



Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture

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Hope everyone had a wonderful thanksgiving!

LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS

Smithsonian Institute to display Stevens Point woman's Iroquois raised beadwork

Stevens Point Journal

When it comes to one of her pieces of Iroquois raised beadwork, Karen Hoffman said it's not enough for people to think it is pretty. "This work has to have a more cultural connection," Hoffman said. "We're telling the story of a people that has gone back more than 10,000 years." Many more people now will be able to see Hoffman's interpretation of that history because the Smithsonian Institute recently bought one of the Stevens Point resident's pieces.

When the Uprooted Put Down Roots

New Roots, with 85 growers from 12 countries, is one of more than 50 community farms dedicated to refugee agriculture, an entrepreneurial movement spreading across the country. American agriculture has historically been forged by newcomers, like the Scandinavians who helped settle the Great Plains; today's growers are more likely to be rural subsistence farmers from Africa and Asia, resettled in and around cities from New York, Burlington, Vt., and Lowell, Mass., to Minneapolis, Phoenix and San Diego.

Steel roses to forge DDHS, Norway bond

LakeGenevaNews.net

DELAVAN — "It's not common to find roses in a high school metals class. But roses are cropping up in Patrick Biggin's metal shop at Delavan-Darien High School. These roses are made from steel and fire, shaped with hammers wielded by Delavan-Darien students. The metal flowers will become part of a permanent memorial in Norway. One that Biggin hopes to work on personally next spring."

RESOURCES

Cranberry Farming in Wisconsin

Wisconsin Historical Society, November 2011

Cranberries have always been a vital part of our state's agricultural economy. Read a history of the crop in Wisconsin and tour the on-line gallery of images.

Giving Place a Voice

Community Works Institute

Rob Hanson is a 6th grade teacher at Pomfret School near Woodstock, Vermont. Several years ago he participated in the Forest for Every Classroom (FFEC) professional development experience. These are his reflections on incorporating ideas from this experience into his classroom.

Re-Weaving the Community, Creating the Future: Storytelling at the Heart and Soul of Healthy Communities

Orton Family Foundation, 2010

This White Paper examines how storytelling can be used to "enhance a community's ability to envision the future and embrace and absorb change instead of haltingly resisting it." It highlights how in selected Project Communities over the past three years "story has built trust, torn down walls, and helped citizens come together behind the values and vision they want to have steer change in their varied towns."

Wisconsin Through the Eyes of Wisconsin Photographers

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

"It's the best of Wisconsin photography, all in one book. Capture Wisconsin features more than 200 stunning photographs of Wisconsin's people, places and events selected from an online community of more than 1,300 professional and novice photographers and nearly 60,000 photographs."

OPPORTUNITIES

New Governor's Tourism Award for Arts, Culture and Heritage

Wisconsin Arts Board

There is a new Governor's Tourism award in 2012: The Governor's Tourism Award for Arts, Culture & Heritage. This award will be presented to a business or destination that showcases the arts, culture or heritage for the enhancement of the tourism experience and economic well-being of a community. Click on this article's headline for more information.

Kenosha County seeks photographs for website redesign...

ExposeKenosha

"Kenosha County is seeking photographs that represent scenes, activities, events and life all across the county to be used in the redesign of its website. "We are looking for images that

highlight and characterize all of the wonderful things that make Kenosha County a great place to live, work, play and raise a family,” County Executive Jim Kreuser said. Kreuser said the county is looking for photos that embrace Kenosha County’s architecture, landscapes and cityscapes, people and activities, nature and animals, culture and art.”

EVENTS

Southern Wisconsin Hmong New Year

Thanksgiving Weekend 2011

Alliant Energy Center

Geologist featured speaker at Rhinelander Library

News of the North.net

December 1

“The Rhinelander District Library finishes this year’s popular Author Series on Thursday, December 1 at 1:00 p.m. with geology professor Dr. Marcia Bjornerud, author of *Reading the Rocks: The Autobiography of the Earth*. Her presentation will include an engaging slideshow and discussion, where the audience will discover some of the wonders of the varied landscapes of planet Earth.”

Jerry Apps: "Stories from Wisconsin: Germans, Beer, and Prohibition"

December 7

Wednesday, December 7, 7pm, UW-Madison Memorial Union

Presented by the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin–Madison

Milwaukee Hmong New Year

December 10-11, 2011

Wisconsin Expo Center, West Allis

CREATE/CHANGE: Transforming Care for Elders through Creative Engagement

Animating Democracy

June 24–28, 2012

“The University of Wisconsin Milwaukee’s Center on Age & Community and Peck School of the Arts will hold a four-day summer institute on June 24–28, 2012. The institute, CREATE/CHANGE: Transforming Care for Elders through Creative Engagement, invites artists, students, and long-term care professionals of all kinds to the UWM campus to collaborate and design their own projects.”

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