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CAPITOL ARTWORK LOAN PROGRAM: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Changes big and small are coming to Wisconsin's Capitol with the start of a new biennial session on the horizon. The rotation of office assignments with each election cycle brings a burst of activity to the Wisconsin Historical Society's [Capitol Artwork Loan Program](#). This popular program, first introduced in 2011, is an extension of the Society's mission to connect people to the past by collecting, preserving, and sharing stories.

What is the Capitol Artwork Loan Program?

The program offers a unique opportunity to share items from the Society's collection with legislators, residents and visitors to the Capitol. Works of art, portraits, and high-quality scans of historic materials like maps and photographs are made available for display in public spaces and legislator offices. Legislators can request up to two framed pieces per room on a first-come-first-serve basis.

What should I know for the upcoming election cycle?

Society staff are already in the process of contacting all legislators who are not seeking re-election to facilitate the return of loaned items. Following the general election on Nov.

5, staff will contact remaining offices of those elected officials who will not be returning in 2025 to retrieve items on loan to their offices. For elected officials returning in 2025, staff will coordinate the transfer of currently loaned items as new office assignments are finalized. The Society will also work with newly elected officials who are interested in the program starting in January 2025.

For questions or more information, contact Kennedy McCarthy via phone at (608) 347-6268 or email at kennedy.mccarthy@wisconsinhistory.org.



Works of art including portraits and landscapes as well high-quality scanned replicas of historic maps, photographs, posters, letters and treaties are available through the program.

YOU'RE INVITED: MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGY MEET & GREET

The Wisconsin Historical Society is hosting a special "show and tell" day for Wisconsin legislators and staff at the State Capitol. Meet and greet with State Archaeologist Dr. Amy Rosebrough and leading maritime archaeologist Tamara Thomsen, explore Wisconsin shipwrecks using a VR headset and view underwater archaeology collection

items hand-selected for this event. Mark your calendar and RSVP today!

WHEN: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: Senate Hearing Room 411 South, Wisconsin State Capitol

RSVP to Kennedy McCarthy, kennedy.mccarthy@wisconsinhistory.org or (608) 347-6268.



Diver makes a photogrammetry model of the wreck of the recently located John Evenson shipwreck north of Algoma, Wisconsin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 10: History Makers Tour: Identity Lens & Activism: LGBTQ+ in Wisconsin
(Milwaukee County)
- Oct. 11: Spiritualism in the Victorian Era at Black Point Estate & Gardens (Walworth County)
- Oct. 12: Author Visit and Book Signing - Brownie the War Dog: Veterans' Best Friend
(Waupaca County)
- Oct. 11-12, 18-19 & 25-26: Halloween Legends & Lore at Old World Wisconsin
(Waukesha County)
- Oct. 15: Book Talk: Red Earth Nation: A History of the Meskwaki Settlement by Eric Zimmer (Dane County)
- Oct. 16-18: 18th Annual Local History and Historic Preservation Conference (Outagamie County)
- Oct. 19: Safe & Spooky Halloween at Stonefield (Grant County)
- Oct. 19: Tracing Your Eastern European Roots (Online Webinar)
- Oct. 24: An Evening at Wade's Tavern (Sheboygan County)
- Oct. 24: Madison's Hidden History: From Myth to Mystery (Dane County)

Click here for a complete list of upcoming events.

IN THE NEWS

- **Fox News:** Divers find 130-year-old shipwreck with intriguing past hidden in Lake Michigan
- **WSAW:** Fallen FBI agent honored with historic marker
- **Wisconsin State Journal:** 'A dream job' — 2 Circus World icons leaving after decades
- **Midwest Living:** 25 Ultimate Fall Drives
- **Wisconsin State Journal:** An 'awestruck moment': Demolition of old Wisconsin Historical Museum to start this month
- **Spectrum News:** Wisconsin Historical Society preserving national convention mementos
- **OnMilwaukee:** Spooky Legends & Lore returns to haunt Old World Wisconsin
- **WUWM:** 'The story as it's unfolding': How the Wisconsin Historical Society preserves political history
- **Tribune News Service:** Wisconsin is serious about its history, playful for its visitors

RECENT LISTINGS

Recent Additions to the State Register of Historic Places:

- Aid Association for Lutherans Building (Appleton, Outagamie County)
- Eagle River Downtown Historic District (Eagle River, Vilas County)
- Meissner Store (Ashippun, Dodge County)
- Milwaukee Jewish Home for the Aged (Milwaukee, Milwaukee County)
- St. Peter Shipwreck (Port Washington, Ozaukee County)

Recent Additions to the National Register of Historic Places:

- Spring Creek School (Albion, Jackson County)
- Solomon and Josette Juneau House (Theresa, Dodge County)
- Baumann Block (Oshkosh, Winnebago County)
- The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Omaha Railway Bridge (Eau Claire, Eau Claire County)





DID YOU KNOW?

Looking for a perfectly Wisconsin gift idea for the holiday season? Check out the 2024 State Capitol Ornament available on Oct. 10 from the [Society's online store](#). This year's commemorative ornament celebrates the timeless beauty of the Wisconsin State Capitol Rotunda.

Questions or feedback? Please contact Kate Easton, Director of Government Relations: kate.easton@wisconsinhistory.org or (608) 264-6442.

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