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**2018 NORTHEAST LOCAL HISTORY MEETING
BRILLION HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Friday, August 17, 2018**



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Local History

This workshop is great opportunity for you to learn more about the basics of museum collections care and a rare chance to see what one local historical society has done to comprehensively transform their collections care systems.

Hosted by the Brillion Historical Society at the Ariens Museum, 109 N Main Street
(Accessible from Main St. Entrance, parking on street)

Affiliates of the WCLH Northeastern region, as well as the public, are encouraged to attend this fun and informative event.

Meeting Agenda

9:00 — 9:30 am	Registration and refreshments
9:30 — 10:00 am	Introductions and Welcome Updates from Wisconsin Historical Society, Status of the Wisconsin Historical Museum
10:00 –10:45 am	Presentation on establishing a new collections storage system and low-cost solutions for better collections care – Danielle Benden (Driftless Pathways)
10:45 —11:00 am	Break, browse Ariens Museum
11:00–12:00 pm	Round Table Discussion – Participants can ask questions or share their stories about collections storage and management challenges or achievements. Danielle Benden will serve as moderator and offer suggestions and advice.
12:00 – 1:00 pm	During Lunch WCLH Business Meeting and Election – Terry Thiessen Box Lunch provided by Cobblestone Creek (Chicken salad on croissant, fruit, chips, and cheesecake)
1:00 pm	Local history tours: Ariens Museum Brillion Historical Museum Brillion History House Brillion Historical Storage Building

Send registration form and \$15.00 registration fee by August 10th, 2018 to Brillion Historical Society

Questions? Contact Jane Fuhrmann at 920-756-2373 or email: omafuhrmann@yahoo.com

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Registration Form

Mail to: Brillion Historical Society
PO Box 35
Brillion, WI 54110

Local History Meeting, Brillion,WI August 17, 2018 \$15.00

Checks should be made out to: Brillion Historical Society

Name _____ Organization / Affiliation _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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Presentation:

Updates from Wisconsin Historical Society, Status of the Wisconsin Historical Museum – Rick Bernstein.

Rick will be speaking about new developments at the Wisconsin Historical Society, including updates on the building of a new Wisconsin Historical Museum on the Capitol Square.

Establishing a new collections storage system and low-cost solutions for better collections care - Danielle

Benden, Driftless Pathways. Danielle will be speaking about some of the ways to properly store artifacts in a museum collection, archival products to use for storage, and ways to correctly store items.

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The Ariens Museum: In 1933 Henry Ariens took his sons out to the garage to show them his new gas-powered rota-tiller. That was the year the Ariens Company was born. Our meeting is being held at the Ariens Museum. The latest renovations at the Ariens Museum start with the front entrance. This new area is known as the Ariens Academy and features a state-of-the-art kitchen, catering area, seating area and classroom. Another new area is the Francis Ariens (one of Henry's sons) Service School. Dealers can come in and become certified mechanics in Ariens and Gravely equipment through a 5-day training. A new computer lab has also been constructed. A new 3,000-square-foot space has been internally added to the museum and will be ready for display later. It will eventually be the showroom that will contain snow throwers, snowmobiles and other snow products. The history of the company that makes up the museum portion will be undergoing a renovation that will be ongoing until 2020. The goal of the entire project is, according to Dan Ariens, President and CEO, to find a way to honor the history of Brillion in a way that contributes to the current economic development of the city now and into the future.

Brillion Historical Home: In 1966 the Brillion Historical Society arranged a public meeting to gather a group of citizens interested in preserving and displaying Brillion's history. The meeting was a success and the group formally organized as an affiliate to the Wisconsin Historical Society. In 1969 the group moved the Green Hotel to its current location on North Francis Street. The house has been furnished with donated items from the people of Brillion and the surrounding area.

Brillion Historical Museum: In 1998 the Brillion Historical Society built a new structure to the rear of the Green Hotel. The museum holds a printing press, samples of the Brillion Wallpaper Collection, a replica of the Lime Kilns, Furniture made by the Brillion Manufacturing Company, school and church displays, farm tools, a music display, Fire Dept. display, etc.

Brillion Historical Storage Building: In 2016 the society had so many artifacts that a heated and dehumidified storage building was constructed. That same year, some of the members passed away and left an antique fire truck to the society. This truck had been used by the Brillion Fire Dept. You will find the truck and many other artifacts stored in the building. We also have a Festival of Christmas Trees on display in November of each year. We store all of those trees and Christmas decoration in the building. We also house part of our numbered storage bins filled with accessioned artifacts there.