



Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture

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## LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS

### **Wandering Wisconsin**

Wisconsin is home to an amazing array of inventive arts environments. Wandering Wisconsin is a new effort by the Wisconsin Art Environment Consortium to promote nine of these, ranging from grottos to sculpture gardens. The nine are in locations across the state: Valton, Phillips, Hollandale, Cochrane, Sheboygan, Dickeyville, Cataract, and Rudolph.

Wandering Wisconsin provides itineraries for sample road trips, travel discounts, audio tours and a map of the environments.

### **Natural Playscape in Merrill**

After three years in the making, staff at Merrill's Head Start/Early Childhood program dedicated a natural playscape on their school grounds in September. The goal was to let learning in a natural environment be a daily experience for students. Funds from multiple sources enabled the purchase of shrubs and trees, and donated labor from community groups led to the construction of structures that formed the foundation of the playscape.

### **Barn Provides Link to the Past**

The Pulaski Historical Society is working in the Town of Chase to preserve one of the few remaining fieldstone barns in the state.

## RESOURCES

### **The Quilt Index**

A new and improved The Quilt Index has debuted. The Index now has nearly 50,000 searchable quilt records from more than 29 contributors across the country. 14 pages of quilts from Wisconsin are featured. To find them, go to 'Browse' and then 'Location' to search by state.

### **"UW Cultural Landscapes: First Nations"**

This video showcases sites of existing and former Indigenous landmarks created between 2500 and 700 years before present in the Four Lakes area, Ho-Chunk ancestral homelands.

It also provides an overview of American Indian history and legislation for a greater awareness of modern Indigenous nations and peoples. For more information on the Indigenous Great Lakes, visit UW's Lakeshore Nature Preserve website:

[http://lakeshorepreserve.wisc.edu/landscape/nativeamericans\\_1.htm](http://lakeshorepreserve.wisc.edu/landscape/nativeamericans_1.htm)

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