



## *Wisconsin Magazine of History Goes Digital*

As a member of the Society, you are already familiar with the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*, the Society's full-color quarterly magazine. But how many of you have read, or even seen, the first issues of the magazine? Now, you can!

The complete archives of the *Magazine of History*—all 30,000 some pages of it—will soon be available on the Society's Web site for anyone curious about Wisconsin's past, at [www.wisconsinhistory.org/wmh](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/wmh). The first 15 volumes are available now with more to be added in the coming weeks. Every article has been catalogued and described, and the full text is searchable so you can find articles about specific people, places or subjects quickly and easily.

The Society has published the *Magazine of History* since 1917 as a successor to the *Wisconsin Historical Collections* (online at [www.wisconsinhistory.org/whc](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/whc)). The early issues of the Magazine are particularly rich in their coverage of WWI, providing social commentary as well as letters from soldiers and, just for balance, a letter from a German man giving his view of the war. Recollections, historical essays, and incisive investigations, including an interesting series on the history of the Kensington Runestone (were Norse explorers really in Minnesota in 1362?), are all here in the online archives of the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*. Find it online at [www.wisconsinhistory.org/wmh](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/wmh).



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# From the Director

## Ellsworth H. Brown

Retrospect and prospect. This is the time of year for both as we finish our sites' season, compile our annual list of "Top Ten Wisconsin History Stories," contemplate this spring's 2007-2009 budget season, and reflect on those who have helped us throughout the year.

Our historic sites had a good season. Although year-to-date attendance was off ever-so-slightly compared to last year, total earned revenue is up 3.8%. This equates to more than \$50,000.

The staff at our nine sites works especially hard during the season. And most sites benefit from terrific support groups, most notably the Old World Wisconsin Foundation. Nice work, all!

Nine sites will soon be ten. We are hard at work on the programming for next season at Reed School, near Neillsville, and formal acquisition will occur as soon as restoration and equipping of the site is complete. We have shared this story with you already, but we want to acknowledge the generosity of Gordon Smith, the Gordon V. and Helen C. Smith Foundation, and the work of Society staffers Dale Williams, Steve Cotherman, Jeff Murray, Janet Dykema, and Greg Parkinson.



Circus World absorbed the time of many people on the staff of Circus World Museum, the Society, and the Circus World Board. Those on the Board deserve special mention for their exceptional generosity, attention to the challenges at hand, and their efforts on behalf of an amazing summer Gala that raised \$116,000. We filled the archivist position with a full-time employee and are scheduling interviews for the directorship as I write this in late November, continued the restoration of the National Landmark train shed, rebuilt the Hippodrome, and had spectacular Chinese acrobats last summer who will return in 2007.

Challenges for Circus World remain, but a strong bond between the Society and the Circus World Museum Foundation Board, along with generous support from individual donors and the State, and the interest of the City of Baraboo has carried us past a season that at one point looked tenuous.

A high note was the Society's partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Library and Google, which has committed to scan a minimum of 500,000 volumes from our combined collections. Indeed, there have been many high points, which I wish we had the space to catalogue here. We will place an annual report online, however. Look for us there.

Transitions occur within all organizations. In the past year we have welcomed approximately 19 new employees to the Society, whose fresh ideas are welcome. Virtually all newcomers are replacements for departing employees, including an unusual number of retirees who deserve our thanks for what, in many cases, is remarkable longevity.

Among those in transition include Board of Curators members Janice Rice, Judge Thomas Barland, and Immediate Past Chair Patt Boge. Their collective service is 79 years, led by Judge Barland's 45 years! And by the time you read this, Cora Marrett, representative of the University of Wisconsin system, will have moved to Washington, D.C. We are deeply indebted to them for their exceptional dedication over time . . . and I owe Patt Boge a special nod, since she chaired the search committee that hired me just over two years ago.

Continuing the cycle, however, new members of the Board of Curators were welcomed: From Milwaukee, George Dionisopoulos and Conrad Goodkind; and from Brooklyn, Mike Schudlach. They are joined by two new chairs of our affiliated groups. Marilyn Canfield represents the Wisconsin Council on Local History, and Reine Wells represents the Friends board.

The coming six months will be dedicated in part to work on the next biennial budget. We will keep you informed of progress through *Columns* and our Web site whenever milestones are reached. We will conclude our branding project and will share our new expression of the Society with you.

Thanks to all of you for your memberships and support. Have a great new year! Remember it well in your stories.

—Ellsworth H. Brown

## COLUMNS



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## Read It and See It

### Take Part in the Classic Book & Movie Club

What do you get when you mix a bookish boy from humble roots with a free-spirited girl from a wealthy family? Find out on January 21st at 1:30 PM when the Society hosts a free screening and discussion of the 1969 film classic "Goodbye, Columbus," based on the novella by Philip Roth. Professor Tom Schaub from the English Department at UW-Madison will be the guest speaker and will moderate a discussion of the film and the book from which it was adapted. And don't worry if you haven't read the book—reading is encouraged but not required.

"Goodbye, Columbus" is the final

film in this season's Classic Book and Movie Club, a three-part series of Hollywood movies adapted from classic books of the 19th and 20th centuries. This cooperative film series is sponsored by the Society, The Wisconsin Center for Film and Theater Research, and *The Capital Times*, and features the collections of the Wisconsin Center for Film and Theater Research.

Don't miss your chance to see this classic story come alive on the big screen in the Society's Auditorium. Admission is FREE on a first-come, first-serve basis.



### Sneak Peak at 2007-2008 CBMC Series

To tempt you, here's a preview of the 2007-2008 series which will focus on films adapted from classic books of the turn-of-the-20th century.

**April 15, 2007:** Henry James, "Washington Square"; Agnieszka Holland film starring Albert Finney, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Maggie Smith

**September 16, 2007:** Edith Wharton, "Age of Innocence"; Martin Scorsese film starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder

**January 20, 2008:** E.M. Forster, "Howard's End"; James Ivory film starring Vanessa Redgrave, Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter and Emma Thompson.

Questions? Call Karen Kron at 608-264-6445, or email her at [Karen.Kron@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:Karen.Kron@wisconsinhistory.org)

## Executive Director of Circus World Named

Stephen Freese, who ends his 16-year career as a state representative for Wisconsin's 51st Assembly District in January, was appointed Circus World Museum's new executive director by the Circus World Museum Foundation, Inc., in December. Freese's appointment comes after a six-month-long nationwide search and interviews with several candidates. In announcing the decision, Circus World Museum Foundation Board President Renee Boldt praised Freese's qualifications for the position. "His demonstrated leadership experience, combined with his substantial fundraising skills make him ideally suited to lead the way as the museum looks to the future," she said.

Freese brings a broad range of management, legislative and fund-raising experience to the job. As a state representative since 1991, Freese has served as Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore, chaired the Assembly Committee on Campaigns

and Elections, and served on numerous Assembly committees, including the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Commission. He has also served as a member of the Society's Board of Curators since 1993 and the Potosi Brewery Foundation Board of Directors since 2000.

Since 2005 Freese has worked with The Sweeney Group as a fundraising consultant concentrating on historic preservation projects throughout the Midwest. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He will assume his new responsibilities in January, overseeing management and fund raising for Circus World Museum.



## Recognizing Wisconsin history's best

Read a good Wisconsin history book lately? Seen a great exhibit? Nominate it for a Society award! Each year, the Society recognizes outstanding historical work that helps connect people to the past. If you know of good work on state history (or are doing it yourself) that should be recognized, visit [www.wisconsinhistory.org/about/awards](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/about/awards) for eligibility and nomination forms or call the numbers listed below to have the forms sent to you. The application deadline for all awards is April 1, 2007. Good luck!

### Book Award

The Book Award is given to the author of a book (published during the preceding calendar year) on Wisconsin history that the judges deem to have made the most valuable contribution to public understanding of Wisconsin's past. Authors and publishers are encouraged to nominate their own works. Contact Michael Edmonds at [michael1.edmonds@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:michael1.edmonds@wisconsinhistory.org) or (608) 264-6538.

### Genealogy/Family History Book Award

The Society and the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society invite nominations of published genealogies of at least 50 pages detailing the history of Wisconsin families. Contact Jim Hansen at [jamesl.hansen@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:jamesl.hansen@wisconsinhistory.org) or (608) 264-6535.

### Governor's Archives Award

The Society and the Wisconsin Historical Records Advisory Board invite your nominations for the Governor's Archives Awards, which recognize outstanding work done with Wisconsin's historical records. The awards honor individuals, organizations, and/or formal programs that make distinctive contributions to historical records preservation and access. Three awards are given annually, for archival achievement, archival innovation and archival advocacy. Contact Karen Kron at [karen.kron@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:karen.kron@wisconsinhistory.org) or (608) 264-6445.

### Historic Preservation Awards

The Society invites nominations of exemplary projects that have restored or preserved a

part of Wisconsin's historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural heritage. Two awards are given each year, one for historic restoration and one for historic preservation. Contact Debbie Cravens at [debra.cravens@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:debra.cravens@wisconsinhistory.org) or (608) 264-6493.

### Museum Exhibit Awards

The Society invites nominations for its museum exhibit awards. Two awards are given each year, one for historical exhibits with a minimum of 1,000 square feet, and one for historical exhibits less than 1,000 square feet. Permanent, temporary, or traveling exhibits are eligible. Contact the Museum at (608) 264-6555.

### Public Program Award

The Society invites nominations for an award that honors outstanding work in a new Wisconsin history public program. The award recognizes Wisconsin organizations that have launched exceptional history public programs in the preceding year. Contact Greg Parkinson at [Greg.Parkinson@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:Greg.Parkinson@wisconsinhistory.org) or (608) 264-6581.

### Rueben Gold Thwaites Trophy for Local History

The Thwaites Trophy is presented annually to one affiliated historical society for continued excellence in its overall service to its community over a period of at least 5 years. The trophy is held by the winning society for one year. Affiliated societies are invited to review its own performance and submit itself in nomination. The 2006 winner, the Chippewa Valley Museum, is featured in this issue's "Local History Highlight." Contact Deirdre March at [deirdre.march@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:deirdre.march@wisconsinhistory.org) or (608) 264-6579.

### Wisconsin History Web site Award

The Society invites nominations for Web sites with substantial Wisconsin history content. The award is given to the creators of the Web site that made the most valuable contribution to presenting Wisconsin history in the previous year. Contact Paul Hedges at [Paul.Hedges@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:Paul.Hedges@wisconsinhistory.org) or (608) 264-6451.



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## Hesseltine Award Winner

Readers of the *Wisconsin Magazine of History* have spoken! The fortieth annual William Best Hesseltine Award goes to Amelia Klem Osterud for her Spring 2005 article, "A Life of Her Own Choosing: Anna Gibbons' Fifty Years as a Tattooed Lady." Osterud received her Master's degrees in history and library science from UW-Milwaukee and holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts. She works in the Carroll College library and continues to research tattoo history.

Osterud's article tells the story of Artoria Gibbons, who performed in sideshows from the 1920s to the 1980s and was one of the best-known tattooed ladies of her generation. A native of rural Portage County, Gibbons' life was drastically different than most women of the time. Intricately tattooed by her husband, she traveled the country and defied

cultural norms to make a better living for her family. Osterud used documents from the sideshow and tattoo industry, as well as interviews with Gibbons' friends and family, to accurately present the life of this remarkable woman.

Established in memory of a past president of the Society and a distinguished University of Wisconsin professor, the William Best Hesseltine Award honors an individual article that appears in a four-issue volume of the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*. Since 2002, award winners have been chosen by *Wisconsin Magazine of History* readers.



Circus World Museum

## Wisconsin History's Top News Stories of 2006

In 2006, Wisconsin saw major political changes, tragic school violence, advances in science, amazing feats of athleticism and a miracle birth on a Janesville farm. Continuing a tradition begun in 2003, Society staff has identified history-making stories of 2006 and selected the top ten with a Wisconsin connection.

**Midterm elections realign Capitol politics**—Wisconsin voters shifted state political power, giving Democrats control of the state Senate, 18-15, and leaving Assembly Republicans with a slim 52-47 margin of control. Young voters, ages 18 to 29, may have made the difference, turning out in larger numbers than in any other state but Montana. Democratic Governor Jim Doyle was re-elected for a second term and Senator Judy Robson was elected state Senate majority leader, the first female Democrat to hold the position.

**School violence rocks two communities**—Fifteen-year-old Weston High School student Eric Hainstock shot and killed his school's principal, John Klang, in September 2006 in Cazenovia. The teen is charged in adult court with first-degree intentional homicide. Only a few days before, a school shooting was averted at Green Bay East High School when a student alerted the principal to the plot planned by two teens.

**Wisconsin communities vote to bring home the troops**—Residents in 24 of 32 communities approved referenda in April 2006 to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq. Another 10 communities, including Milwaukee, voted in favor of troop withdrawal in November. More than 2,800 U.S. soldiers have lost their lives in Iraq since the war began in 2003, 63 from Wisconsin.

**Controversial issues brought to the electorate**—Efforts to re-establish the death penalty after 153 years and to constitutionally define marriage were brought to the voters in November 2006. The death penalty referendum, a non-binding vote meant to advise the Legislature on future actions, passed. Voters also approved a constitutional ban on gay marriages and civil unions that defines marriage as between one man and one woman.

**Stellar year for UW Sports**—Three UW teams won national championships during the 2005-2006 school year, a school record. Men's ice hockey won its sixth national championship and the women's ice hockey team won its first ever national title—the first time that both titles were won by the same school in the same year for Division 1 NCAA hockey. UW women's lightweight crew won its third straight Intercollegiate Rowing Association title. The UW men placed second and the women fourth at the 2006 NCAA Div. 1 National Cross Country Championships. The Badger football team had its first-ever 11-win regular season, tying a school record for wins in a season.

**Thousands march for immigrant rights**—Thousands of residents marched and rallied in cities across Wisconsin, nearly 70,000 in Milwaukee alone, in the spring to push for immigration reform that would provide a pathway to citizenship. Marchers protested a bill by Wisconsin Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner that would tighten border security and make an illegal immigrant's presence in the country a felony.

**E. Coli Outbreak kills one in Wisconsin**—Wisconsin was hardest hit in an E. Coli outbreak linked to bagged spinach grown in California in September 2006. The bacteria killed one Manitowoc woman and sickened 49 others. Governor Doyle declared locally grown spinach safe to eat.

**High gas prices lead to surge in alternative energy initiatives**—As gas prices soared to well-above the \$3.00 mark, Wisconsin moved forward to develop new energy technologies, including ethanol and other biofuels. Governor Doyle launched Wisconsin's "Declaration of Energy Independence" intended to make Wisconsin a national leader in alternative energy research.

**Wisconsin continues to lead in stem cell research**—More than 80 researchers are exploring the potential of stem cells at UW-Madison and WiCell, the home of the National Stem Cell Bank. In January 2006,

Wisconsin scientists announced that they had grown two new stem cell lines, and last spring, the Wisconsin Institutes of Discovery received a \$150 million public-private investment to further stem cell research in Wisconsin.

**Third white buffalo born**—A Janesville farm saw the birth of its third white buffalo in September 2006, an animal considered sacred by many Indians. White buffalos are prophesied to reunite all the races of man and to restore balance to the world.



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## Refer a Friend

Enjoy an extra month of membership for yourself and a chance to win a WHS Press book when you refer a friend to become a member of the Society. By applying online at <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/membership> or calling 1-888-748-7479, friends and family can join today, and you can extend your current membership and be entered for the monthly book drawing. Be sure to have them mention offer #0107 and your name when ordering.

## Local History Highlight Chippewa Valley Museum

At the Chippewa Valley Museum, local history comes with a cherry on top. Since 1974, the Chippewa Valley Museum (CVM) has collected, preserved and interpreted past and present life in this 9,500 square mile region of northwestern Wisconsin. Museum exhibits include three permanent exhibits on the Ojibwe, white settlement, and farm life—as well as a real, working ice cream parlor that dates from 1895! In 2006, The CVM was awarded the Rueben Gold Thwaites Trophy, the Society's highest award in local history, for its continued excellence and overall service to the Eau Claire region.

The CVM collections include more than 17,000 artifacts, 25,000 archival objects and three historic buildings: the Anderson Log House (1860s), Sunnyview School (1880) and Schlegelmilch House (1871–1906). The CVM photography collection is the largest in the region, with more than 14,000 images ranging from the mid-19th century to the present. Other significant collections include farm equipment and tools, personal artifacts from rural families, logging and lumbering artifacts, and assorted records and items associated with Gillette/Uniroyal, once the largest employer in Eau Claire.



A breakfast-table tableau in the "This Day" exhibit that uses images, artifacts, music, and the voices of real people to tell the story of area farm families

In addition to the permanent exhibits, the CVM creates original short-term exhibits, including the award-winning "This Day," which tells the story of how farm families settled and lived in the Chippewa Valley (this exhibit won the Society's Museum Exhibit Award in 2006). The Museum's interactive exhibit "My Family Story" allows visitors to learn how to discover and interpret their own family history, and to tie it to the history of the place and time in which they live. The CVM Web site, [www.cvmuseum.com](http://www.cvmuseum.com), also offers online versions of two short-term exhibits, "Eau Claire: City of Bridges" and "Stories in Stone: Wisconsin's Archaeological Time", as well as a wealth of resources for students and anyone else interested in Chippewa Valley history.

The CVM offers a number of events throughout the year and publishes a quarterly newsletter for members as well as several books. The Museum's library and archives, named in honor of Glenn Curtis Smoot, are open to the public on weekdays. Learn more about The Chippewa Valley Museum at [www.cvmuseum.com](http://www.cvmuseum.com).



A machine shed featuring an iconic Farmall H tractor in the "Farm Life" exhibit



The barn section of the "Farm Life" exhibit

## National Register of Historic Places: New Wisconsin additions

### Messer-Mayer Mill Town of Richfield, Washington County Date of construction: 1856, 1871



The Messer-Mayer Mill is located along Coney Creek, a tributary of the Oconomowoc River. Milling began on the site in 1856 with the construction of a sawmill. While the sawmill collapsed in 1951, the gristmill, constructed between 1871 and 1873, stands today with all of its milling equipment intact. Also on the property are the miller's six-bedroom home with attached summer kitchen, a gable-roofed barn, woodshed, smokehouse and outhouse, as well as a reconstructed horse shed.

While the Messer family was the original owner and homesteader of the property, constructing both the sawmill and gristmill, the Mayer family purchased the property in 1874. Members of the Mayer family remained in residence for nearly 100 years.

### Mindoro Cut Town of Hamilton, La Crosse County Date of Construction: 1908



The Mindoro Cut, a hand-hewn deep highway cut through a limestone ridge, demonstrates the importance of improved roads in supporting the burgeoning dairy and butter industry in southwest Wisconsin in the early 20th century. The cut is still in use today as the ridge top passage along State Highway 108 between West Salem and Mindoro in La Crosse County. It remains essentially as it was when finished in 1908 and is believed to be the largest hand-hewn cut still extant in the United States.

### Rouse Simmons Shipwreck Lake Michigan, Manitowoc County

Twelve miles northeast of Two Rivers, in 170 feet of water lies the wreck of the schooner *Rouse Simmons*. Built in Milwaukee in 1868, the double-centerboard lumber schooner was lost with all her hands in a violent gale in November 1912. The schooner served the Lake Michigan lumber trade, and spent its last years bringing shipments of Christmas trees to the Chicago market. Over



the years, the tale of the *Rouse Simmons* and its captain has become part of a broader holiday story with the schooner now popularly known as the "Christmas Tree Ship."

### Arnold House Columbus, Columbia County Date of Construction: 1955–56



Frank Lloyd Wright designed this house for E. Clarke Arnold, a successful Columbus attorney, his wife Julia, and their growing family. The Arnolds, like so many of Wright's clients, came to

him after seeing a house Wright had designed for friends. The house, faced in limestone, was based on an equilateral parallelogram module having four-foot-long sides. The Arnolds' original house, built in 1955–1956, had two wings placed at a 120-degree angle to one another, which gave the house a V-shape with a living room wing, bedroom wing and a central core. Within three years of completion, the arrival of twins necessitated the construction of a second bedroom wing that gave the house its current Y-shaped plan. This wing was approved by Wright in 1959 and the plans were in preparation when he died in April of that year. The house remains in the possession of the Arnold family today.

### Other properties listed:

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad Passenger Station—Rice Lake, Barron County

Freeman, Roscius and Lydia House—River Falls, Pierce County

Glen Park Swimming Pool—River Falls, Pierce County

St. Croix Falls Auditorium—St. Croix Falls, Polk County

Vaughn's Hall and Blacksmith Shop—Montello, Marquette County

N. Michigan Street—N. Superior Street Historic District—De Pere, Brown County

Randall Avenue Historic District—De Pere, Brown County



Freeman House



Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad Passenger Station



St. Croix Falls Auditorium Theater

## This Just In Selections from Society Collections

### Frederick Jackson Turner Library



Bob Granfilaten

Wisconsin-born historian Frederick Jackson Turner's "frontier theory"—that the frontier experience had a lasting if not permanent impact on American character and society—became the foundation for the study of the American West for generations, influencing historical thinking even today. Turner's personal library, approximately 215 volumes, as well as some books from the library of his grandson, noted Revolutionary War historian Jackson Turner Main, has been donated to the Society by Main's widow, Gloria Main.

Turner was born in Portage, Wisconsin, on November 14, 1861. After earning a doctorate in history from Johns Hopkins University in 1890, Turner returned to Wisconsin to assume an assistant professorship at UW-Madison in 1889.

Only four years later, in 1893, Turner delivered his most famous work, "The Significance of the Frontier in American History," at a meeting of the American Historical Association held at the Chicago World's Fair. Although the work was almost totally ignored at the time, Turner's pronouncement eventually gained widespread distribution and has been hailed as "the single most influential piece of writing in the history of American history."

The library is essentially as Turner left it, and the books include a number of letters, notes, postcards and photographs tucked between the pages. Not surprisingly, many of the books are on American history, though books of poetry and nature are also included. Most of the books have Turner's signature or stamp inside, and many of the books are inscribed to Turner by the author, or inscribed by Turner himself. In his own book, *The Frontier in American History*, for example, Turner wrote to his daughter:

*Dearest Dorothy*

*These essays may have an interest for you, even if not for the "general reader," for they were written between your babyhood and motherhood: and sometimes they interrupted our play time; sometimes they put a thin coating of jelly on the bread and butter. So I send them for your mementos—not for your "required readings."*

*Lovingly, your father  
Frederick Jackson Turner*

And to his wife:

*To my wife, who saved the public from this book for many years*

Turner's library provides insight into the interests and associates of an important figure in both Wisconsin and American history, and is a significant addition to the Society's collection of books and manuscripts.

Since its earliest days, Society collections have grown through the generosity of friends and collectors who have donated books, journals, artifacts, and other materials.

The Society collections currently comprise more than 107,000 historical objects, 390,000 archaeological artifacts, 30,000 maps and atlases, 2 million photos, and 14 miles of library shelves. For the record, when the Society first opened in 1854, the collections consisted of about 50 books. The collections are constantly growing as the Society acquires new items that represent the experiences of Wisconsinites from many backgrounds and time periods. Interested in making a donation? See [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org) for more information.

### Suzy Favor Hamilton Racing Spikes

The most famous and undisputed champ of middle-distance running in the U.S. today now has a place in the Society collections. Suzy Favor Hamilton, a three-time Olympian and Wisconsin native, donated her Nike racing spikes to the Society museum. Custom embroidered, Hamilton wore these spikes when she ran her personal best—3 minutes, 57.4 seconds—in her signature event, the 1500m in Oslo, Norway, in 2000. Hamilton's was the fastest time in the world that year and the second fastest ever for a female American runner in the 1500m.

Hamilton wore the spikes again in the 2000 summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, only this time, disaster struck. Leading the pack with 100m to go in the 1500m final, Hamilton blacked out and collapsed onto the track. Her racing instincts still intact, however, she got back up and finished 12th. The cause, her doctors told her, was dehydration, but it was later discovered that she had been running with a broken ischial bone, one of the three major bones in the pelvis.

Hamilton continues to run today and is reported to be training for the 2008 Olympics. In 2006, Hamilton was named the NCAA Division I Most Outstanding Student-Athlete in track and field over the past 25 years for her accomplishments while a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Hamilton's racing spikes are an important addition to the Society's rich collection of sports-related items, which include mid-19th century curling stones, a baseball jersey worn by Joe Adcock, a Milwaukee Braves World Series bat, and a football jersey worn by Brett Favre.



Andrea Hoffman



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### Paul Seifert Painting



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Sometimes historically important objects are right under your nose. In the late 1950s, Wilbur Luetscher discovered a painting by renowned German folk artist Paul Seifert in the attic of his Sauk County home. His daughter Peggy Luetscher Romenesko, then in elementary school, fell in love with it and kept the painting with her even after the family sold the farm in the 1980s as a reminder of her Wisconsin childhood. In 2005, Romenesko and her parents, Wilbur and Nyla, donated the painting to the Society.

The painting, a vibrant watercolor, depicts the pioneer farmstead of Martin Luetscher II, Wilbur's great-grandfather, and in the distance, two limestone bluffs, known today as Tower Rock. Luetscher had come to Wisconsin from Switzerland in 1847 with his mother and sisters. His home, a typically Swiss "block and stack" stone-style, shown in the painting, stayed in the Luetscher family for four generations. Seifert made many watercolor landscape paintings of area farms and towns in Wisconsin. Characterized by clean and ordered renderings, his style resembles the famous "Grandma Moses" folk paintings.

The Seifert painting is a perfect addition to Society collections not only because of its well-known artist, but because of the stories imbedded in the paint. Wilbur Luetscher identified all the elements in the painting for Society staff, sharing family history, photos and documents to help flesh-out the painting's story.

Since 1854, the Society has collected paintings documenting the people and places of Wisconsin history. Today, the collections numbers over 400 paintings. The Society owns three other watercolors by Seifert: his own farm, the Daniel Lewis farm in Dodgeville, and the Jacob Bennett farm in Gotham.



Peggy Luetscher Romenesko and Wilbur Luetscher present their painting to the Society

Joe Kapler

## Mark your Calendars!

### FRIENDS events and programs for 2007

- **Sunday, April 15th, 2:00 PM, Wisconsin Historical Museum**  
"Flimsies to Furbelows: Women's Dress in the Antebellum Era," a 19th-century sea trunk show presented by Nancy Wolfe, followed by "A funny thing happened on the way to Harper's Ferry" or "John Brown, Abolitionist," by Scott Wolfe.
- **Thursday, June 21st, Yellow Rose Restaurant, Racine**  
FRIENDS Annual Meeting will include a day-long bus tour to Racine, where the meeting will be held at the Yellow Rose Restaurant aka Pokorney's Drug Store. The trip will include a tour of Mound Cemetery, S.C. Johnson and the Golden Rondelle Theatre, DeKoven Foundation and much more!
- **Monday through Wednesday, October 15th-17th, TBA**  
"Connections in Time & Place" is the FRIENDS 3-day bus tour of Southwestern Wisconsin, which includes three WHS historic sites.

Watch for more details in upcoming newsletters!

Interested in becoming a FRIEND? The FRIENDS of WHS is an independent non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to assist and support the Society. Membership is independent of Society membership. For more information, contact the FRIENDS at FRIENDSofWHS@hotmail.com, by phone at (608)258-0055, or by mail at FRIENDS, c/o Kathleen Thompson, 2546 Fairfield Place, Madison, WI 53704.

## Research Tips

### Planning a trip to Society Headquarters?

The collections in the Society's Library-Archives cover all of North America, and are one of the top genealogical collections in the country. With collections that encompass so much, you want to spend some time finding out specifically what the Society has *before* you come. Go to [www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives) to use the online catalog. Choose MadCat for the Library collections or ArCat for the Archives collections.

In general, the Library houses published materials and the Archives holds original documents such as public records and manuscript collections. There are many exceptions, however, so you will want to ask the Reference Staff for more details when you come. Print out the pages from the catalogs to make it easier to locate the collections when you arrive. Also, be sure to make use of the online databases and digital collections found on the Society Web site at [www.wisconsinhistory.org/research](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/research).

## Genealogy Classes and Workshops

### Spring 2007

Watch for the following topics at Saturday classes and workshops held by the Society's Library-Archives in Spring 2007.

- Using Ancestry and HeritageQuest (Dee Grimsrud)
- Digitizing Photographs (Andy Kraushaar)
- Tough Genealogy-Tips and Tricks, Strategies and Sources to Help Trace Those Impossible Frontier, Colonial and Immigrant Ancestors (Jim Hansen)
- Genealogical Research in 20th and 21st Century Resources (Lori Bessler)

- Oh Darned! Where Did I Put Uncle George? Keeping Track of Your Family (Rick Pifer)
- Beginning Norwegian Genealogy (Guest Lecturer Jerry Paulson)

Registration will begin in January 2007.

For more information, please see the Society Web site, [www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/classes](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/classes), or email [asklibrary@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:asklibrary@wisconsinhistory.org), or write to Lori Bessler, Outreach Coordinator, Library Archives, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706.

## Kids Discover Foods From the Past

Squash, corn, gourds, beans. These are just some of the foods native to North America that have transformed the world's food supply. And over the last two years, these foods and many more have been planted by Society archaeologists in gardens highlighting American Indian agriculture at Pope Farm Park in Middleton, Wisconsin.

Pope Farm Park is a 105-acre public park and educational environment established by the Pope family and the Town of Middleton. A series of interpretive signs provide visitors with fascinating stories about the geology, agriculture, ecology, and American Indian and Euro-American history of the area. Since 2005, Amy Rosebrough and John Broihahn from the State Archaeology and Maritime Preservation Program have provided tours and programs to 4th and 5th graders, including the planting of period gardens.

In 2006, students helped plant a garden typical to the area's Indians 1000 years ago. It included sunflowers, amaranth, goosefoot, sumpweed, erect knotweed, bottle gourd, squash and corn. Introduced to Wisconsin 1,800 years ago, corn had become a major food source by the year 1000. Corn was slowly replacing a complex of food crops, such as little barley, may grass, amaranth, goosefoot, sumpweed, and erect knotweed, that American Indians had domesticated over several millennia into reliable food crops.

Adjacent to the Indian garden, Society staff and the students planted a settler's garden typical of German homesteaders in the 1840s. This garden included corn, pumpkins, gourds, beans, potatoes, cabbage, beets and onions. The



Corn harvested from the Indian garden.

### Interested in planting your own period garden?

Heirloom seeds are available from a number of sources including Seed Savers and Gathering Together Farm. Look for heirloom varieties of corn, amaranth, squash, beans, peppers, beets and carrots, among others.

two gardens allowed students to compare and contrast the adaptations of Indians and settlers to new crops and new ways of growing foods. Fittingly enough, the settler's garden failed, not unlike the gardens of many new settlers unfamiliar with Wisconsin's climate.

In October, more than 300 kids braved the cold to take part in a Fall Harvest Festival and scavenger hunt. Broihahn and Rosebrough harvested gourds, squash and amaranth, and talked to the kids about Indian agriculture. Next year, they plan to take the Indian garden back 1000 years more, to the year 1 AD and to do a settler's garden with a French flavor. Overall, nearly 600 students, teachers and parents had the opportunity to participate in Society-sponsored events at Pope Farm Park in 2006.



Archaeologist Amy Rosebrough talks to 4th graders at the Harvest Festival



Archaeologist John Broihahn and area students plant seeds

## Call for Nominations to the Board of Curators

The following board members' terms expire in June, 2007:

- Mrs. Mary Buestrin, Mequon
- Mr. Kenneth Conger, Kohler
- Judge Ness Flores, Waukesha  
*(not eligible for re-election due to term limits)*
- Mr. Mark Gajewski, Madison
- Ms. Judith Nagel, DePere
- Mr. John Russell, Menomonie  
*(not eligible for re-election due to term limits)*
- Ms. Anne West, Milwaukee
- Vacancy

The Society's Nominating Committee invites your suggestions about renominations and new nominees to the Board of Curators. Please keep in mind that nominees should be willing to devote time and effort on behalf of the Society.

The Nominating Committee will evaluate service, demonstrated interest, and other contributions to cultural organizations. Committee recommendations will be presented to the Board of Curators for approval. All suggestions and nominations must be submitted by January 10, 2007.

Please send your suggestions and a short resume of the individual to the committee chair, Mrs. Mary Buestrin, c/o Margaret Maly, Wisconsin Historical Society, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706.

## Restoring the Ringling Train Shed

With funds from the State Building Commission, the restoration of the historic Ringling Train Shed at Circus World Museum can now be completed. The train shed is one of nine buildings that comprise the Ringling Bros. Circus Winter Quarters National Historic Landmark. The immense frame building is nearly 600 feet long and 64-feet wide, and once housed train cars from the original Ringling Bros. traveling circus. The largest circus empire in the U.S. in the early 1900s, the Ringling Bros. Circus required 44 train cars to transport their wagons and menagerie of exotic animals nationwide. The train shed is the only structure of its kind in the world and still shelters Circus World's railroad cars as well as some of the museum's vast collection of antique circus wagons.



Wisconsin's State Building Commission approved \$1.3 million to fund the shed's restoration in November. Work on the train shed is expected to begin in March 2007 and should be complete in June 2008. Upon completion, the state will be reimbursed a portion of the project cost as a result of a federal "transportation enhancement" grant, a grant that funds improvements to transportation-related structures, like the Ringling Train Shed.

Restoration projects include the replacement of the shed's 290 windows, improved fire protection and electric work, and the replacement of the tracks both inside and outside the building. The Train Shed restoration will allow new public programming on Circus World grounds that are currently inaccessible to visitors.



## Wisconsin Decorative Arts Database

Ever seen a quilt in a historic house that you wished you could see again? Want an inside look at a museum collection before you visit? Researching an early local artisan? A new online resource is bringing Wisconsin's material culture to your computer.

The Wisconsin Decorative Arts Database, <http://content.wisconsinhistory.org/decorativearts>, is a searchable online catalog of artifacts from the collections of historical societies and museums across Wisconsin. The database documents 19th- and early 20th-century furniture, ceramics, metalwork, glass and textiles made in Wisconsin or with significant Wisconsin connections. When complete, the database

will also be available through Wisconsin Heritage Online, [www.wisconsinheritage.org](http://www.wisconsinheritage.org), a research portal that brings together documents, images and objects from Wisconsin libraries, museums, and historical societies.

The project is funded by the Chipstone Foundation of Milwaukee, and is a collaboration of the Society, Chipstone, and the Material Culture Program of the UW-Madison. So far, the Mineral Point Historical Society, the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society, the Neville Public Museum of Brown County, the Sheboygan County Historical Museum, and Society site Pendarvis have contributed items. Artifacts from the Chippewa Valley Museum and Society site Villa Louis will be added in February.

The database will grow throughout the year as project staff team up with institutions throughout the state. Are you affiliated with a Wisconsin historic site or museum with historically important objects? To find out how your organization can participate, contact Project Coordinator Emily Pfothenhauer at [Emily.Pfothenhauer@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:Emily.Pfothenhauer@wisconsinhistory.org).



Emily Pfothenhauer photographs an artifact at the Mineral Point Historical Society.



An 1865 walnut and cherry sewing table, Mineral Point Historical Society



Ceramic ewer handpainted by Eugenia Hutchinson for Pauline Pottery, Neville Public Museum of Brown County

# Out & About Wisconsin

The trips listed below date from early September through early November and represent a sampling of Society staff outreach efforts to help people connect to their past.

**DUBUQUE** • September 9 • State Archaeologist John Broihahn spoke on the Upper Mississippi Valley Lead Industry at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium.

**MADISON** • September 13 • Microforms Librarian and Outreach Coordinator Lori Bessler spoke on genealogy and microfilm at the Midwest States Micrographics Conference.

**ASHLAND** • September 16 • Northern Field Services Rep. Janet Dykema spoke to 90 participants at the Northwestern Regional Convention of the Wisconsin Council for Local History.

**MILWAUKEE** • September 21 • Museum Curator Joe Kapler presented on the WHS Museum's original exhibition "Person to Person," currently installed at the Milwaukee County Historical Society.

**MANAWA** • September 22 • National History Day Coordinator Sarah Clement gave a classroom presentation on NHD to students in grades 5 through 8 at the St. Paul School.

**FOOTVILLE** • September 23 • State Historic Preservation Officer Michael Stevens spoke to local history groups at the Capital Region Local History Convention.

**LA CROSSE** • September 26 • Microforms Librarian and Outreach Coordinator Lori Bessler discussed genealogical research methods at the La Crosse Area Genealogical Society.

**PLATTEVILLE** • September 26 • National Register Coordinator Daina Penkiunas gave a presentation on the National Register program to 34 homeowners, Historic Preservation Commission members and city officials planning to nominate 3 historic districts.

**DODGEVILLE** • September 28 • State Archaeologist John Broihahn gave a presentation on "A Smelter's Life: The Life and Times of the British Hollow Smelter Site."

**EVANSVILLE** • September 28 • Historian Joe DeRose discussed the findings of the Evansville intensive survey project to 50 town residents, which was funded with a subgrant from the Society Division of Historic Preservation.

**PRAIRIE DU CHIEN** • September 30 • Field Services Rep. Janet Dykema attended the Southwestern Regional Convention of the Wisconsin Council for Local History where about 40 participants learned about the work of the Prairie du Chien Historical Society, toured the Fort Crawford Museum, and discussed current projects and ideas.

**MADISON** • October 3 • Museum PR and Retail Manager John Lemke represented the Society at the World Dairy Expo, an annual gathering of 65,000 Agricultural professionals at the Alliant Energy Center.

**DE PERE** • October 4 • National Register Coordinator Daina Penkiunas gave a presentation on the National Register program for property owners in two pending residential historic districts.

**WATERTOWN** • October 9 • Microforms Librarian and Outreach Coordinator Lori Bessler gave a presentation on genealogical resources at the Society to the Watertown Genealogical Society.

**EAU CLAIRE** • October 12 • Museum PR and Retail Manager John Lemke represented the Society at the Northwest Wisconsin Educators Association meeting attended by 1500 teachers and librarians.

**MAYVILLE** • October 20 • State Archaeologist John Broihahn completed a site visit and investigation at the Kolterman Mound Group.

**MADISON** • October 25 • Burial Sites Program Program Coordinator Leslie Eisenberg spoke at the Optimist Club of East Madison/Monona.

**WAUWATOSA** • October 30 • State Historic Preservation Officer Michael Stevens spoke to local history groups at the Metropolitan Region Local History Convention with Preservation Architect Brian McCormick.

**WISCONSIN DELLS** • November 1 • Metadata Librarian Jonathan Cooper participated in a panel discussion on the Wisconsin Heritage Online project at the Wisconsin Library Association Annual Conference.

**LA CROSSE** • November 3 • Digital Collections & Web Services Head Michael Edmonds trained 58 teachers from western Wisconsin on how to use the Society's online primary sources in their classrooms.

**MADISON** • November 9 • Curator of Costume & Textiles Leslie Bellais consulted on the organization, cataloging and storage of nursing uniforms with archival staff from the UW's School of Nursing at the Hospital School of Nursing.

# Development Society Honor Roll

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## Wisconsin Historical Society Fund-Raising Report

The Wisconsin Historical Foundation is pleased to report the following year-to-date results for the period between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007:

Annual Fund .....	\$152,016
(up 40% from last year)	
Annual Fund Donors .....	1,409
(up 15% from last year)	

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) awarded the Wisconsin Historical Foundation a \$500,000 challenge grant in May 2004 for the Library-Archives Preservation Endowment. The Foundation must match the NEH grant on a four-to-one basis and, to date, including the NEH grant, has raised \$1,611,157 toward the long-range goal of \$2.5 million.

## Mead Witter Challenge Grant Completed

In the July/August 2005 issue of *Columns*, the Society announced that the Mead Witter Foundation of Wisconsin Rapids had offered the Wisconsin Historical Foundation a special \$200,000 grant opportunity in support of the Library and Archives Preservation Endowment. To secure the funds, Mead Witter Foundation required the Historical Foundation to raise another \$400,000 in new gifts and pledges.

As of November 14th, the Foundation completed the challenge thanks to a number of contributors, especially long-time Society friend, Mrs. Peter D. "Peg" Humleker, Jr. of Fond du Lac. Mrs. Humleker gifted nearly \$208,000 in stock, which allowed the Historical Foundation to meet Mead Witter's challenge. Her gift, as well as the contribution from Mead Witter, will be matched by the National Endowment for the Humanities challenge grant that the Historical Foundation secured in May 2004. When completed, the Library and Archives Preservation Endowment will total \$2.5 million and will support a full-time senior conservator position, as well as an annual operating budget named the Mead Witter Foundation Preservation Fund.

The Historical Foundation and the Society have now been raising money for the Preservation Endowment for over two years, resulting in over \$1.3 million in gifts from nearly 120 contributors, including a previous \$100,000 challenge from the Mead Witter Foundation. Another \$700,000 is needed by January 31, 2008, to complete the NEH challenge, which will result in another \$500,000 for the Preservation Endowment. If you would like more information about this special opportunity, please contact Melinda Heinritz, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Historical Foundation, at (608) 264-6585 or Melinda.Heinritz@wisconsinhistory.org.

For information about making a gift to the Society or benefiting the Society through your estate, please contact Melinda Heinritz, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Historical Foundation, at (608) 264-6585 or mvheinritz@whs.wisc.edu.

# Information Society Headquarters Building



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Madison, WI 53706-1482  
(608) 264-6400  
Parking: Lake Street ramp  
www.wisconsinhistory.org

## Library

Access to the library stacks and microforms reading room ends one half hour before closing times.

### January 2-20

8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

### January 22-March 30

8 A.M. to 9 P.M., Monday-Thursday  
8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Friday and Saturday

Information: (608) 264-6534

Reference: (608) 264-6535

FAX: (608) 264-6520

www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives

Note: The Society headquarters will be closed January 13-15.

## Archives Research Room

The Archives Research Room provides access to manuscripts, government records, rare books, recorded sound, maps, photographs and entertainment industry related holdings of the Wisconsin Center for Film and Theater Research.

8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday-Friday

9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Saturday

(Collection retrieval is limited to: 9 A.M. to noon and 1 to 4 P.M., Monday-Friday; and 9 to 11:30 A.M., 12:15 to 12:30, and 1:15 to 3:45 P.M., Saturday.)

Information: (608) 264-6460

FAX: (608) 264-6472

www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/readroom

## Wisconsin Historical Museum



Capitol Square  
30 North Carroll Street  
Madison, WI 53703-2707  
(608) 264-6555/FAX (608) 264-6575  
Parking: Capitol Centre or Dayton Street ramps  
www.wisconsinhistory.org/museum

9 A.M. to 4 P.M.,  
Tuesday-Saturday  
Closed Sunday, Monday, and major holidays

Admission by donation. Suggested amounts: \$4 for adults, \$3 for children under 18, and \$10 for families. Society members receive free admission.

Persons attending Museum programs are asked to make a suggested \$2/person donation.

To schedule a group visit, telephone (608) 264-6557 between 11 A.M. and 4 P.M.

## Museum Store

(608) 264-6428

Toll-free (for orders only): (888) 999-1669

Online Store

www.wisconsinhistory.org/shop

## Society Statewide

### Archives Services

#### Area Research Center Network

For information about Area Research Centers around the state, see [www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/arcnet](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/arcnet) or telephone (608) 264-6460.



#### Northern Great Lakes History Center and Archives

29270 County Highway G/Ashland, WI 54806-9339  
(715) 685-2647  
[www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/arcnet/northlan.asp](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/arcnet/northlan.asp)

### Historic Sites



#### First Capitol

Thru September 3, 2007  
County Highway G/Belmont, WI 53510  
(608) 987-2122  
[www.wisconsinhistory.org/firstcapitol](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/firstcapitol)



#### H. H. Bennett Historic Site

Open year round; hours vary  
215 Broadway/Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965  
(608) 253-3523  
[www.wisconsinhistory.org/hhbennett](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/hhbennett)



#### Madeline Island Museum

Thru October 6, 2007  
La Pointe, WI 54850  
(715) 747-2415  
[www.wisconsinhistory.org/madelineisland](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/madelineisland)



#### Old World Wisconsin

Thru October 31, 2007, and special winter dates  
S103 W37890 Highway 67/Eagle, WI 53119  
(262) 594-6300  
[www.wisconsinhistory.org/oww](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/oww)



#### Pendarvis

Thru October 31, 2007  
114 Shake Rag Street/Mineral Point, WI 53565  
(608) 987-2122  
[www.wisconsinhistory.org/pendarvis](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/pendarvis)



#### Stonefield

Thru Sept. 3, 2007 then weekends only to Oct. 14  
P.O. Box 125/Cassville, WI 53806  
(608) 725-5210  
[www.wisconsinhistory.org/stonefield](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/stonefield)



#### Villa Louis

Thru October 31, 2007, and special winter dates  
521 N. Villa Louis Rd./Prairie du Chien, WI 53821  
(608) 326-2721  
[www.wisconsinhistory.org/villalouis](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/villalouis)



#### Wade House and Wesley Jung Carriage Museum

Thru October 14, 2007  
P.O. Box 34/Greenbush, WI 53026  
(920) 526-3271  
[www.wisconsinhistory.org/wadehouse](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/wadehouse)




#### Circus World Museum

Open year round; hours vary  
550 Water Street/Baraboo, WI 53913-2597  
(608) 356-8341  
[www.circusworldmuseum.com](http://www.circusworldmuseum.com)

PLEASE NOTE: The schedules provided here were updated before press time but are subject to change without notice. Please call to confirm operating hours before making final plans.

# Calendar of Events

## Society Events Statewide

 For further information about special events or to confirm dates and times (recommended), call the venue (phone numbers are on page 15) or visit [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org).

**8 January, 2PM, Oak Park Place Retirement Home, Madison**—WHS Press author Jerry Apps discusses *Ringlingville USA* and *Tents, Tigers and the Ringling Bros.*

**16 January, 12:15PM, WHS Museum**—“Creating Fun and Games,” presented by Lisa Wuenneman and Barbara Uebelacker, explores the history and creative process behind board game development at Beloit-based Patch Products.

**20 January, 10:30AM–12:30PM, WHS Museum**—“Madison Cribbage—We’re #1” explores the history of the nation’s first organized cribbage club, the Madison Cribbage Club. Cards and boards will be available for play.

**21 January, 1:30PM, WHS Headquarters**—“Goodbye Columbus,” free film screening and discussion of the 1969 classic Philip Roth book and movie.

**6 February, 12:15PM, WHS Museum**—“Bronzeville: A Milwaukee Lifestyle,” presented by Ivory Abena Black, looks at the history and culture of Milwaukee’s African American communities.

**17 February, 10:30AM, Barnes and Noble West, Madison**—WHS Press author Jerry Apps will read and sign copies of his children’s book, *Tents, Tigers and the Ringling Bros.*

**20 February, 12:15PM, WHS Museum**—“Hanging by a Thread: A Kite’s View of Wisconsin,” presented by Craig Wilson, will explore Wilson’s 20-year career photographing Wisconsin from a remote-controlled kite.

**15 October–15 January, 9AM–5PM, WHS Headquarters**—Archival photographs and artifacts represent “Wisconsin at Play,” this year’s archives week theme.



## Wisconsin Historical Museum Exhibitions

### PERMANENT

*People of the Woodlands: Wisconsin Indian Ways*, second floor, stories of native peoples living in Wisconsin through the Fur Trade; introduces the science and art of archaeology.

*On Common Ground: Two Hundred Years of Wisconsin History*, third and fourth floors, exploration of themes unique to Wisconsin history from settlement days to the present.

### TEMPORARY

*“Toy Stories”*, 17 October through 26 May 2007. This historical look at popular toys and games from the 1940s to the present includes classics plus toys with intriguing Wisconsin connections.



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