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WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# CAPITOL CONNECTIONS



## 2024 REFLECTIONS: COLLECTING POLITICAL HISTORY AS IT HAPPENS

As 2024 draws to a close, the Society is reflecting on another momentous year of collecting, preserving and sharing stories that matter to Wisconsin. One of these stories is our state's unique role in shaping a national election as a swing state and host of a major party's national convention.

Society curators were on-the-ground at both the Republican and Democratic national conventions, collecting a range of political ephemera to preserve a significant chapter of our nation's history and expand our state's rich North American history collections. We were honored to work with journalists statewide to provide a behind-the-scenes look at the collecting and preservation process.



Check out this story from [Channel 3000](#) or additional coverage from [WUWM](#), the [Wisconsin State Journal](#) and others!

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# WELCOME EVENT & FRESHMAN LEGISLATOR ORIENTATION

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STATE ARCHIVE PRESERVATION FACILITY  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH



Curious to learn more about the Society, the critical work our team stewards for the state, and how you can tap into our vast resources to benefit your constituents across all

72 counties? All interested legislators and their staff—not just newly elected members—are invited to join us for a special Welcome Event & Freshman Legislator Orientation on January 8 at the state-of-the-art State Archive Preservation Facility.

**WHERE:** State Archive Preservation Facility, 204 S Thornton Ave in Madison

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 8th, tours at 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Transportation will be provided to and from the Wisconsin Capitol with pick-up at Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Busses depart at 9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

Contact [Kennedy McCarthy](#) for more information or to reserve your seat!

## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

**This week:** Join the Society at the Wisconsin Capitol on Dec. 11 for a **maritime archaeology meet & greet event just for legislators!** This open house style event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 411 South.

Across the street at the **History Maker Space** located in the U.S. Bank Plaza, check out a **special installation of vintage Evergleam trees** on display now until Dec. 18, and watch your inbox for more details coming soon about a public groundbreaking event for the new Wisconsin History Center this spring!

[Dec. 12: Indian Mounds of Wisconsin with Bob Birmingham \(Waukesha County\)](#)

[Dec. 13-15: Villa Louis Christmas Tea \(Crawford County\)](#)

[Dec. 14: Walking Home Ground with author Robert Root \(Dodge County\)](#)

[Dec. 14-15: A Wade House Christmas \(Sheboygan County\)](#)

[Dec. 14-15: Home for the Holidays at Old World Wisconsin \(Waukesha County\)](#)

[Dec. 19 - May 15: "We March to Our Own Beat" Collections Highlight \(Columbia County\)](#)

[Dec. 29: Hmong Culture in Wisconsin with Pao Lor \(Iowa County\)](#)

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

## IN THE NEWS

- **WisPolitics:** Wisconsin Historical Society Awarded grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services' Museums Empowered program
- **Waukesha County Freeman:** Read (and eat) all about it: Book explores Wisconsin foods

- **Fond du Lac Reporter:** This small piece of Brothertown Indian Nation history is now honored with a state historical marker
- **National Trust for Historic Preservation:** Winners of 2024 National Preservation Awards Announced
- **Ashland Daily Press:** Bayfield Heritage Association honored with Reuben Gold Thwaites Trophy for Local History
- **OnMilwaukee:** Historical Society opens Wisconsin pop culture exhibit created with WHS
- **Wisconsin Public Radio:** Genealogy research tips
- **Sheboygan Press:** Wade House receives rare Abbot-Downing Concord Stagecoach from Wells Fargo collection

## RECENT LISTINGS

### Recent Additions to the State Register of Historic Places:

- [100 East Building \(Milwaukee County\)](#)
- [Adams Elementary School \(Rock County\)](#)
- [Clintonville Federal Savings and Loan Association \(Waupaca County\)](#)

### Recent Additions to the National Register of Historic Places:

- [Pride \(Schooner\) Shipwreck \(Door County\)](#)
- [Milwaukee Jewish Home for the Aged \(Milwaukee County\)](#)
- [Meissner Store \(Dodge County\)](#)
- [Aid Association for Lutherans Building \(Outagamie County\)](#)

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Society was honored to welcome two new organizations into our local history affiliation program this year: Germania Historical Society (Marquette County) and Yesterday's Negro League Baseball Players Foundation (Milwaukee County). There are now **442** Society affiliates, reaching communities all across the state with meaningful access to local history resources!

