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TAKE A JOURNEY **TO THE PAST**

WITH THIS ISSUE OF COLUMNS, I am delighted to announce that the Society is launching a bold new outreach initiative in the coming months. This Statewide Community Outreach and Engagement Initiative will expand our collection, preservation and sharing of stories by bringing our collections, services and programming to your community. While not a new concept for us, as we already make vast amounts of our collections and public services available online, it does represent a new proactive means of telling Wisconsin's stories in communities throughout the state.

The heart of this new initiative is a traveling exhibit called the Wisconsin History Tour: Sharing Wisconsin's Stories One Community at a Time. We are forging partnerships with 11 communities that will host the exhibit for monthlong stays. And, during five days of the exhibit's run at each location, the Society will provide free educational programming, demonstrations, author appearances, workshops and other interactive means of sharing our stories.

You can read more about the Wisconsin History Tour on page 10.

The Society, of course, has a long history of engaging audiences far beyond its headquarter's presence in Madison. In 2013 we participated in more than 400 visits, lectures and speeches, and consulting appearances throughout Wisconsin. We have a network of 12 fine historic sites and museums that entertain and educate thousands of people of all ages every year. Our latest historic site, Black Point Estate, a historic house and gardens in Lake Geneva, joined our family of historic sites last year. And now, with summer just around the corner, the staffs of these historic places are making plans for the coming season of Wisconsin storytelling.

In Wisconsin schools, students discover Wisconsin history through the pages of the Society's fourth-grade textbook, Wisconsin: Our State, Our Story, available in English and Spanish. More than 36,000 students in 630 Wisconsin schools have discovered their state through engrossing, classroom-tested text and "thinkinglike-a-historian" questions in every chapter. An additional 10,000 Wisconsin students from 250 schools took part in the yearlong academic enrichment program, National History Day, last year, marking the biggest turnout the program has had since the Society began sponsoring it in 2002.

We also share many of our historical treasures outside of Madison. Through an innovative network of 14 Area Research Centers, the Society makes its archival collections available statewide for use by patrons in their own regions of the state. Each center serves a specific geographic region. Records created in and focused on the region served by a particular Area Research Center stay at the appropriate center. A courier service makes records stored in Madison, or at any of the centers, available at any of the network locations.

In keeping with the pioneering spirit of the Wisconsin Idea, the Society pledges to continue engaging in initiatives like those described above in order to connect with its members, friends, constituents, patrons and volunteers – from Ashland to Racine.

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WE CELEBRATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP



WE AT THE WISCONSIN **HISTORICAL SOCIETY** and the Wisconsin Historical Foundation are excited to celebrate your membership support in May with the second annual Member Appreciation Month — a month of special offers and extra benefits exclusively for you.

As a member, you make a positive difference in so many people's lives. In the last year, you helped more than 3 million people discover their history through the Society's library, archives, historic sites and museums, historic preservation and local history programs, publications and school services both in person and online at wisconsinhistory.org.

On behalf of all of us at the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Wisconsin Historical Foundation, thank you for helping to collect, preserve and share the priceless evidence of our past.

With gratitude,

LAURA INGERSOLL Director of Membership and Wisconsin Historical Society Member

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MAY MEMBER BENEFITS

In appreciation of your support, enjoy the following member perks throughout the month of May.

- SAVE 20 PERCENT (double your member discount!) on your purchases at wisconsinhistory.org and at all historic site and museum stores.
- RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY, LIMITED-EDITION WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUG when you refer a friend who joins.
- GET A \$15 GIFT CERTIFICATE you can use online or in-store when you purchase a gift membership for the history lover in your life (hint: perfect gift for Mother's Day or Father's Day).

ullet Enter to win a summer weekend getaway for two ${f in}$ Wisconsin's Northwoods. See details on page 16.

> • PLAY ONLINE TRIVIA for your chance to win a Wisconsin-themed gift basket.

> > You can stay up to date on all the Member Appreciation Month offers and benefits through our weekly thank you emails during the month of May and by visiting: support.wisconsinhistory.org/ membermonth2014

To sign up to receive emails from the membership office, visit: wihist.org/MemberEmails



NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CURATORS

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY'S 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.

WHAT'S ON **OUR BOOKSHELF**



FOR LOVE AND MONEY:

Portraits of Wisconsin Family Businesses

A NEW BOOK from the Wisconsin Historical Society Press, For Love and Money: Portraits of Wisconsin Family Businesses, celebrates Wisconsin's family-owned businesses. Award-winning photographer Carl Corey turned his lens on dozens of family owned enterprises throughout the state that have been in business for more than 50 years. From bakeries, barbecue joints, barbershops and funeral homes to cheesemakers, fishermen, hamburger stands and furniture stores, Corey's photographs tell the story of families that have survived the odds, weathered tough economic times through generations and become part of the social fabric of their communities.

An exhibit of Corey's work on the family business topic at The Museum of Wisconsin Art in West Bend will complement the book. The exhibit will be on display through July 2014. Join Carl Corey on June 19 as he tells the story of Wisconsin's family owned businesses through the poignant photos featured in For Love and Money beginning at 7 p.m. at the McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids, or enter into a family business-focused discussion, led by Corey and featuring the story of Wausau's Jankes Book Store (in business since 1902), beginning at 7 p.m. at the Marathon County Historical Society Museum in Wausau. Watch the Wisconsin Historical Society's online calendar of events at wisconsinhistory.org/calendar for further details about this and other book events.

Carl Corey is also the author/photographer of the Wisconsin Historical Society Press book, Tavern League: Portraits of Wisconsin Bars. His work is exhibited in galleries and museums worldwide as well as in numerous private and public collections. He has won more than 100 photography awards from such groups and publications as the New York Art Directors Club, Communications Arts, Bessies, Addys and Gold Lions. BOOK PICK

THE BINGO QUEENS OF ONEIDA:

Society members

receive a 10-percent

discount on all book

orders. For more

information on books

Historical Society Press,

visit wisconsinhistory.org/

whspress.

How Two Moms Started Tribal Gaming in Wisconsin

IN 1976 A GROUP OF WOMEN on the Oneida Indian Reservation just outside of Green Bay were looking for a way to pay the light bill and other expenses at their struggling civic center. Two

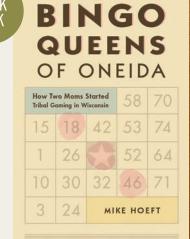
moms, Sandra Ninham and Alma Webster, had an idea for a bingo operation run by the tribe. Their idea became not only the tribe's first moneymaker on a reservation, where half of the population then was living in poverty, but also helped to launch Indian gaming statewide. In the new Society Press book, The Bingo Queens of Oneida: How Two Moms Started Tribal Gaming in Wisconsin, published by the Wisconsin

author Mike Hoeft traces the tribe's struggle to open that tribal-run bingo parlor and tells the story of how one game helped revive the reservation economy and strengthen the Oneida community.

An e-book edition is also available.

READ AN EXCERPT FROM THE BINGO QUEENS OF ONEIDA:

"On any given night in November 1979, a visitor entering the gym might see up to 600 players, many of them grayhaired, packed shoulder-toshoulder on metal folding chairs ... "



STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES **RECENT ADDITIONS**

OTHER PROPERTIES LISTED:

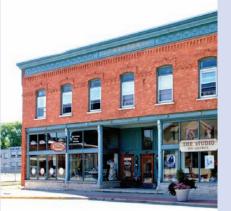
Julius Krause Store Building, De Pere, Brown County William and Annie McDermott House, Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac County Round Barn Multiple Property Documentation, Statewide

FLORETTA SHIPWRECK (CANALLER)

Vicinity of Town of Centerville, Manitowoc County

The Floretta, now lying on the lakebed in 180 feet of water, was constructed in 1867 by shipwright John Stupinsky. The Floretta was a canaller, a unique vessel type developed on the Great Lakes and designed to transit the St. Lawrence Seaway's Welland Canal locks while carrying the maximum amount of cargo possible. With only inches to spare while passing through the locks, canallers carried grain from ports on Lakes Michigan and Superior to ports on Lake Ontario, often returning loaded with coal to power and heat Midwestern cities. In September 1885, after sailing under a heavy southwest gale and through big seas, the Floretta suffered catastrophic leaks, which led to an explosion before sinking into the lake. Despite breaking apart when it hit the bottom of Lake Michigan, the Floretta wreck site has and will continue to yield significant information on Great Lakes canaller construction and their role in Great Lakes commerce.





JOHN BAETEN STORE

De Pere, Brown County

The John Baeten Store building is located in the heart of the historic commercial area of the city. This Commercial Vernacular form building, constructed in 1903, is unusually intact, having retained commercial space on the first floor and apartments above. The storefront has beautiful cast-iron columns, a recessed entrance with its original pressed-metal ceiling and sheet-metal ornamentation at the cornice. John Baeten was a locally prominent merchant who ran a grocery and general merchandise business. The store stayed in the family until the 1970s, and although the Baeten business was discontinued, the building has been in continuous commercial use since 1903.

BERT AND MARY CUNNINGHAM ROUND BARN

Town of Viroqua, Vernon County

The Bert and Mary Cunningham Barn was constructed in 1915 on a 40-acre farm near the city of Viroqua and is a rare example of a true round barn. Round barns were an expression of a progressive emphasis on efficiency of labor at the turn of the 20th century, applied to agriculture broadly and dairy farming specifically. This barn is notable for being unusually intact, and its distinctive roof truss structure and hollow structural clay tile-wall construction add to the architectural uniqueness of the building. The lower floor housed the stables and milking facility. The upper level was used for storing hay. A large silo is located at the center of the interior. This barn was likely built or influenced by the work of Alga Shivers, a local builder of round barns in Vernon and Monroe counties in the early 20th century.





KANE STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

Burlington, Racine County

This district is a cohesive neighborhood of residential, religious and civic buildings constructed between 1844 and 1940. Its location in close proximity to downtown secured its popularity, and homes were built continuously until 1940. Within the district, buildings represent the popular architectural styles of the era in which they were constructed including: Greek Revival, Queen Anne, American Foursquare, Bungalow and other Revival styles. Adding to the architectural interest is the mix of homes, churches, a Masonic Temple, a school and a statue of Abraham Lincoln on a broad boulevard. The result is one of Burlington's most beautiful and architecturally intact historic residential areas.

Local History

HISTORY IN YOUR BACKYARD

Chippewa County Historical Society Expands Exhibits, Educates and Entertains

VOLUNTEERS AND STUDENT INTERNS pitched in this past year to help the Chippewa County Historical Society in Chippewa Falls expand and improve its exhibits documenting the county's history. A pair of University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire student interns, Isaiah Frater and Trenton Sobeck, applied their energies toward creating or revamping two new exhibits. Frater created a music exhibit that showcases some of Chippewa Falls' most exciting contributions to the field of music, including the worldfamous, Helland Brothers Hardanger violins; country music duo, Maggie and Scottie, who played at festivals and fairs throughout Wisconsin and neighboring states; and Chippewa Falls native, Judy Henske, who enjoyed national success as a singer and songwriter during the 1960s folk movement.

Sobeck revamped the local society's lumbering exhibit and added new signage to allow for self-guided tours. Retired county surveyor, Dennis Mickesh, created a new surveying exhibit, and new volunteers Jim and Mary Erickson created an exhibit they called Grandma's Kitchen.

This year the Chippewa County Historical Society will begin its second decade of presenting a popular annual living-history event called The Past Passed Here May 8-11 in Chippewa Falls' historic Allen Park, once the site of Native American and French fur trade camps. Adults and children alike explore authentic French fur trade era re-enactor camps and participate in hands-on camp activities. Many re-enactors travel from surrounding states to share their knowledge and demonstrate their skills, and food vendors feature fare typical of the 1800s. Annually 650 fourthgrade students participate in daylong, hands-on activities. This event is a past winner of the Wisconsin Main Street Program's Best Cultural Preservation Project Award.



THE LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S revamped lumbering exhibit

The event's hours are 3-6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 8-9; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 10; and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, May 11. Admission is \$3 per person. For more information call (715) 723-0619 or visit thepastpassedhere.org.

Our Collections -

SOCIETY MAPS AUGMENT CHAZEN MUSEUM OF ART EXHIBITION

Three maps and eight atlases from the Wisconsin Historical Society's massive cartography collections grace a larger exhibition at the Chazen Museum of Art in Madison. Marginalia in cARTography explores the visual discourse between marginal artistic images and the maps in which they appear. The exhibit runs through May 18.

The Society gratefully acknowledges the Caxambas Foundation, whose support made possible the cataloging, preservation and digitization of the Society's maps for online access.

SHARE YOUR HISTORY SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

EACH YEAR the Society and the Wisconsin Council for Local History jointly hold regional meetings in each of the council's 10 regions. Local hosts provide hospitality and share their MARK YOUR community history, field services staff present workshops, and attendees share ideas and information through **CALENDAR** regional roundtable discussions. Mark your calendars and plan to attend a regional meeting in 2014. Full agendas, registration information and more details can be found at wisconsinhistory.org/localhistory. Meetings are geared toward staff and volunteers of local societies and museums, but are open to anyone with an interest in local history.

Southeastern Region Geneva Lake Museum, Lake Geneva – Friday, July 11

Northeastern Region Manitowoc County Historical Society, Manitowoc – Thursday, July 17

Metropolitan Region Greendale Historical Society, Greendale – Friday, August 1

East Central Region Fox Wisconsin Heritage Parkway, Fond du Lac - Saturday, August 9

Capital Region Brodhead Historical Society, Brodhead – Thursday, August 14

Southwestern Region La Crosse County Historical Society, La Crosse - Monday, August 18

Northwoods Region Merrill History and Culture Center, Merrill – Friday, August 22

Central Region Adams County, Friendship – Friday, September 19

West Central Region Chippewa Valley Museum, Eau Claire -Monday, September 29

Northwestern Region Polk County, Balsam Lake - Not available at this time.



ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE IN ELKHART LAKE

Be sure to set aside some time so you can attend the 2014 Local History and Historic Preservation Conference. This year the conference will be held October 24-25 at the Osthoff Resort and Conference Center, 101 Osthoff Avenue, Elkhart Lake. Look for more details soon at wisconsinhistory.org/localhistory.

ALL SPRING WORKSHOPS OFFERED **ONLINE IN WEBINAR FORMAT**

This spring the Local History program is partnering with several experts and organizations to offer specialized training on a range of topics. These online webinars offer easy access to expertise, and staff will provide information and assistance on how to take part if participants are unfamiliar with this technology. Registration is limited. To contact staff with questions and for dates, pricing, times and registration information, visit wisconsinhistory.org/localhistory. We'll see you online.

MINI-GRANTS DEADLINE REMINDER

Applications for 2014 mini-grants of up to \$700 for collections care and management projects are due by Friday, June 6. For more information contact Janet Seymour, Northern representative, at (715) 836-2250 or Rick Bernstein, Southern representative, at (608) 264-6583.



BANNING DDT:

How Wisconsin Citizen Activists Led the Way

LEARN HOW WISCONSIN CITIZENS, scientists, reporters and traditional conservationists were among the first to draw attention to the harmful effects of the "miracle pesticide," DDT, in the late 1960s. Bill Berry's new Society Press book, Banning DDT: How Citizen Activists in Wisconsin Led the Way, traces the compelling story of how citizen activism, science and law merged in Wisconsin's DDT hearings to forge a new way to accomplish public policy and awakened a national consciousness to environmental issues. An e-book edition is also available.

Society members receive a 10-percent discount on all Wisconsin Historical Society Press books.

WHAT'S ON around our state!

The following are Society special event highlights May through July 2014. For a complete listing of events, visit wisconsinhistory.org/calendar.

EXHIBIT

THROUGH AUGUST 30 :: WISCONSIN IN WATERCOLOR: THE FARMSCAPES OF PAUL SEIFERT

Wisconsin Historical Museum | Take in an exhibit of German immigrant Paul Seifert's late-1800s watercolor farm pictures from the Wisconsin River Valley landscape he called home. This is the first major exhibition of Seifert's art. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tues. - Sat.

May

MAY 2 :: GALLERY NIGHT

Wisconsin Historical Museum I Enjoy unique and beautiful art, intriguing Wisconsin history and light refreshments. At 7 p.m. museum curator Joe Kapler will discuss Paul Seifert's work and its cultural and historical significance. 5 - 7 p.m.

MAY 3 :: NATIONAL HISTORY DAY STATE EVENT

Edgewood College | State finalists of the six regional competitions for sixth- through 12th-grade students compete for the National History Day national finals in June. 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

MAY 3 - 4 :: SPRING INTO THE PAST: GO FLY A KITE

Old World Wisconsin I Make a 19th-century paper kite and let it soar in the Old World Wisconsin breezes. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MAY 6 :: EXPLORING PAUL SEIFERT'S WISCONSIN FARM **PAINTINGS**

Wisconsin Historical Museum | Join museum curator Joe Kapler for a discussion of the folk artist's artwork. 12:15-1 p.m.

MAY 8 :: WEBINAR: RESEARCHING HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Online Webinar I An introductory webinar to help you prepare for researching an individual historic building, home, school, business or farmstead. 1:30 - 3 p.m. (608) 264-6579

MAY 10 :: GENEALOGY: ANCESTRY.COM

UW Memorial Library, 728 State Street, Rm. 231, Madison This hands-on computer lab will provide details on using this website. 9 a.m. - noon. (608) 264-6519

MAY 10 :: UNDERSTANDING DAVIDSON'S GOLIATHS

Whitefish Dunes State Park I Explore the history behind the largest wooden sailing ships on the Great Lakes in a new exhibit on the sinking of the steamer Australasia. 1 p.m.

MAY 10 - 11 :: SPRING INTO THE PAST: SHEEP TO SHAWL

Old World Wisconsin I Watch skilled demonstrations of sheep shearing, and try your hand at carding and spinning wool into yarn. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MAY 10 - 11 :: REMARKABLE WOMEN OF GENEVA LAKE

Black Point Estate I Celebrate Mother's Day weekend honoring the women of Geneva Lake while taking a voyage with the Lake Geneva Cruise Line to Black Point Estate. 2 - 5:30 p.m.

MAY 11 :: MOTHER'S DAY

Villa Louis I Celebrate this special weekend at Villa Louis with half-priced admission for mom. 10 a.m. -5 p.m.

MAY 12 :: GENEALOGY WEBINAR: FOLD3.COM

Online Webinar | Fold3.com is one of the top genealogical websites, especially for military research, but is often overlooked. 6 - 8 p.m. (608) 264-6519

MAY 13 - 17 :: WISCONSIN MUSEUMS WEEK

Wisconsin Historical Museum I Visitors are invited to participate in a special self-guided tour. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MAY 15 :: WHEEL FEVER BOOK TALK IN GREEN LAKE

Caestecker Public Library | Nick Hoffman, co-author of the Society Press book. Wheel Fever: How Wisconsin Became a Great Bicycling State, talks bicycling history. 6:30 p.m.

MAY 16 :: WEBINAR: FUNDING INFORMATION FROM THE JEFFRIS FAMILY FOUNDATION

Online Webinar I An overview of the foundation's funding criteria for historic preservation projects. 1:30-3 p.m. (608) 264-6579

MAY 17 :: INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY

Wisconsin Historical Museum | Enjoy free museum admission and a 10-percent discount in the museum store. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

MAY 17 - 18 :: AT WORK AND AT PLAY AT WADE HOUSE

Wade House | Help Wade House get ready for spring. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MAY 17 - 18 :: SPRING INTO THE PAST: PLOWING AND **PLANTING**

Old World Wisconsin I Farmers guide horse-drawn plows across Old World Wisconsin's fields. 10 a.m. -5 p.m.

MAY 18 :: VINTAGE BASE BALL SUNDAY

Wade House | Come cheer on the Greenbush Dead Citys vintage base ball team as they defend their home turf against the Milwaukee Grays. 1:30 p.m.

MAY 20 :: THE BRAVE JOURNEY OF AN ORPHAN TRAIN

RIDER Wisconsin Historical Museum | Learn how thousands of orphaned children found their way from New York City to the Midwest in the 19th and early 20th centuries. 12:15-1 p.m.

MAY 22 :: WEBINAR: BASIC CEMETERY DOCUMENTATION

Online Webinar I An overview of the basic steps in documenting cemeteries. 1:30-3 p.m. (608) 264-6579

MAY 23 - 25 :: WILD WEST STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL

Stonefield I Return to the Old West at the Stonefield Wild West Steampunk Festival. Times vary.

MAY 24 - 25 :: SPRING INTO THE PAST: OLD WORLD **FLAVORS**

Old World Wisconsin I Sample a variety of seasonal ethnic foods brought to Wisconsin by early Wisconsin immigrants. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MAY 31 :: PENDARVIS PUB NIGHT

Pendarvis I Enjoy a special evening with live music, traditional pub games and a cash bar. 7-10 p.m.

MAY 31 - JUN 1 :: CELEBRATE WISCONSIN FOLKLIFE

Old World Wisconsin | Celebrate the rich folk traditions that make Wisconsin unique. 10 a.m. -5 p.m.

JUNE

JUN 3 :: WHAT THE MATERIALITY OF OBJECTS TEACHES US

Wisconsin Historical Museum I A look inside the field of art conservation at Madison's Chazen Museum of Art. 12:15-1 p.m.

JUN 5 :: REED SCHOOL SOCIETY MEMBER EVENT

Save the date! Details to come.

JUN 5 :: WHEEL FEVER BIKE RIDE AND BOOK TALK IN OSHKOSH

Oshkosh Public Museum | Nick Hoffman, co-author of the Society Press book, Wheel Fever: How Wisconsin Became a Great Bicycling State, leads a riding tour of Oshkosh's bicycling history. 6 p.m.

JUN 7 :: BREAKFAST IN A VICTORIAN KITCHEN

Villa Louis I This is a hands-on cooking workshop for adults. 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

JUN 7 :: VINTAGE BASE BALL MATCH

Old World Wisconsin I The Eagle Diamonds take on the Delton Vintage Base Ball Club. 1:30 p.m.

JUN 7 - 8 :: VISITOR APPRECIATION WEEKEND

H.H. Bennett Studio I See photographic demonstrations throughout the day in the studio and courtyard. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

JUN 7 - 8 :: CELEBRATE WISCONSIN FOLKLIFE

Old World Wisconsin | Celebrate the rich folk traditions that make Wisconsin unique. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wisconsin Historical Society Member Events noted with blue background in calendar listings.

JUN 8 :: VISITOR APPRECIATION DAY

Stonefield | Enjoy deep discounts on the regular admission. Free admission to nearby Nelson Dewey State Park. 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Jun 13 :: CATCH WHEEL FEVER! OPENING

Society Member Special Sneak Preview. Details to come.

JUN 14 :: CATCH WHEEL FEVER! OPENING

Old World Wisconsin I See the story on page 12.

JUN 14 :: BOTTOMS UP BOOK DISCUSSION AND BEER TASTING

Black Point Estate | Author Jim Draeger talks Wisconsin bar and brewing history. 2:30 – 6 p.m.

JUN 15 :: VINTAGE BASE BALL MATCH

Wade House | The Greenbush Dead Citys engage in a rousing pick-up game with fans. 1:30 p.m.

JUN 15 :: FATHER'S DAY

Villa Louis | Celebrate this special weekend with your father at Villa Louis with half-priced admission for dad. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.



JUN 17 - 21

Enjoy five days of activities presented at Marathon County Historical Society in Wausau as part of the *Wisconsin History Tour.*See page 10.

Complete Event Schedule at wisconsinhistorytour.org

JUN 17 :: MADISON AND THE NEW LEFT IN THE 1960S

Wisconsin Historical Museum I Recall a time when university campuses became centers of opposition to Cold War policies. $12:15-1~\rm p.m.$

JUN 21 :: OLD WORLD WAUSAU MEMBER EVENT Part of the Wisconsin History Tour. Details to come.

JUN 21 :: MIDSUMMER MAGIC

Old World Wisconsin I The Old World Foundation presents its annual adult fundraising event. 6-9 p.m. Call (262) 594-2922 for reservations.

JUN 26 :: PORCH, PARLOR AND PLAY KIDS' CRUISE

Black Point Estate I Spend an afternoon with your child or grandchild enjoying activities of the Victorian era. Noon $-3.30~\rm p.m.$

JUN 27 :: VILLA LOUIS BEHIND THE SCENES

Villa Louis | Extended tours of the mansion will give visitors a glimpse into the life of a historic house museum. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

JUN 28 - JUL 31 :: THE WORLD OF LITTLE HOUSE

Old World Wisconsin I Enjoy a full month of daily activities that let you live like the Laura Ingalls Wilder family and friends. $10~\rm a.m.-5~p.m.$

JULY

JUL 2 :: SUMMERTIME FUN: WISCONSIN FOLK ART (ROSEMALING)

Wisconsin Historical Museum I Learn about this traditional painting method brought to Wisconsin by Norwegian immigrants. $11\ a.m.-noon\ and\ 1-2\ p.m.$

JUL 4 - 6 :: OLD WORLD FOURTH OF JULY

Old World Wisconsin I Three days of fun, games and patriotic activities. Enjoy an old-fashioned parade on July 4 only. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

JUL 4 :: A DAY ON THE GREEN

Madeline Island Museum I The whole community celebrates the beginning of the summer season with a festive parade through La Pointe. Noon — 3:30 p.m.

JUL 8 :: WISCONSIN PRINTMAKERS

Wisconsin Historical Museum I An overview of the rich history of printmaking in Wisconsin. 12:15-1 p.m.

JUL 9 :: SUMMERTIME FUN: WISCONSIN FOLK ART (PHOTOGRAPHY)

Wisconsin Historical Museum I Explore the innovations developed by early Wisconsin photographers. $11\ a.m.-$ noon and $1-2\ p.m.$

JUL 12 - 13 :: CONNECTING CULTURES: EXPLORING THE LAKE SUPERIOR FUR TRADE

Madeline Island Museum | A living-history encampment featuring two days of demonstrations of fur trade lifeways. 10:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

JUL 12 :: VINTAGE BASE BALL MATCH

Old World Wisconsin | The Eagle Diamonds take on the Milwaukee Grays. 1:30 p.m.

JUL 15 :: VISKONSIN! YIDDISH RADIO IN BADGERLAND

Wisconsin Historical Museum I Learn the forgotten story of Wisconsin's first brush with nationwide radio. $12.15-1~\mathrm{p.m.}$

JUL 16 :: SUMMERTIME FUN: WISCONSIN FOLK ART (POTTERY)

Wisconsin Historical Museum I Discover how Wisconsin's earliest residents added decorations to everyday objects. 11 a.m. - noon and 1-2 p.m.

JUL 17 :: PORCH, PARLOR AND PLAY KIDS' CRUISES

Black Point Estate I Spend an afternoon with your child or grandchild enjoying activities of the Victorian era. Noon — 3:30 p.m.

JUL 18 - 20 :: WAR OF 1812 IN WISCONSIN: BICENTENNIAL RE-ENACTMENT

Villa Louis | Re-enactors interpret events from the historic event through a living-history camp. Narrated battles on Saturday and Sunday. 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.

JUL 20 :: VINTAGE BASE BALL MATCH

Wade House | The Greenbush Dead Citys defend their home turf against another historic team. 1:30 p.m.



JUL 22 - 26

Enjoy five days of activities presented at Ephraim Historical Foundation in Ephraim as part of the Wisconsin History Tour.

Complete Event Schedule at wisconsinhistorytour.org

JUL 22 :: A PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY THROUGH EARLY EXCAVATIONS AT AZTALAN

Wisconsin Historical Museum I Take a photographic journey through the Milwuakee Public Museum's excavations of Aztalan State Park. 12:15-1 p.m.

JUL 23 :: SUMMERTIME FUN: WISCONSIN FOLK ART (WATERCOLORS)

Wisconsin Historical Museum I See the works of folk artist Paul Seifert, and paint your own watercolor scene. $11\ a.m.-noon$ and $1-2\ p.m$.

JUL 25 :: VILLA LOUIS BEHIND THE SCENES

Villa Louis | Extended tours of the mansion will give visitors a glimpse into the life of a historic house museum. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

JUL 26 :: OLD WORLD EPHRAIM MEMBER EVENT

Part of the Wisconsin History Tour. Details to come.

JUL 29 ::: THE STRANGE ORIGINS OF MODERN MEDICINE

Wisconsin Historical Museum I Explore alternative medical remidies popular in 19th-century America. 12:15-1 p.m.

JUL 30 :: SUMMERTIME FUN: WISCONSIN FOLK ART (COMMERCIAL ART)

Wisconsin Historical Museum I Explore the use of commercial art by Wisconsin businesses. 11 a.m. - noon and 1-2 p.m.

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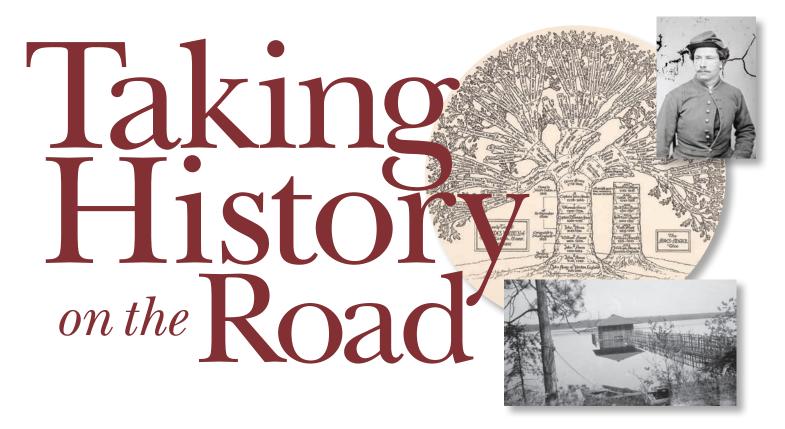
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DISCOVER YOUR STORY

As the Wisconsin Historical Society embarks on the Wisconsin History Tour: Sharing Wisconsin's Stories One Community at a Time, we have hopes to spend time with, and share stories of the past with, communities throughout the state. The Tour will represent a major, multi-year outreach effort.

For a monthlong stay at a time, the Society will bring a handcrafted exhibit to 11 communities in order to share pieces of collections we have gathered since our founding in 1846 — ranging from a Civil War soldier's letters home, to early 20th Century photographs of Door County, to maps dating back to 1513, to the Racine story of malted milk, to maritime stories of shipwrecks in Lake Superior.

The statewide trek launches in June in Wausau at the Marathon County Historical Society.

For five days of the visit, the *Tour* will offer free programs for the whole family, including presentations and workshops on genealogy, oral history interviews, book talks presented by the authors, historic photo "readings," chats about local buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, children's story time, and conversations about historic preservation tools. There will be a full five-day spectrum of activities for each community visited.

"The Society has struggled with two burning questions," says Jim Draeger, Wisconsin Historical Society architectural historian and director of outreach, "and that is: how do

we make our collections more accessible to everyone throughout our state? And how do we, as a Society, continue to gather stories of the people who live here?"



Draeger, who will be on-site during the week of activities each month, has traveled Wisconsin extensively while completing research for his Society Press books, *Bottoms Up: A Toast to Wisconsin's Historic Bars and Breweries* and *Fill 'er Up: The Glory Days of Wisconsin Gas Stations*.

"With the *Wisconsin History Tour*, we want to meet people, get to know them, and stay connected after we leave," notes Draeger. "From traveling throughout the state, I have experienced firsthand that 'aha' moment when we share the stories and history that shape who we are today."

WISCONSINHISTORYTOUR.ORG

A calendar of events will be provided for each *Tour* stop and can be accessed via our *Wisconsin History Tour* website at wisconsinhistorytour.org. Our website is where you can tune in for the latest news while we travel.

TO OUR PARTNERS: THANK YOU!

Each stop along the *Tour* route is graciously hosted by a venue with programming staff who have partnered with the Wisconsin Historical Society in an effort to make and share history. We are grateful to our partners.



2015 Tour Stops

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For complete *Tour* information, visit:

WisconsinHistoryTour.org

The Wisconsin History Tour is generously underwritten in part by Kohler Trust for Preservation, with additional support from Culver's.

A TOAST TO OUR HOSTS: THE MARATHON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Incorporated in 1952, and an affiliate of the Wisconsin Historical Society since 1965, the Marathon County Historical Society ranks among the largest and most active local historical societies in the state. Headquartered in Wausau, it holds the distinction of being the first recipient of the Wisconsin Historical Society's highest honor for work in the field of local history, the Reuben Gold Thwaites Trophy, in 1958. It won the trophy for a second time in 1989.

The two organizations share a long and symbiotic history. Former Wisconsin Historical Society President David Clark Everest was one of the founders of the Marathon County Historical Society and also served as its president until his death in 1955. The local society's magnificent Yawkey House Museum, home of Cyrus and Alice Yawkey, was built in 1900-1901 in the Classical Revival style. It has been a national Register of Historic Places-listed property since 1974 and underwent a \$3 million restoration as a full house museum in 2008. Cyrus Yawkey, a prominent and wealthy lumberman, died in 1943, and Alice continued living in the house until her death in 1953. Their only child, Leigh Yawkey Woodson, and their grandchildren presented the house to the Marathon County Historical Society in 1954.

Today the local historical society has its administrative headquarters, research library, archives, exhibits, meeting rooms and gift shop in the Woodson History Center, another historic house and the former home of Leigh Yawkey and her husband Aytchmonde Woodson. The Marathon County Historical Society acquired the spacious, Prairie School-style house in 1995 and will host the first stop of the Wisconsin History Tour in the second-floor exhibit hall throughout the month of June.

"We are pleased to host the *Tour* here in Wausau," said Mary Forer, executive director of the Marathon County Historical Society. "We hope to highlight the many local organizations that work to preserve the history of Marathon County while educating new audiences about the importance of preserving and sharing our history."

For more information on the Marathon County Historical Society. visit marathoncountyhistory.com or call 715-842-5750.



NEW INTERACTIVE 1890S CYCLING EXPERIENCE OPENS AT OLD WORLD WISCONSIN THIS JUNE



RESIDENTS OF WISCONSIN

and the nation were crazy about cycling during the 1890s. Beginning this summer, Old World Wisconsin will capture the excitement of this decade in

its new Catch Wheel Fever! experience, which will debut to the public the weekend of June 14 - 15. The new cycling experience will remain open through the rest of the 2014 season and the foreseeable future.

Children and adults can hop aboard replica tricycles and bicycles from the era and take a spin around the track. Sizes and styles will be available that will allow everyone to join the fun. Guests can tinker at the workbench in a simulated 1890s bicycle repair shop, explore copies of period road maps for cyclists, examine an original 1890s "safety bicycle" manufactured in Kenosha, and learn late 19th-century bicycling songs. Cyclists of all ages can become a member of the Badger Wheelmen, a Milwaukee cycling club, put on period apparel, climb aboard a replica high-wheel bike and have a one-of-a-kind photo taken.

This new experience is a part of Old World Wisconsin's master plan initiative, which, as it unfolds, will bring new and engaging experiences to guests. Catch Wheel Fever! was made possible, in part, by a generous lead grant from the Sally Mead Hands Foundation. Additional support is provided by the Old World Foundation and the We Energies Foundation.

SOCIETY MEMBER SNEAK PREVIEW EVENT FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Wisconsin Historical Society members at the History Lover level and above are invited to attend a sneak preview on Friday, June 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. They'll be the first to explore Catch Wheel Fever!, view a presentation by Nick Hoffman, author of the Society Press book, Wheel Fever: How Wisconsin Became a Great Bicycling State, and enjoy other special activities. More details coming soon via email. For information, contact the Membership Office toll free at (888) 748-7479 or membership@wisconsinhistory.org.

EXPLORING DAVIDSON'S GOLIATHS: THE SHIPWRECKED STEAMER AUSTRALASIA

VISITORS TO WHITEFISH DUNES State Park in in Sturgeon Bay will have an opportunity to explore a historic Lake Michigan shipwreck, without even getting cold and wet, beginning in May. Exploring Davidson's Goliaths: The Shipwrecked Steamer Australasia will officially open to the public in the park's nature center at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 10. Opening-day festivities will include a talk by Society maritime archaeologist Tamara Thomsen on the Australasia's builder, James Davidson, creator of the world's largest wooden vessels.

The exhibit comprises four panels: the first on shipbuilder Davidson's unique construction techniques used in the manufacture of his large wooden steamers; another on the seven shipwrecks in the waters of Whitefish Bay; a panel about Davidson's mammoth Australasia steamer and exploring how much wood he used to make such a large ship; and an in-wall video of divers exploring the historic shipwreck.

A structural model of the Australasia, made by awardwinning Sheboygan model maker James Brotz (pictured below), will accompany the exhibit. David and Julie Uihlein generously underwrote the construction of the ship's model, and the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute sponsored the remainder of the exhibit. Hosting the event along with the Society are the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Friends of Whitefish Dunes State Park.



JIM BROTZ works on his scale model of the Australasia

AFRICAN-AMERICAN GENEALOGY CONFERENCE COMING IN OCTOBER

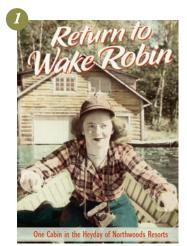
CALENDAR Mark your calendar now for the Society's second annual conference examining the unique challenges of conducting African-American genealogical research. Strategies and Stories: Second Annual African-American Genealogy Conference will be held on October 18 at the Sheraton Hotel in Madison. Look for more information about this conference in the August-October issue of Columns. For more information email asklibrary@wisconsinhistory.org.

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MEMBERS ENJOY A "SUMMER EVENING" IN FEBRUARY



WISCONSIN HISTORICAL

SOCIETY members and Wisconsin Public Radio listeners and supporters gathered for a "summer evening" February 20 in Madison. Guests journeyed back to the golden age of Northwoods camps and cabins with campfire snacks and a fireside chat with longtime WPR program host Jim Fleming. Fleming interviewed Marnie Mamminga, author of the Wisconsin Historical Society Press book, Return to Wake

Robin: One Cabin in the Heyday of Northwoods Resorts, along with Chapter A Day actress Susan Sweeney, voice of the audio edition of the book.

Photos:

- 1. COVER OF Return to Wake Robin: One Cabin in the Heyday of Northwoods Resorts by Marnie Mamminga and published by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press
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Spotlight on Supporters

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN HISTORIANS CREATE ARCHIVES PROCESSING ENDOWMENT

PROFESSORS ALLAN AND MARGARET BOGUE earned distinguished reputations as historians, serving most of their long careers on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison History Department. The Society's library and archives provided invaluable sources for the Bogues' research — and now they are giving back. They recently presented the Society with a sustaining gift of \$100,000 to establish an endowment specifically for archival processing. These funds will enhance the Division of Library-Archives' capacity to acquire and process correspondence, diaries, business records and other documentary sources. The Society gratefully accepts Allan and Margaret's generous gift and values the contribution it will make toward the success and enjoyment of all who use the library and archives. Margaret and Allan shared their insights in a recent interview.

When asked why history matters, Allan observed that, "History is one of the best tools we have for understanding the world around us and ourselves." Margaret added, "History gives an excellent perspective on the present — it is essential to understanding family, local, national and international development over the centuries."

Allan's early work centered on American regional agricultural development and later broadened to include environmental history and interdisciplinary research. Margaret shared these interests and is well regarded for her research on Great Lakes history. She was influential in the advancement of history education through her work with the UW-Extension.

Margaret and Allan have good reason to see the Society as a special institution. According to Margaret, "For teaching,



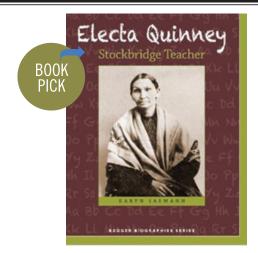
ALLAN AND MARGARET BOGUE WITH MATT BLESSING, State Archivist (right)

research and writing, the Society's rich printed and original resources for the U.S. and Canada were a major reason for coming to the University of Wisconsin." For Allan, "The Society is, plain and simple, the best organization of its kind in the United States."

What inspired the Bogues to make their generous gift? Allan said: "The Wisconsin Historical Society has been unbelievably supportive and, in effect, my research home since 1964. In an extremely modest way, this gift is a payback — made in the hope that others may benefit in the future as we have in the past." Margaret agreed, noting that, "The library and archives of the Society have made major contributions to my teaching, public speaking, research and writing."

When asked, "What would you say to someone who is considering a gift to the Wisconsin Historical Society?" Margaret offered this suggestion: "By all means do give to the Society. It serves many diverse groups of people doing research — those needing help with their community and family history, those interested in Wisconsin history generally, students at all levels, those training to become professional historians, scholars in many areas of U.S. history and many segments of the Wisconsin State government as well". Allan's response, "Be very generous!"

We couldn't agree more and are deeply grateful to Allan and Margaret for their generosity.

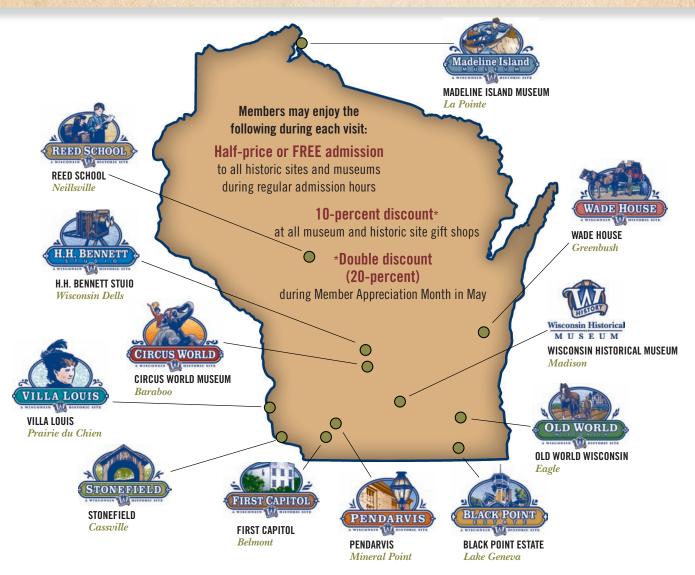


ELECTA QUINNEY: Stockbridge Teacher

THIS BOOK FOR YOUNG READERS details the life of Wisconsin's first public school teacher in the newest addition to the Society Press' Badger Biographies series, Electa Quinney: Stockbridge Teacher by Karyn Saemann. This biography follows the amazing journey of a Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mochican Indians woman who received her education at boarding schools in New York and followed her tribe to Wisconsin in 1828. There she began teaching the children of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians as well as the sons and daughters of nearby white settlers and missionaries. Quinney's life provides a detailed window into pioneer Wisconsin and discusses the challenges and issues faced by American Indians in the 19th century. An e-book edition is also available.

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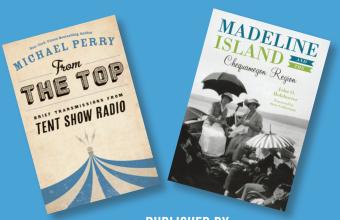
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