

2024 | 18th Annual

Oct. 16–18 | Hilton Appleton Paper Valley

Local History & Historic Preservation Conference

Regional Open Houses

Wednesday, October 16 – Friday, October 18

Before and after the Conference, visit these local historical societies during featured open house hours to learn more about history in the Fox Valley.

Appleton Historical Society

Location: 128 N. Durkee St., Appleton

Open House Hours: Thursday Noon – 5 pm, Friday Noon – 5 pm

Admission: Free

The Appleton Historical Society Museum and Research Center has permanent exhibits, rotating exhibits, and research space, allowing you to immerse yourself in the history of Appleton. Learn more at www.appletonhistory.com.

Appleton Police History Museum

Location: Appleton Police Department, 222 S. Walnut St., Appleton

Open House Hours: Wednesday 3 pm – 7 pm, Thursday 4 pm – 7 pm, Friday 1 pm – 3 pm

Admission: Free

The Appleton Police History Museum is a collection of police items and photographs retired by the department and donated to the museum by retirees and/or their family members to be showcased and displayed. The collection was started by retired Detective Sergeant Arnold Nettekoven, who served the Appleton Police Department from 1960-1990 and authored a book about its history.

History Museum at the Castle

Location: 330 E. College Ave., Appleton

Open House Hours: Wednesday 10 am – 4 pm, Thursday 10 am – 4 pm, Friday 10 am – 4 pm

Admission: Free on Wednesday / Regular \$12 Adult Admission Thursday and Friday

Come see award-winning local history exhibits and the story of magician Harry Houdini set in a former Masonic temple, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Learn more at myhistorymuseum.org.

Neenah Historical Society

Location: 343 Smith St., Neenah

Open House Hours: Wednesday 10 am – 2 pm

Admission: Free

Visit the Hiram Smith Octagon House, home of the Neenah Historical Society, featuring the exhibit *Neenah and Menasha Sesquicentennials: Two Cities, One Community*. The exhibit is the recipient of a 2024 Wisconsin Historical Society Board of Curators Award. Learn more at www.neenahhistoricalsociety.com.



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