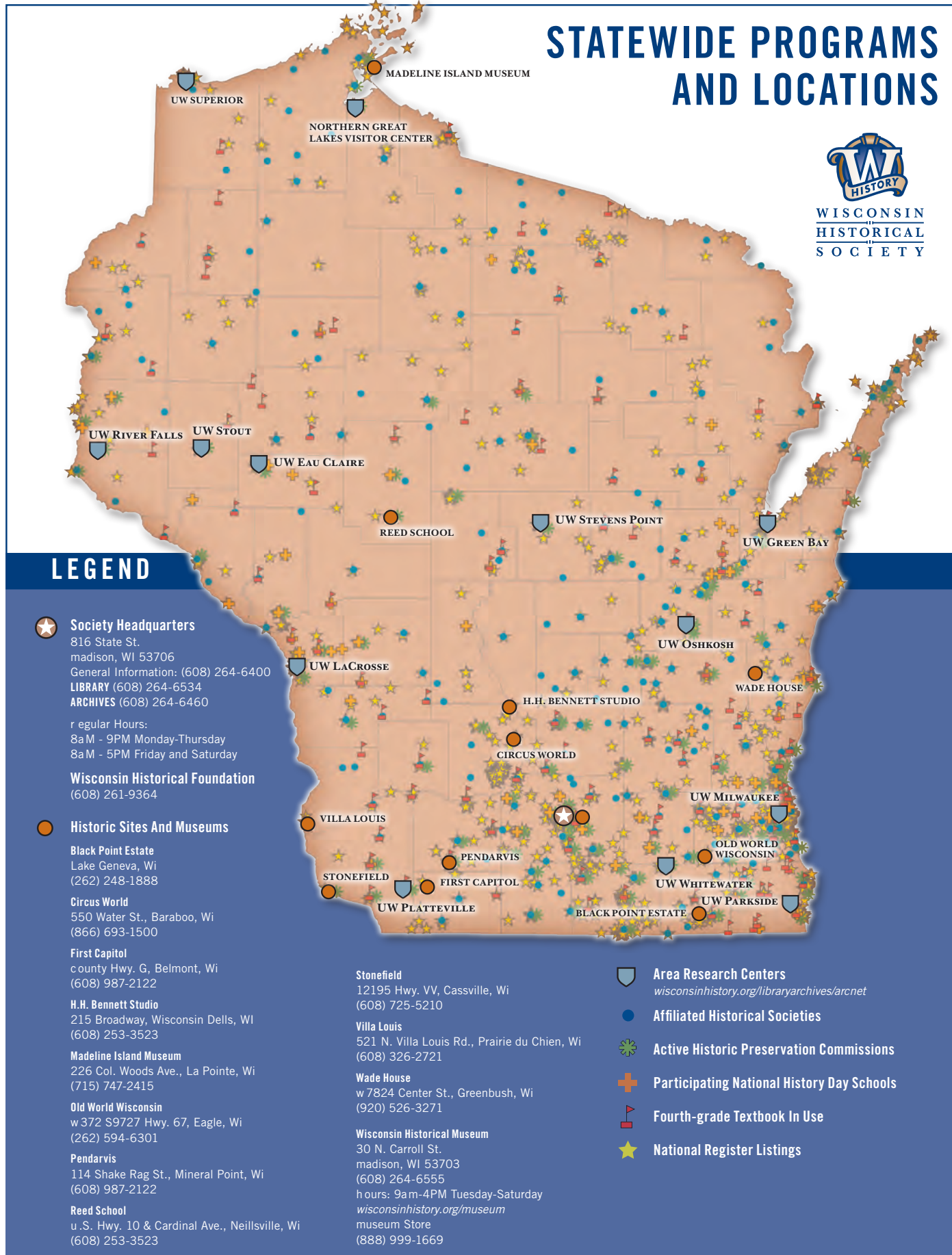
(Bottom) From left to right: Helen Cheney (Kimberly) Stuart's Trousseau Dress (1889-1890); Gunar and Leslie Gruenke; Cindy and Don Schott; Diane Dei Rossi and James Hardy.

To view more photos, visit facebook.com/wisconsinhistoricalsociety. To learn more about *Wisconsin's Own: Twenty Remarkable Homes* or to purchase a copy of the book, visit wihist.org/wisown. To learn more about the Havilah Babcock house, visit anamericandowntonabbey.blogspot.com.

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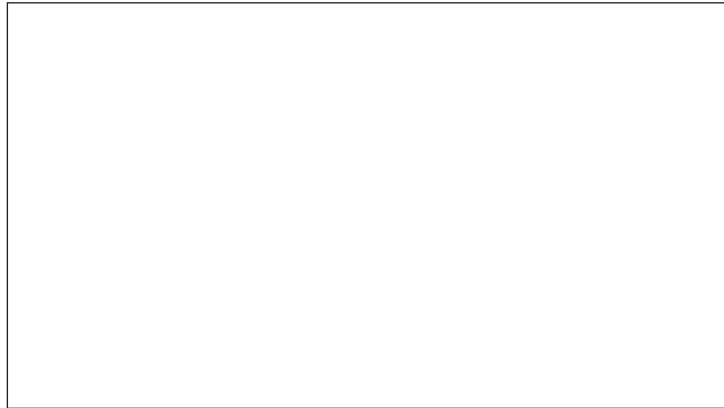
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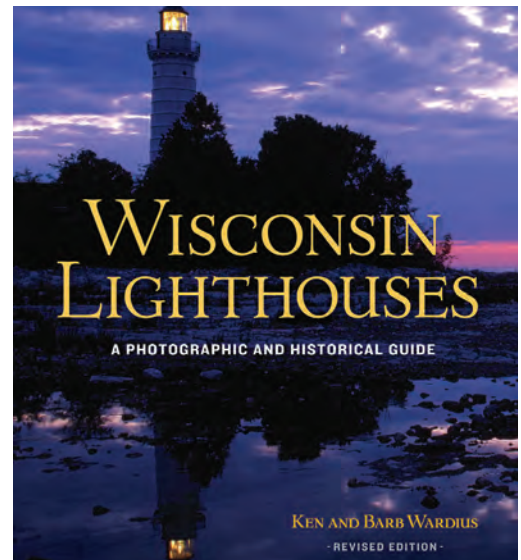


Did you know?

- Prior to the construction of the Milwaukee Breakwater Lighthouse in 1926, the city had its own floating lighthouse, *Milwaukee Lightship Vessel No. 95*, which guided mariners into the port of Milwaukee from its anchored location three miles from the harbor.
- Rock Island, located off the tip of Door County, boasts Wisconsin's oldest lighthouse, constructed in 1837. It was installed the year after Wisconsin became a territory.
- In 1917 Thompson's Point Lighthouse (Rockwell Lighthouse) on Lake Winnebago was the only government-licensed inland light. It was kept by a Mrs. Thompson, one of many of the female lightkeepers appointed by the U.S. Lighthouse Service.

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Wisconsin Lighthouses: A Photographic and Historical Guide by Ken and Barb Wardius takes readers on an intimate tour of lighthouses on Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Lake Winnebago. Read about more new Wisconsin Historical Society Press books on page 11.