



Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture

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## WTLC NEWS

**Congratulations to WTLC partner Chippewa Valley Museum!**

[Chippewa Valley Museum to be granted \\$150,000](#)

Eau Claire

*Volume One Magazine*

the museum has worked to enhance the community's perspective on culture and to gather a sense of local history. A lot of that history involves Eau Claire's abundance of rivers. Since Eau Claire County can be recognized for its vast river system, The Chippewa Valley Museum has worked to represent its watery heritage.

[Bringing It Home](#) – WTLC 2013/14 projects

Four teams of educators are working with their students and utilizing community resources to develop local culture projects. [Meet the teams](#) and stay tuned for updates from all four.

Report from Hayward -

In late September, the Hayward team hosted folklorist Dr. Anne Pryor of Wisconsin Arts Board for two days of training on interviewing. Pryor worked with a combined group of 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Northern Waters Environmental School (teacher Brittany Roberts) and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Hayward Intermediate School (teacher Janet Rowney). They spent one day working on the multiple skills and steps involved with skillful interviews. A third member of the team, Thom Malnourie - Student Services at Hayward Community Schools, was also present. The following day, the Northern Waters group visited Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Community College, where they conducted interviews with community members recruited by another team member, Sue Menzel. Menzel also arranged for Pryor to speak with combined LCOCC classes that morning and prepared a Three



Sisters feast for the college community and visiting students. The corn, beans and squash came from the LCO Community College farm and, according to Menzel, the squash was grown from ancient seeds retrieved from an archeological dig in Green Bay. She sent one back to Madison with Pryor to donate to the Children's Garden at Troy Community Gardens, a site the WTLC teams visited over the summer during their week-long training workshop. This gift, as well as many other acts of generosity and thoughtfulness exhibited during this visit by adults and students alike, demonstrated a culture of hospitality that was exceptionally warm and welcoming.

## LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS

DPI-ConnectEd: September 30, 2013

[Red Feather Singers at State of Education Address](#) – video

Madison

The Red Feather Singers, a drum comprised of students in the Madison Metropolitan School District that performs traditional Native American music, performed at Tony Evers' State of Education Address ceremony, Sept. 26, 2013.

['Sputnikfest': Why Wisconsin celebrates the Soviet satellite](#)

Manitoc

*Mother Nature Network*

On Sept. 6, 1962, a hefty chunk of the Soviet Union's Sputnik IV satellite dropped into the middle of the street on the corner of North 8th and Park streets in Manitowoc, Wis. To this day, that Soviet space encounter with an American city is celebrated at Manitowoc's Sputnikfest, an annual sci-fi and art festival that its organizers call "wacky tacky."

[Hmong American Studies created at UW-Madison – First in Nation](#)

Madison

*The Madison Times*

The Hmong American Studies will be part of the Asian American Program and the School of Social Work. It will focus on contemporary Hmong topics such as race relations, education, health and medicine, gender, oral and family history, and religious adaptations since the Hmong's arrival in Wisconsin and the United States.

[Words from the mayor: Kamogawa delegation visiting this week](#)

Manitoc

*Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter*

This Thursday, a delegation of approximately 30 citizens from Kamogawa, Japan, will be visiting Manitowoc to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our sister-city relationship. Two weeks ago, a group of 41 citizens from Manitowoc visited Kamogawa for the celebration, and in return, they will spend four days in Manitowoc.

## **PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO SEE, EVENTS TO EXPLORE**

### [Photographic Design exhibit highlights unique doors](#)

Racine

*Racine Journal Times*

**October 4 – November 29**

### [Janesville Irish Fest](#)

October 3 – 6

Janesville

The Janesville Irish Fest is a new family four-day festival celebrating Irish heritage and culture in the Janesville area. The festival is a citywide collaboration among local organization and businesses. JIF will feature events, exhibitions, fundraisers, food and festivities throughout the city featuring a common Irish theme. As part of Janesville Irish Fest, the Rock County Historical Society is presenting a public screening its Irish triple threat: a book, documentary and exhibit that narrates the trials and tribulations of Janesville's Irish community.

### [Gallery Night at the Wisconsin Historical Museum](#)

Madison

Oct 4, 2013 5–9 pm

Get an inside look at the exhibit, *Sisters in Spirit: Native American Stories in Rocks and Beads*. View the beautiful Iroquois raised beadwork of Karen Ann Hoffman and the compelling petroglyph-inspired watercolors of Geri Schrab. The artists will be on hand to share the stories behind their work. Refreshments will be served.

### [Telling Stories in Rocks and Beads Craft Activity](#)

Wisconsin Historical Museum

Madison

Oct 5, 2013 11 am and 1 pm

Get inspired by the exhibit, *Sisters in Spirit: Native American Stories in Rocks and Beads*. Participants will view the exhibit with artists Karen Ann Hoffman and Geri Schrab and then create their own beadwork or rock art to take home.

## [CLOTHING, CULTURE AND CONTEXT IN SOUTH ASIA](#)

Madison

A diverse, richly colored exhibition from that collection, "Clothing, Culture & Context in South Asia," runs through Oct. 20 in the Design Gallery, 1210 Nancy Nicholas Hall, 1300 Linden Dr, UW-Madison campus. Exploring gender, politics, religion and social status in India and Pakistan through the lens of fabric and clothing design, the exhibition has already earned curator Maya Lea an outreach award. A full gallery of the pieces on display can also be seen online, at [textilecollection.wisc.edu](http://textilecollection.wisc.edu).

## [Wisconsin Union Oktoberfest](#)

Madison

Saturday, October 5th, 2013

Memorial Union Rathskeller (or terrace if the weather is particularly pleasant)

Brewhaus Polka Kings - 5:00pm-7:00pm; Jeff Winard 7:30pm-9:30pm; Steve Meisner 10:00pm-Midnight; Dance Lessons by the Polka Boosters at 5:00pm & 7:30pm and a dance showcase at 9:00pm. The Rathskeller restaurant will also be making currywurst for the occasion.

Find other [upcoming Oktoberfest celebrations in Wisconsin](#) in such places as Lake Geneva, Milwaukee, Cedarburg, Elkhorn, and the tail end of LaCrosse's.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

### [Column: Children's museum seeks your knowledge, imagination, creativity](#)

Wisconsin Rapids

*Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune*

### [Wisconsin Film Festival Deadlines](#)

*Wisconsin Film Festival*

Wisconsin's Own Student (films of any length from student filmmakers with a Wisconsin connection)

**December 31**

### [Nominate an Afterschool Program for a Chance to Win \\$10,000](#)

*UpNext: The IMLS Blog*

**Deadline: October 14**

## RESOURCES

### [Dreamy supper clubs](#)

*Superior Telegram*

Supper clubs appeal to diners because they provide scenic locations, unique atmospheres and a level of service and quality of experience that a family-run place can provide.

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