



Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture

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Happy Holidays to all! Enjoy these wintery local culture notices.

WINTER HOLIDAYS

[The True Meaning of Hanukkah](#)

NY Times

“When my brother was in kindergarten, where he was the only Jewish student, a parent organizing enrichment activities asked my mother to tell the class the story of Hanukkah.”

[The Tom and Jerry, An Odd, Ephemeral Drink](#)

NY Times

“Dickensian trappings like wassail, flaming punch or mulled wine didn’t figure at all in the Christmases of my Wisconsin childhood. But at some point during the day, the adults would all hoist a hot mug of Anglo-American nostalgia: a Tom and Jerry.”

[Movie Review: Homicidal Santa: ‘Silent Night’](#)

NY Times

“If we accept that homicidal-Santa stories are now as much a part of Christmas as “It’s a Wonderful Life,” then this brisk reimagining of the 1984 slasher “Silent Night, Deadly Night” delivers the seasonal goods with admirable efficiency and not a little wit. Our latest red-suited killer has chosen Christmas Eve and the camouflage of the annual Santa parade to exterminate the naughtiest residents of a small Wisconsin town.”

LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS

[Residents answer WPT's call for history of Juneau County](#)

Reedsburg Star-Times

“We brought some folks together to ask what significant stories there are for the state,” said Jon Miskowski, development director of the show. “What we want to do today is hear stories of this community.”

2 show path to understanding after hatred from Sikh shootings

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

“For 90 minutes Monday, the crowd of 750 students sat riveted. They watched the two men offer a vision of what comes after an act of hatred.”

A Norwegian NGO Spoofs the Classic Call for Aid to Africa

Latitude, International Herald Tribune

“Why should we ignore cold people?” asks the fictional rapper Breezy V. “People don’t ignore starving people, so why should we ignore cold people? Frostbite kills too.”

Quilters highlight artistic talents

Juneau County Star Times

“In the wall hanging titled “Barns of Wisconsin,” Sue Brooks of North Freedom pieced and hand embroidered each barn while Jane Weiss of Elroy quilted it.”

Reading through the U.S.A.: a teen novel for each state

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

“Wisconsin is represented by Catherine Gilbert Murdock's "[Dairy Queen](#)" (2006), about a rural Wisconsin teen who makes her small high school's football team, tries to keep the family farm going and has a secret romance.”

Producer Profile: Cesar’s Cheese

Willy St. Coop, Madison

“Cesar’s Cheese, began their local cheese company in 2008 by introducing their hand-made, traditional Queso Oaxaca (Wah-HA-ka), a cheese similar to mozzarella. Cesar and Heydi Luis were happy to find that customers at area farmers’ markets were wowed by the flavor and, almost five years later, they have begun to produce more varieties, including Manchego, Queso Fresco and more.”

EVENTS

School tours among those viewing 'This Land' exhibit

Door County Advocate

Through December 22

“This Land Is Your Land” features 52 paintings and drawings by a select group of artists invited by the Miller to create art inspired by one of the many Door County Land Trust nature preserves.

Monroe Swiss Singers and Tree Lighting

Folklore Village, Dodgeville

December 14, 2012

What began in 1963 with 9 women and 10 men, all but one immigrants, has grown to nearly 50 members from south-central Wisconsin and north-central Illinois. Almost all of the singers are either native Swiss or German or descendants of immigrants to Green County. Come join us in the Plum Grove Church for the concert and then light the tree with candles and sing some more over at Farwell Hall!

65th Festival of Christmas and Midwinter Traditions

Folklore Village, Dodgeville

December 28, 2012 – January 1, 2013

Jane Farwell founded the Folklore Village Christmas Festival in 1947. For the past 65 years, folks from near and far have gathered to experience and share the customs and traditions of people and cultures worldwide. Days are filled with community projects, music, dance classes, craft workshops, singing, evening dance parties and a magnificent children's program.

OPPORTUNITIES

Kennedy Center Seeks Nominations for Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Awards

Philanthropy News Digest | Foundation Center

Deadline: December 16

The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is seeking nominations for the 2013 Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Awards, a series of annual grants that recognize inspiring teachers in the United States.

Wisconsin's Own Student

Wisconsin Film Festival

Deadline: December 31

Entry details for films of any length from student filmmakers with Wisconsin connections

Call for Applications: Museum Grants for African American History and Culture

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Deadline: January 15

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is accepting applications for the FY 2013 Museum Grants for African American History and Culture.

Call for Applications: Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program

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RESOURCES

Jerry Apps: A Farm Story

Wisconsin Public Television

The portrait of a farm boy's childhood in Waushara County is told through his personal memories and photos from the community.

Folk Arts + Arts Integration

ArtsEd Digest

Local Learning announces publication of a handbook for incorporating folk arts and artists into arts integration approaches (available online). The guide includes how-to's, key definitions, and worksheets. Based on Local Learning in Lafayette—an NEA-funded pilot program to develop folk arts integrated residencies in Lafayette, Louisiana—the handbook offers strategies for adapting this model in any community. This project and City Lore's folk arts integrated residencies were featured in a recent Local Learning workshop at the 2012 American Folklore Society meeting in New Orleans. Check out the handbook and see City Lore's teaching artists and folk artists in action at www.citylore.org/education/videos. Contact [Paddy Bowman](#) to learn more about how to include folk arts in arts-integration projects.

The Get to Know Society

The Get to Know Society has been inspiring connections between children and nature in the outdoors for over a decade.

Global Education News

National Peace Corps Association

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