



Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture

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It feels like it's been a long time since I've sent one of these out but there have been a few distractions here in the shadow of the Capitol recently! If anyone is continuing to come to Madison and needs a place to stay overnight, feel free to give me a call at home.

In the meantime, enjoy the local culture of the state and beyond.

TWO CULTURAL TOURS THIS SUMMER!

Lakefronts & Backstories: A WTLC Here at Home Tour

August 1-5, 2011

Registration is now open for the 6th annual WTLC Here at Home cultural tour for K-12 teachers. These popular tours examine local cultures in Wisconsin and enable teachers to create integrated lessons that link with academic standards and that place specific knowledge in broad context.

This year's tour will focus on "the land between the lakes" – that area in Northeastern Wisconsin between Lakes Winnebago and Michigan. The tour is being offered by Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture in partnership with the Chippewa Valley Museum. The all-inclusive cost is \$200. Graduate credit is available for additional fees.

Making it Home in the Kickapoo Valley

July 11-15, 2011

This week-long tour provides opportunities to explore the beautiful and culturally rich areas of the Kickapoo River Valley in Southwest Wisconsin. The tour is specifically designed for K-12 teachers who wish to incorporate local culture and environmental education into hands-on learning experiences for students. Faculty and guest speakers include scholars, artists, musicians and local residents. Graduate credit is available. The price is \$185, with sharply discounted lodging available. This tour is organized by the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.

LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS

Curt Meine In the footsteps of Aldo Leopold

Isthmus, 3/3/11

For those of you who remember Curt Meine as the keynote speaker on the 2008 WTLC

cultural tour in the Ashland-Chequamegon Bay area, here is a recent article on his continuing work.

New Charter School Will Feature Local Culture Curriculum

A few weeks ago, the Madison Metropolitan School District's Board of Education approved the new Badger Rock Charter School. Using urban agriculture as the focus for learning, students at Badger Rock (to open fall 2011) will engage in their community through the growing of food. This school is planned as a model of sustainability, from curriculum to the design of the school building and the intertwining of school and community. Local culture curricula will be a large part of the school's foundation, thanks to the efforts of Mark Wagler, faculty or guest educator on several past WTLC cultural tours.

OPPORTUNITIES

Conference on Anti-racist, Anti-bias Teaching

April 2, 2011

Milwaukee, WI

Educators' Network for Social Justice's fourth annual one-day Conference on Anti-racist, Anti-bias Teaching will be hosted once again at the beautiful Indian Community School in Franklin, Wisconsin. There will be engaging workshops, a motivating keynote speaker (Chicago educator and activist David Stovall), lots of networking and sharing of teaching ideas, and great coffee, muffins and lunch from Alterra Coffee.

Day in the Baltics

April 4, 2011

UW-Madison's Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia

Teachers of high school juniors and seniors are invited to bring students to this annual mini-conference from 8:30 until 12:30. Participants will spend the morning attending hands-on sessions at which they will learn about the languages, cultures, histories, politics, and traditions of Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia. Presentations will be made by UW-Madison faculty, students, and staff. A snack break will take place mid-morning. Please note that this is a very popular event and registration is limited to 30 students per school. With questions, contact Nancy Heingartner, outreach@creeca.wisc.edu.

Widening the Circle, Act 31: Teacher Education Symposium

Helping Teachers to Teach about Wisconsin Indians' History and Culture, Authenticate Materials, and Infuse Curriculum

April 7, 2011 – April 10, 2011

La Crosse, WI

This conference is being held to help educators and future educators better understand the role of Act 31 and how to implement it into their classes. Act 31 mandates teaching about

Native American history and treaty rights in the state of Wisconsin. The symposium will focus on helping educators learn about important Native contemporary and historical issues, as well as gaining the ability to authenticate resources to find out which resources are good and appropriate to use, then how to infuse those resources into their curriculum in a meaningful way. The symposium will also give participants the opportunity to meet with Native leaders and educators, build relationships that will provide a solid resource base, and learn about Native culture.

RESOURCES

David Marcou Photographs

La Crosse, WI

"David Marcou is a writer, father, former college instructor, and an avid and active Wisconsin photographer...While many photographers neglect the mundane, Marcou's work celebrates the richness of everyday life in La Crosse and around the world." View 160 black and white and color images on-line in the Wisconsin Historical Society's digital image collection.

Local Learning

Virtual Folk Arts Residencies with National Heritage Fellows

Local Learning offers the gift of Cajun fiddle music and a virtual trip to Southwest Louisiana. Meet NEA National Heritage Fellow Michael Doucet, who joins the line-up of Heritage Fellows in our [Learn with Guest Artists](#) virtual residencies. These online residencies with are written for students.

2010 Creativity World Forum Videos

Videos include a conversation with Daniel Pink, Sir Ken Robinson, and David Pogue. These global leaders share their insights on the importance of creativity and innovation in driving both our individual and societal growth.

Youth Radio Initiative - Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR)

This initiative centers around a youth-led weekly broadcast from a radio station covering Luang Prabang province. Once a month, the youth radio team piles onto a rented bus and heads to remote corners of the mountainous province to perform plays and puppet shows that highlight, for example, the dangers of preventable diseases like measles.

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