



Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture

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LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS

[ArtsCore: Teaching math and science through the arts](#)

thenorthwestern.com

Oshkosh - Teachers from at least four school districts experimented with teaching subjects like math, science and social studies through art, dance, music and drama this week at the Paine Art Center and Gardens.

[Tomah's Arabic exchange teacher to share language, Egyptian life with area communities](#)

The Tomah Journal

Tomah - Language isn't just a way to communicate for Nashaat Mehany. It's a way to connect....

[Irish Fest Internship program bringing world visitors to Wisconsin](#)

WDJT/CBS58

Milwaukee - Before the party begins at Irish Fest, a select group of interns from around the world come to the Milwaukee area a few weeks in advance to learn as much as they can about what it takes to stage a music festival.

[Area teens help with Japanese Youth Program](#)

La Crosse Tribune

Richland Center - Area high school teen mentors and their Japanese and Chinese counterparts pause for a photo during the 10-day Japanese Youth Program on the University of Wisconsin-Richland campus.

[Artist transforms children's creations into dolls](#)

Fresh

Milwaukee - Ken got misty. It was a symbol of family tradition, traditional and otherwise.

EVENTS

[Africa Fest 2015](#)

Saturday, August 15, 2015

Central Park, 202 S. Ingersoll Street, Madison

11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Area high school teen mentors and their Japanese and Chinese counterparts pause for a photo during AFRICA FEST 2015 is in its 17th year. Under the theme "Building and Bridging Communities," this community-based cultural and educational event devoted to grassroots cultural heritage, will feature musicians, artists, performers, cooks, craftspeople, and scholars who will be demonstrating, presenting, and discussing the cultural traditions of African immigrants. 10-day Japanese Youth Program on the University of Wisconsin-Richland campus.

[Irish Fest](#)

Thursday, August 13 – Sunday, August 16, 2015

Henry Maier Festival Park, 200 N. Harbor Dr., Milwaukee

hours vary per day

In the early 1980s, members of Milwaukee's Irish community gathered to discuss opportunities to promote their Gaelic heritage in a city known for its German roots. The idea of a festival, a three-day event to promote Irish culture through music, dance, cultural exhibits, drama and sports, was born. The festival wasn't just an opportunity to feature national Irish acts but also an impetus to showcase local groups that celebrate the rich traditions of Irish music.

[Sustainability Weekend](#)

Friday, September 11 – Sunday, September 13, 2015

Folklore Village, Dodgeville

Sustainability Weekend will be a hands-on, participatory festival for people interested in incorporating strategies, knowledge, and "do-it-yourself" tools into their lives in the areas of both cultural and environmental sustainability. This festival has components in: architecture/historic preservation and energy efficient building, prairie and land heritage, homesteading practices, and rural Americana cultural sustainability with old-time music, clogging, and dance calling workshops. All levels are welcome.

OPPORTUNITIES

[National Endowment for the Humanities Accepting Applications for Bridging Cultures Grant](#)

Next Deadline: August 24, 2015

The National Endowment for the Humanities is accepting applications for a program that aims to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at community colleges. Through the Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges program, grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded to projects that enhance the humanities content of existing programs, develop new programs, and/or lay the foundation for more extensive endeavors in the future. Projects must draw on sound humanities scholarship related to the theme of Bridging Cultures, engage participating faculty in shared readings of important humanities texts, involve humanities scholars with appropriate expertise, improve the quality of humanities course offerings at a community college or community college system, and create opportunities to disseminate their results.

[Grants for Multicultural and International Education](#)

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin-Madison

Next deadline: September 1

RPCV offers assistance via mini-grants up to \$500 for global connection and diversity projects. Educators often need just a few extra dollars to paint a world map on the playground, add multicultural books to the library, or start a world language project.

[Nominate a Fellow](#)

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters

Deadline: September 30

Do you know someone who has made a significant contribution to the state of Wisconsin? Is there an educator, mentor, civic or business leader in your community who has had a career marked by an unusually high order of discovery and technological accomplishment; creative achievement in the arts (e.g. literature, visual art, music); historical analysis; legal or judicial interpretation; philosophical thinking; or public service? You might know a future Wisconsin Academy Fellow.

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