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Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture

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The first two items will be of special interest to WTLC Here at Home Cultural Tour alums, as will the upcoming WTLC opportunity for Summer 2013 at the end of this message.

Local Culture in the News

["He has now been called to perform in the Grand Old Polka band in heaven!"](#)

Stevens Point

Those of you on the 2010 WTLC Cultural Tour will never forget our wonderful evening of Polish-American polka music and dance in Stevens Point. Our band leader for the evening was Norm Dombrowski and his band, comprised mostly of his family members, was The Happy Notes. A highlight of the night was when the band escorted us to our bus, playing tunes like "When the Saints go Marching In!" We're sad to report that Norm passed away last week. A visitation and funeral service will be held for him on March 11 and 12 in Stevens Point. For online condolences, please visit www.pisarskifuneralhome.com.

[Vital Skills](#)

Madison

The Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters' current gallery show features several artists and makers that WTLC cultural tours have visited in recent years. They include: Patrick Farrell, boatbuilder and decoy carver, Green Bay; Greg Johnson, artist and moccasin-maker, Minoqua; Mary Lou Schneider, decoy carver, Fond du Lac; April Stone-Dahl, black ash basketry, Woodspirit, Odanah; Jarrod Stone-Dahl, woodturner, birchbark canoe builder, snowshoe maker, Woodspirit, Odanah; Tong Khai Vang, blacksmith, La Crosse Area Hmong Mutual Aid Association Blacksmith Shop. If you are in the Madison area between now and May 5, visit the James Watrous Gallery in the Overture Center on State Street to revive your tour experience with their current work on display. "Vital Skills will celebrate their commitment, mastery, and deep reserve of knowledge and experience, and explore the role they might play in creating a truly resilient local economy." Read curator Jody Clowes' article about this project in the winter issue of [Wisconsin People & Ideas](#).

Resources

[Global Maddy](#)

Letters from a woman traveling solo and working internationally on four continents, 5 years, 14 countries

Madeline Uranek was the DPI coordinator for International Education but then resigned that position to enter the Peace Corps. Her travels have taken her to many 14 different countries since. She writes engaging posts now available on a blog.

[See this latest on an arranged marriage for a young Tibetan woman living in Madison.](#)

Events

TONIGHT! [Envisioning The Seen: A conversation to spark Milwaukee's imagination](#)

Historic Milwaukee Inc

Monday, March 11, 2013 • DOORS @ 5PM

The Pabst Theater, Milwaukee

12 of Milwaukee's most influential people discuss what could be and how we get there. Join HMI and the Pabst Theater for an experimental civic discussion.

Envisioning the Seen is a cross between a fireside chat, an 18th century salon and the theater of our body politic. Eavesdrop on some of Milwaukee's most interesting thinkers as they imagine what Milwaukee could be without the limitations we impose on ourselves today.

[Madison-Freiburg Committee 2013 Annual Meeting and Dinner](#)

Wednesday, March 13, 6 - 9 PM

Madison's Turner Hall, 3001 S. Stoughton Road.

There will be a short happy hour (cash bar) at 6:00 p.m. The buffet style meal at 6:30 will include Sauerbraten, chicken, Spaetzle, beverage, enough sides to satisfy a vegetarian, and dessert. To help the caterer's planning indicate if you are a vegetarian. Following the dinner Prof. James Steakley will talk about the newest findings in Freiburg's Muenster, discovered during work being done on the building.

[EDÚCATE Y TOMA ACCIÓN: A forum and training hosted by YES/Voces](#)

Saturday, March 16, 2013

11:30-4:00 PM

Bucketworks (5th & Pierce), Milwaukee

We will be discussing what is happening politically with immigration reform, how Wisconsin can make a national impact, and upcoming events that students, teachers, and families can participate in! It will give you and your students an opportunity to build relationships with other Voces members.

[Resources for Re-Skilling panel discussion](#)

Sunday, April 14, 2:00-3:30 pm

A discussion about the importance and relevance of preserving traditional skills and the best means for passing them on. How are these skills being taught in Wisconsin now, and what other avenues might be explored? Are there important skills that are not being preserved? With Greg David, farmer, energy-systems builder, and co-founder of Sustain Jefferson; Jim Lorman, director of Edgewood College's Sustainability Leadership Program; Ruth Olson, folklorist, UW-Madison Center for Upper Midwestern Cultures; Anne Pryor, director of the Wisconsin Arts Board's Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program; and Robert Schulz, blacksmith, homesteader, and founder of Driftless Folk School, Viroqua. Moderated by Vital Skills curator Jody Clowes. Presented in partnership with Sustain Dane and the UW-Madison Center for Upper Midwestern Cultures.

[Anti-Racist/Anti-Bias Teaching Conference](#)

Educator's Network for Social Justice

Saturday, April 20, 2013

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

The Indian Community School

10405W. St. Martens Road, Franklin

Educators' Network for Social Justice is pleased to have Dr. Kevin Kumashiro as this year's conference keynote speaker. He is a professor at the University of Illinois, Chicago where he researches approaches to teaching and teacher education that challenge different forms of oppression in schools and society.

Summer Opportunities

WTLC'S 2013 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

[Bringing It Home: Teams Design Local Culture Classroom and Community Projects](#)

Applications are due April 1, 2013.

Transform your teaching next year through [Bringing It Home](#). Using immersive tours in Madison neighborhoods and innovative teaching tools during a four-day event August 12 – 15, 2013, WTLC will train four four-member teams composed of K-12 educators and community leaders in project-based learning strategies for investigating local culture. Teams will receive strategic assistance, mentoring and on-site coaching during the year as they create and implement a student-powered local culture project. See [details](#) and [application form](#).

[A Kickapoo Valley Experience: Cultural Tour for Educators](#)

July 8-12, 2013

Kickapoo Valley Reserve, La Farge

In its fifth successful year, this week-long tour explores the beautiful and culturally rich area of rural southwestern Wisconsin, examining land and water issues and

seeking a deeper awareness of how people connect with the land. Tour faculty and guest speakers include scholars, artists, musicians and local residents.

[Connect, Inspire, and Transform Student Learning](#)

Community Works Institute

July 15-19, 2013, Shelburne, Vermont

July 29–August 2, 2013, Los Angeles, California

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Place as the Context, Service-Learning as the Strategy, and Sustainable

Communities as the Goal

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