



Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture

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## LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS

### **Museum of Wisconsin Art and St. John's on the Lake form partnership**

*Blog: Art City, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

#### **Now On Exhibit**

"Many senior living facilities create opportunities for their residents to venture out into the community, but how many bring the community to them? St. John's on the Lake is trying to do just that with a new art gallery and public exhibition schedule. The gallery, on the first floor of St. John's new tower on Milwaukee's East Side, will be a satellite of the Museum of Wisconsin Art."

## OPPORTUNITIES

### **Walker Wants Ornament Applicants - Groups Have Until Oct. 25 To Let Governor Know**

*Channel 3000*

#### **October 25**

MADISON, Wis. – "Gov. Scott Walker is looking for artists willing to help young people decorate ornaments for Wisconsin's national Christmas tree. The governor says artists or art teachers can send him an email describing the youth group they will work with to decorate the ornaments until Oct. 25. His office will randomly choose one applicant, most likely on Oct. 26."

### **Travel Abroad Opportunities**

*Friends of International Education listserv*

The Youth Programs Division at the U.S. Department of State programs offers four scholarship programs for American high school students to study abroad for short-term and academic year programs. More information on each of the scholarship programs is below. Please feel free to share this information with other colleagues interested in language and study abroad opportunities for American youth.

**The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)** offers merit-based scholarships to U. S. high-school aged students for overseas study of seven critical foreign languages: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian (Tajik), Russian and Turkish. The NSLI-Y program is designed to immerse participants in the cultural life of the host country, giving them invaluable formal and informal language practice and sparking a lifetime interest in foreign languages and cultures. Applications for summer 2012 and academic year 2012-2013 programs are due **November 3, 2011**.

**The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad Program** offers scholarships to American high school students to spend a semester or an academic year in Bosnia & Herzegovina, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Oman, Thailand, and Turkey. This post 9/11 program focuses on increasing understanding between people in the U.S. and countries with significant Muslim populations. The application deadline is **January 11, 2012**.

**The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX)** was established in 1983 to celebrate German-American friendship based on common values of democracy. Secondary school students live with host families, attend local schools, and participate in community life in Germany. Young professionals (undergraduates) and high-school graduates of vocational studies ages 18-24 study and participate in practical training. Scholarships are now available for academic year 2012-13. Prior German language skills are not required.

**The American Youth Leadership Program** offers opportunities for American high students and educators to travel abroad on a three- to four-week-long exchange program to gain first-hand knowledge of foreign cultures and to collaborate on solving global issues. Several different organizations implement this program, and each has organized an academic and experiential educational exchange focused on dialogue and debate, leadership development, and community service. Recruitment areas and application deadlines vary.

## EVENTS

### **The Wisconsin Book Festival**

Madison, October 19-23

The Wisconsin Book Festival is a free, five-day program of public events that takes place

every October in downtown Madison. It is the state's largest literary festival, drawing thousands of attendees annually.

### **Empty Bowls to aid Neighbors' Place**

*Wausau Daily Herald*

**October 22**

"It's part art, part soup and a lot of heart. The Empty Bowls Fundraiser returns Saturday to benefit The Neighbors' Place. Nineteen different kinds of soups will be provided by Back When Cafe, La Prima Deli, 2510 Restaurant, The Great Dane, Downtown Grocery, The Mint Cafe, Little Pad Thai, Red Eye and other restaurants. Artists have handcrafted and donated more than 900 bowls to the project."

## **FUNDING**

### **Tiny Grants Keep 'Awesome' Ideas Coming**

*Boston Globe*, October 10, 2011

It was down to two finalists: a woman who wanted to buy a couple of goats to rent out as urban lawnmowers, and a sculptor who could "no longer make a case" for sculpture and instead wanted to buy a portable welder so he could go around and fix his city. They were both awesome ideas, the trustees agreed, but only one of them could win money that month. And so they had to ask the ultimate question: Which idea was more awesome? This is the basic premise behind the Awesome Foundation, which is not an actual foundation. It is more like a support group for good ideas. It began in Cambridge in 2009 when a group of tech-savvy twentysomethings frustrated by the bureaucracy of traditional funding got together and, in essence, said: "You know what would be awesome? If there were an organization that gave you money if you had an awesome idea." Then they became that organization, loosely.

### **Corporate Foundation Provides Funds for Youth Arts**

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, October 2, 2011

"In a difficult environment for investors, the Northwestern Mutual Foundation has identified arts education as an instrument offering valuable returns. The state's largest corporate charity will distribute \$532,000 to 17 organizations that provide children opportunities to explore their talents. The grants are part of the roughly \$15 million the foundation expects to distribute in the current fiscal year. Among the organizations to receive the foundation's support are the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra (\$30,000), the Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin (\$90,000 over two years), and the Milwaukee Repertory Theater (\$40,000). Each of the arts groups will use the contributions to support their youth education efforts."

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