



Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture

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LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS

Here's a story about the 2011 WTLC cultural tour...

Wisconsin Teachers Explore Local Cultures in Fox River Valley with Help from L&S

UW-Madison College of Letters and Sciences News and Notes

Most may associate "Foxy Lady" with the distinct guitar riffs from the Jimi Hendrix song of that same title. But participants of the [Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture 2011 Tour](#) know the "Foxy Lady" as a sea-faring vessel—well, almost. This past summer, the Foxy Lady navigated 22 passengers up the Fox River in northeastern Wisconsin as part of an annual program organized by the Center for the Study of Upper Midwestern Cultures (CSUMC), housed in the College of Letters & Science.

A Bit of Switzerland in Wisconsin

New York Times

The town of New Glarus is a European-like getaway, where visitors can feast on breads, sausages and cheese, and drink exceptional beer.

I Wish I Were an Oscar Mayer Wiener(mobile Driver)

Blog: Mental Floss

"I was driving to work the other day when I spotted the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile parked across the street. I actually turned the car around to get a picture of it. Later that day I even commented, "How do you get that great job? Driving the Wienermobile across the country, making fun stops and getting paid for it?"

This is the lab where Mark Wagler worked developing local culture games...

Video games go viral at UW educational research lab

Wisconsin State Journal

"Upstairs in the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery, scientists toil away in their labs researching everything from stem cells to viruses. Downstairs, you'll find a very different kind of laboratory. In cubicles and makeshift computer labs, a number of people sit behind their screens — playing games. They're not nerds, they're researchers. OK, they are a bit

nerdy and seem as glued to their screens as any game-crazed teenager. But there is science being done here, too. This is Susan Millar's computer lab, the Educational Research Integration Area in the Morgridge Institute for Research, where researchers design and build games that help teach and communicate science — everything from the formation and perils of blue-green algae to the workings of viruses.”

The play traditions of children are a fascinating part of traditional culture, and now they seem threatened...

Playtime no laughing matter

Wausau Daily Herald

“Kari Sweeney loves to see her three daughters at play. It's not just because they're having fun and giving Sweeney some time to do her own thing. It's because she knows that allowing children to use their imaginations and solve problems while at play will help them grow and learn.”

OPPORTUNITIES

Workshop: Tourism Promotion Along the Yellowstone Trail Wisconsin

Wisconsin Department of Tourism

September 22, 9:30 am – 11:30 am, Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids

“You are invited to help plan a major tourism push for 2012. Do come. The Yellowstone Trail, the first transcontinental auto highway through Wisconsin, is 100 years old in 2012! In Wisconsin it covers 409 miles and 18 counties from Hudson to Kenosha.

Food, Sustainability and Globalization: A Workshop for Educators

WIOC International Opportunities Bulletin

October 21 & 22, UW-Milwaukee Hefter Conference Center

Cost: \$30 (non-refundable) covers all sessions, materials and meals

As U.S. consumers, what we choose to eat both shapes and is shaped by a complex global food system. It is a system that is under growing strain due to climate change, globalization, and a world population that will soon surpass seven billion people. How we address the challenge of food security worldwide has wide-ranging implications for our society, culture and the environment. Please join us for a weekend workshop as we explore these connections and discuss emerging approaches in sustainable food production.

Call for Entries: “It’s Me Again”

John Michael Kohler Arts Center

Entry Deadline: Friday, October 31, 2011

Exhibition: November 27, 2011–March 2, 2012

The John Michael Kohler Arts Center invites you to create and submit a work of art for *It's Me Again*. This opportunity is open to artists and the public of all ages from all locations. *It's Me Again* challenges you to don the glamour of earlier years and relive a memory. Select a snapshot from anytime in the past--an image of you or someone else, alone or with others. Then use your imagination and a camera to recreate the look and feel of the original image including the same people if possible. Submit both images for inclusion in the exhibition.

EVENTS

Wisconsin Science Festival highlights connection between science, art

UW Madison News

September 23 – 25

“What happens when you mix one part Aldo Leopold, another part Frank Lloyd Wright and add a pinch of Indiana Jones? Anyone can find out with a visit to the first [Wisconsin Science Festival](#), an educational and fun-filled exploration of science and art taking stage across several sites in Madison from Sept. 22-25.”

Wisconsin Labor: A Contemporary Portrait

Cardinal Stritch University

September 23 through November 6

Opening Reception: Friday, September 23, 5-8 p.m.

Photographers Tim Abler, chair of Stritch's Visual Art Department (Milwaukee), and Dick Blau (Milwaukee), David Heberlein (River Falls), J. Shimon and J. Lindemann (Manitowoc), and Jamie Young (Madison) were commissioned by the Wisconsin Arts Board in 2007 to create a statewide “portrait” of contemporary labor. Initiated as a Percent for Art project for the Department of Workforce Development, the resulting images provide a poignant meditation on the nature of labor and the diversity of work in Wisconsin.

FUNDING

Distinctly Dane Special Grant Opportunity

Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission

Deadline: October 1

“The Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission re-introduces a special grant opportunity honoring Dane County’s 175th Anniversary Celebration in 2011 (see www.danecounty175.org). Funding is provided by the County, along with Madison Gas & Electric Foundation, Dan Erdman, Electronic Theatre Controls and Cuna Mutual Group. Distinctly Dane focuses upon our sense of place, belonging, and identity as expressed by Dane County voices. Dane County’s past, present, and future will be featured in selected grant projects. The Commission hopes this theme inspires new local arts, culture and history projects and programs representing a broad range of topics such as our Native American ancestors, agricultural roots, conservation legacy, ever-growing ethnic and cultural diversity, devotion to sustainability, mixture of rural, natural and urban landscapes, locally-grown, shared values, aspirations for the future of our Dane County home, and more.”

RESOURCES

Global Wisconsin

Friends of International Education

"The new [Global Wisconsin](#) online video series and website provide school district administrators, school board members, teachers and students with Wisconsin-based international education resources... Produced by the Educational Communications Board (ECB) and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Global Wisconsin showcases the very best examples of international education from across the state of Wisconsin....In addition to nine short documentaries, Global Wisconsin's Valuing International Education provides testimonials from education, business, and community leaders highlighting the growing need to engage the international community.

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