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The Wisconsin Historical Society Educator Update curates the most current education-related news from the Wisconsin Historical Society and beyond.

Welcome to the 2014-2015 School Year!

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Another Year Filled with Possibilities



The summer days are growing shorter, the nights are just a bit cooler, and the calendar tells us it's time to head back to school. The Wisconsin Historical Society is dedicated to bringing educators the very best in resources for your classroom, homeschool, and beyond. From exciting activities at our Museum and sites to teacher-approved lessons and essays, Wisconsin Historical Society resources can engage, inform, and motivate any learner.

SEVENTH GENERATION EARTH ETHICS

Native Voices of Wisconsin

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Foreword by Winona LaDuke



by Patty Loew

Wisconsin's rich tradition of sustainability rightfully includes its First Americans, who along with Aldo Leopold, John Muir, and Gaylord Nelson shaped its landscape and informed its "earth ethics."

This collection of Native biographies, one from each of the twelve Indian nations of Wisconsin, introduces the reader to some of the most important figures in Native sustainability: from anti-mining activists like Walt Bresette (Red Cliff Ojibwe) and Hillary Waukau (Menominee) to treaty rights advocates like James Schlender (Lac Courte Oreille Ojibwe), artists like Truman Lowe (Ho-Chunk), and educators like Dorothy "Dot" Davids (Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians), along with tribal genealogists, land stewards, and preservers of language and culture.

Each of the biographies speaks to traditional ecological values and cultural sensibilities, highlighting men and women who helped to sustain

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Back-to-School Open House

and nurture their nations in the past and present.

Available [now](#) from the Wisconsin Historical Society Press!



Kindergarten Registration Day!

National History Day



National History Day in Wisconsin

[Sarah Fallon](#),

NHD in Wisconsin Coordinator

National History Day had a record-breaking year at the Kenneth E. Behring National Contest in June, held at the University of Maryland. Six entries placed in the final round of competition!

The Wisconsin Historical Museum is pleased to announce the 1st annual "[Back-to-School Open House](#)," happening at the Wisconsin Historical Museum on Madison's Capitol Square, 30 North Carroll Street, September 18th, 2014, 4pm-7pm.

Featuring guided tours, store discounts, free gifts, storytelling, and catering by Ian's Pizza, educators are invited to come and explore the resources that the Wisconsin Historical Museum has to offer.

We look forward to meeting you and helping to get your school year off to a historic start! The first 50 educators will receive a free gift courtesy of the Museum Education team.

RSVPs for the "Back to School Open House" are appreciated. Please email [Jenny Kalvaitis](#) or call 608-264-6555

Fall Harvest Celebration

Kick-off the fall harvest season with activities for the whole family based on Wisconsin's crops. Learn why Wisconsin is the perfect place to grow cranberries, apples, cherries, and corn through a variety of agricultural activities and crafts.

Wander through the museum to see artifacts highlighting Wisconsin's agricultural past, and then head outside and enjoy the thriving Madison Farmers' Market right outside our doors. The [Fall Harvest Celebration](#) happens Saturday, September 13 from 10 am - 2 pm. Activities by donation.

To note, Lance Letellier from Reagan School in New Berlin placed 2nd in the Junior Individual Documentary category and also received an award from the National Park Service for the best entry on Native American History.

Olivia Hulan and Sophie Blumenstein from EAGLE School in Madison placed 3rd for their Junior Group Website.

Wisconsin also took home 6th place Junior Paper, 7th Place Junior Group Documentary, 11th Place Senior Group Performance, and 13th Place Senior Individual Performance.

With almost 3,000 students in attendance we are incredibly proud of this year's students! Way to go Team Wisconsin!

Interested in learning more about National History Day? Each fall our staff compiles a comprehensive curriculum CD for interested and participating teachers to have all the resources they need for the NHD year. Sign up to receive materials [here](#).

Please contact [Sarah Fallon](#) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you at National History Day in Wisconsin!

Please email [Katie Schumacher](#) or call 608-261-9359

"NEVER FORGET" 9/11/2014

On September 11, 2014 at 6 PM, the Wisconsin Historical Museum will host [Never Forget](#), a free program commemorating the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C.

Donna Schuh, a psychology instructor from Northcentral Technical College, will share artifacts, stories, and pictures from her experience as a Salvation Army volunteer during the recovery and cleanup effort at the World Trade Center.

Powwows: Performing Identities

Discover this integral part of Native American identity through historic and modern photographs, video elements and artifacts on display at the Wisconsin Historical Museum. Begins Tuesday, September 16. See our [website](#) for more information.

Taking History on the Road

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 and share stories of the past with communities throughout the state. The "Tour" represents a major, multi-year outreach effort.

For a month-long 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 letter 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 on the Great Lakes.

The statewide trek lands at the Racine Public Library this September. Included in the the tour will be five days of activities such as author talks, historic children's crafts, genealogy workshops, and much more. For more information on the Wisconsin History Tour, please visit our [website](#).

New at Old World Wisconsin

[Jennifer Van Haaften](#), Curator of Interpretation

Self-Guided Field Trip Day

Attend Old World Wisconsin for a special self-guided field trip day on Friday, October 17, 2014! If you are interested, make your reservation now to try out this new field trip idea at Old World by calling Ann Selkie at 262-594-6312.

On this special date you can tour at your own pace, arriving and departing as you choose. Your visit is self-guided with the bonus of using our tram transportation, allowing you more flexibility than our standard field trip options. We recommend touring in groups of 10 students with a minimum of one chaperone per group of 10.

With over 600 acres of historic farm and village life to explore, don't expect to see it all in one trip! Instead, try and get a little taste of everything Old World Wisconsin has to offer.

Meet with period-clad interpreters and enjoy the same interactive activities featured in our structured elementary field trips. Take the opportunity to visit your choice of areas, including the Crossroads Village, the German area, and the Norwegian area. We also have exhibits in our Finn, Danish, African-American, and Polish buildings as well as our new cycling exhibit, "Catch Wheel Fever."



Don't forget, we continue to have our great staff-led programs in the fall Tuesdays-Fridays. If you prefer our regular staff-led programs, please call Ann Selkie at 262-594-6312 or click over to our [website](#) and hit "Field Trips" to start your reservation process.

Thank you for reading our newsletter.

Sincerely,

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