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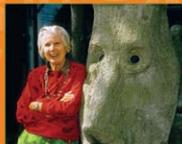
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## MARY NOHL

A LIFETIME IN ART



BARBARA MANAGER and JASINE DUMER

BADGER BIOGRAPHIES SERIES

This new addition to the Badger Biographies series for young readers tells the story of Mary Nohl, a Milwaukee-born artist who made her home on the shores of Lake Michigan. From the time she was young, Mary enjoyed making things, from the model airplane that won her a city-wide prize to assignments in shop class, where she learned to work with

The Wisconsin Historical Society Educator Update contains the most current education-related news from the Wisconsin Historical Society. With information on classroom resources, National History Day, the Wisconsin Historical Museum, the Library-Archives Division, historical sites all around Wisconsin, and more, our monthly roundup is packed with ideas for Wisconsin educators.

## Director's Cuts

Neither sleet nor hail nor winter storm Draco...

It's the end of the school year and barring the Mayan calendar's prediction, we'll all need great resources for 2013. May you and yours have a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!

Kurt Griesemer  
School Services Director



## Act 31: Using Primary Sources to Go Beyond the Minimum

[Kurt Griesemer](#), School Services Director

TAPS (Testimony and Primary Resources) Workshop  
Friday, February 22, 2013 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Brought to you by the combined resources of the Department of Public Instruction and the Wisconsin Historical Society, this full-day workshop focuses on using primary sources to engage your students in the study of American Indian history and contemporary culture.

Join the discussion on tribal sovereignty and federal law led by Judge David Raasch, retired judge from the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians. A full slate of activities, starting with a primer on seeking out primary source material from the Society's archives and

tools.

Available January 2013  
from the [Wisconsin  
Historical Society Press](#)

ending with ideas for bringing archaeology to life in your classroom, will inspire and motivate you to get your students thinking like historians!

[Register today!](#)

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## Elves in the Attic

**[Michael Edmonds](#), Head, Digital Collections & Web Services  
Library-Archives Division**

It was formerly a belief of children in some German households in a midwestern city that in the weeks or month before Christmas (Weinachten), the garrets of homes were occupied by dwarfs called kobolders. These little men were described as being attired in close-fitting brown jackets and knitted brown woolen caps (zipfelkappen) terminating in a long point with a tassel. They had full white or gray beards and wore pointed cloth shoes.

They were servants of good Saint Nicholas. In the fastnesses of the garret,



these industrious kobolders were employed in making toys for the children of the household. In their spare time, especially at night, these dwarfs often engaged in bowling contests. They were very fond of the game of ninepins. The young folks could, in their imagination, hear the wooden balls rolling across the attic floor, and the noise which they made when the wooden pins were hit.

No one was ever permitted to gaze upon them when at work or at play. No child, no matter how daring, cared to venture into the garret during their occupancy. They became very angry when interfered

with. To gain their goodwill, the older children sometimes placed little offerings of hard cookies (pfeffernisse) on the attic stairs for their refreshment. These always mysteriously disappeared...

[Read more](#) of the folk beliefs collected by Society museum director Charles E. Brown (1872-1946) over the course of several decades.

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## January Highlights from the Wisconsin Historical Museum

**[Beth Lemke](#), Museum Educator, Wisconsin Historical Museum**

Visit the [Wisconsin Historical Museum](#) Saturdays in January to learn more about the science of beer from our series 'Beer: From Ancient Origins to New Traditions,' or drop by for author Robert A. Birmingham's 'History Sandwiched In' lecture and book signing.

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### [Toasting Our Fermented Past](#)

Saturday, January 12, 2013 1-2:30 pm

Have you ever gazed into a foamy glass of beer and wondered who could have created such a brew? Fermented beverages have had a much longer presence in our world than you may imagine. Kevin Cullen, archaeology associate at Discovery World, will explore the archaeological evidence of brewing beer throughout the world, including a discussion of recent re-creations of ancient recipes. Cullen will also focus on the evolution of brewing in Wisconsin, highlighting the history and archaeology of several of Milwaukee's forgotten breweries and beer gardens. Registration required by Friday, January 11.

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### [History Sandwiched In: Life, Death, and Archaeology at Fort Blue Mounds](#)

Tuesday, January 15, 2013 12:15-1 pm

Focusing on the strategically located Fort Blue Mounds in southwestern Wisconsin, author Robert A. Birmingham summarizes the 1832 conflict and details the history of the fort, which played a major role not only in U.S. military and militia operations but also in the lives of the white settlers who sought refuge there. Birmingham will sign copies of his book, 'Life, Death, and Archaeology at Fort Blue Mounds' following the program.

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### [The Science of Beer](#)

Saturday, January 26, 2013 1-3 pm

Beer is literally thousands of years old as a historical drink of moderation, and the way it was made in ancient Egyptian times is not dissimilar to the way it is made today. Join David Ryder, chief brewmaster at MillerCoors, in an entertaining romp through brewing history as he traces back various styles of beer, ingredients and processing methods, and where the industry is headed today. Ryder will describe some of the technical advances of beer making and opportunities afforded by the "Science of Beer" as he talks about hops, barley, beer bubbles and "happy" yeast. Head to The Coopers Tavern on the Square for a special



"Science of Beer" menu after the presentation. Registration required by Friday, January 18.

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Our thoughts and hearts are with the families affected by the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School In Newtown, Connecticut. May they find some peace in the coming years.

Sincerely,

[Kurt Griesemer](#)