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# WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY CAPITOL CONNECTIONS



## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

2023 has been a year of great momentum and many highlights at the Wisconsin Historical Society. We continue to expand the ways we are collecting, preserving and sharing history with people across all 72 counties and have made incredible strides in the design of the new Wisconsin History Center.

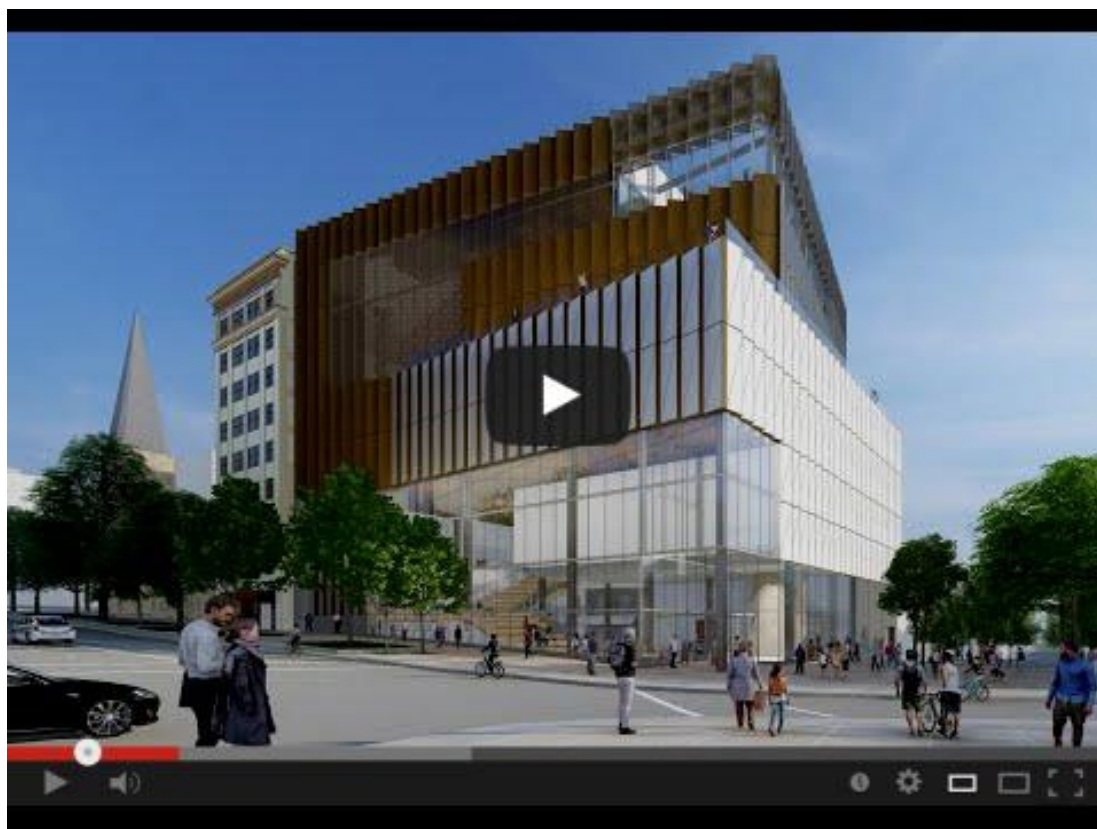
**None of this would be possible without your continued support and collaboration, so we wanted to take a moment to celebrate our mutual success.**

The Society contributed lasting impacts to our state's economic, educational, and cultural health through a range of unique programs and initiatives. We stewarded a **147%** increase in student titles and textbooks distributed by the Society Press to kids across the state, drove a **45%** bump in attendance at historic sites and museums across the state, and so much more:

- **53,896** Wisconsin students used the Society's 4th-grade history textbook (**23%** increase)
- **2,818** students from **60** schools visited the new History Maker Space on Capitol Square
- **60,635** people reached by travelling exhibitions; **17,952** participated in Society presentations
- **473** consultations with affiliated local history organizations across Wisconsin and **185** local governments served via in-person consultations with Society Staff

We also shared a sneak peek in June at the progress being made on the [Wisconsin History Center](#). If you haven't had the chance to check out the flythrough video yet, take a look below and stay tuned in the new year for more history center updates as we prepare for demolition and groundbreaking in 2024.

**We are sincerely grateful for the bi-partisan support from our Wisconsin legislators—thank you!**



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

History advocates from around the state will be joining the Society at the State Capitol on April 17 to show appreciation for legislative support of Wisconsin history. They'll also share first-hand stories of the critical value that state and local history brings to their lives and communities. We look forward to seeing many of you on the Society's [\*\*7th Annual History Advocacy Day!\*\*](#)

## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

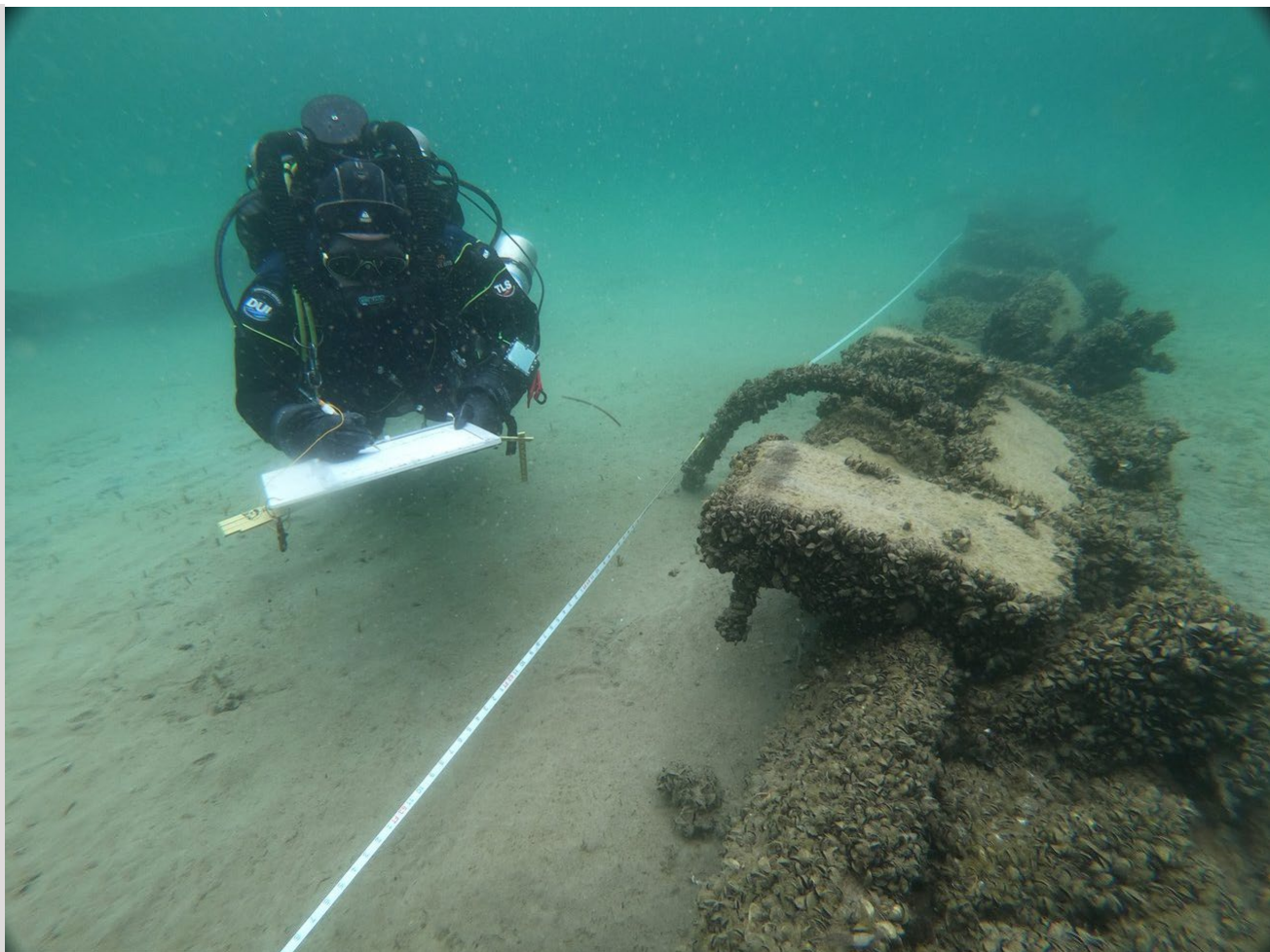
The Society offers a wide range of programming and events to help you and your constituents connect with history and have fun while learning something new:

- Dec. 16 & 17: [Home for the Holidays](#) at Old World Wisconsin (Eagle)
- Jan. 9 - 30 (Tuesdays): [Ojibwe Storytelling Series](#) (Online)
- Jan. 9 - Feb. 23: [Great Lakes Small Streams: How Water Shapes Wisconsin](#) travelling exhibit at Mount Horeb Public Library
- Jan. 26 - Feb. 23: ["We Stand on Their Shoulders": A History of Wisconsin Women and Voting](#) at Karl Junginger Memorial Library (Waterloo)
- Feb. 17: [National History Day Regional Contest](#) in Madison
- Feb. 24: [National History Day Regional Contest](#) in Mequon

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

## IN THE NEWS

- [InBusiness Greater Madison: New History Center three years away, but society's work carries on](#)
- [NBC 15: Some questions answered, mystery still unraveling around Lake Mendota's ancient canoes](#)
- [Spectrum News 1: Everyday Hero: Tamara Thomsen loves finding Wisconsin's underwater history](#)
- [Wisconsin State Journal: Tamara Thomsen has a knack for finding Wisconsin's sunken vessels](#)
- [Yahoo News!: 'Christmas Tree Ship' makes stop to return recovered anchor](#)
- [WUWM: A new food memoir serves up nostalgia from the Menominee reservation](#)
- [WisBusiness: Wisconsin Historical Society Welcomes Amy Rosebrough, state archaeologist](#)



## FRESH LISTINGS

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

- [Sunshine Shipwreck](#) (Liberty Grove, Door County)
- [Sisters of St. Joseph Complex](#) (Stevens Point, Portage County)
- [Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Burr Oak](#) (Farmington, La Crosse County)

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

- [Zion Lutheran Church](#) (Wausau, Marathon County)
- [Daniel and Catherine Welty Barn](#) (Wiota, LaFayette County)
- [Sunset Circle Residential Historic District](#), including the former home of Vince Lombardi (Allouez, Brown County)

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## DID YOU KNOW...

The Wisconsin Historical Society maintains a special webpage just for you! Head to [wisconsinhistory.org/legislators](https://wisconsinhistory.org/legislators) to access the info and resources most requested by legislators.

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