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View Work by students of WTLC cultural tour alumnus Robyn Acker

Everyday Art Exhibit

Crossroads Coffeehouse -- 2020 Main Street, Cross Plains

Everyday Art is a citizen ethnography project that engages youth and adults in discovering and documenting everyday art and artists in their community. One outcome of the project is an exhibit currently on display at the Crossroads Coffeehouse -- 2020 Main Street, Cross Plains. The exhibit, which was designed in collaboration with students from Middleton Alternative Senior High and Clark Street Community School, profiles three everyday artists who live and work in Dane County, Wisconsin.

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](#).

LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS

VAHS holds sixth Multicultural Showcase

The Fitchburg Star

The Showcase showed how far the district has come in embracing and understanding other cultures.

[Michael Perry: Rooster's strut has this guy thinking](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

"I had a little run in with our rooster again."

[Betty Brinn Children's Museum opens new Harley-Davidson exhibit](#)

FOX6Now.com

New Permanent Exhibit

[Door County's Female Founders](#)

Peninsula Pulse

Historians tell Door County's story through women's eyes. "Garments of our Foundation" exhibits of tales of founding women in Gibraltar, Ephraim and Sister Bay.

[Tejano music now not in tune with Grammys](#)

My San Antonio

For indie artists who record Tejano, polka, Cajun, zydeco and blues, "a Grammy nomination or an award can really have an impact," Howard says. That's because such acts rely heavily on public radio support and festival appearances.

[Dairy farmer's lens captures family life of loons](#)

Agri-News

Wisconsin farmers live and work in an environment most city folk can't even dream about, because they've never had the pleasure of ever-changing sunrises, a fox crossing a field, a breathtaking frost on the distant tree line.

EVENTS

[Winter Pow Wow - Indian Summer Festival](#)

March 9, 2013

Wisconsin State Fair Park, West Allis

Featuring: Smokeytown Singers • Cody Blackbird • The Mark Cleveland Band • Nicolet High School Students

[World Records: The Mayrent Collection of Yiddish 78s & the Future of Historic Sound Recordings](#)

March 14-15, 2013

UW-Madison Campus

This symposium will focus on the important role the Mayrent Collection (over 9,000 recordings made between 1901 and 1956) and other archives like it play in cultural continuity and historical study. Placing the Mayrent Collection in context will be presentations on American vernacular musics (Scandihoovian, Polish, hillybilly, tamburitza, and blues), along with papers on collection management and access, digital folklore, copyright, and the legal standing of historical recordings.

Wisconsin Rural Partners Annual Meeting

Wisconsin Rural Partners

Madison

March 15, 2013

Wisconsin Rural Partners works to provide a voice for rural Wisconsin. Through our annual Rural Summit, our monthly Rural Update and other events, we communicate the needs and successes of rural Wisconsin to policy-makers at the local, state and federal levels.

Cajun Music and Dance Weekend

Folklore Village, Dodgeville

March 22 – 24, 2013

Take workshops on: Cajun Fiddle, Accordion, Vocals, Guitar, Tit-fer, Cajun Cooking, Cajun Dance lessons...then dance all night!

Friends of Max Kade Institute Annual Meeting

Eau Claire

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Deadline for [registration](#) is April 22nd

You are invited to an event-filled day in Wisconsin's beautiful Chippewa Valley that includes a pre-program workshop on reading the Old German Script; a tour of the renowned Chippewa Valley Museum in Chippewa Falls, and two fascinating presentations on 1) mid-nineteenth century immigration to Wisconsin; and 2) Amish and Mennonite communities in neighboring Clark County.

The Sheboygan River Restoration Celebration

Sheboygan

June 14, 2013

More than 30 years of collaboration between local, state and federal agencies have achieved a landmark event in Sheboygan. Today, the Sheboygan River is one of the easiest, most navigable waters on Lake Michigan, with deeper, cleaner waters. The City of Sheboygan and Sheboygan County along with officials from State and Federal Government Agencies will celebrate the success of one of the largest, most complex collaborative projects on the Great Lakes on Friday, June 14 at the US Coast Guard Sheboygan Station.

Gender Equity/Social Justice: World Affairs Seminar

June 15 – 21, 2013

Carroll University, Waukesha, Wisconsin

The 2013 World Affairs Seminar (June 15 - 21) is "Gender Equity/Social Justice" offers a life-changing opportunity for students from around the world to develop leadership and international relations skills. Speakers are internationally based, entertaining and knowledgeable. Counseling staff are seasoned and particularly suited to working with the level of students we attract. Tuition is usually paid by local Service Clubs.

The Art of Hunting & Fishing: Pursuing the Wild

ArtStart, Rhinelander

June 19– August 31, 2013

This bold ArtStart-curated exhibition represents a broad range of media and interpretations of what it means to “pursue the wild” in the art and craft inspired by hunting and fishing.

LOCAL CULTURE OPPORTUNITIES

2013 Summer Institutes

Local Learning: The National Network for Folk Arts in Education

It's time to plan for summer institutes and workshops in folk arts, folklife, and oral history around the United States, including Wisconsin.

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.

Teaching the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals: Costa Rica

Michigan State University's College of Education, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Applications are due on March 11.

Join 13 teachers from across the U.S. and discover how you can bring Costa Rica and the MDGs into your curriculum! We are accepting applications for a 5 week professional development program in Costa Rica this summer, June 14-July 19 (approximately). The theme of the program is “[Teaching the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals: Costa Rica](#).” Full-time K-12 teachers in the social sciences, humanities and Spanish from across the U.S. are eligible to apply. Cost is \$1,000 and covers round trip airfare from Detroit, lodging, meals, admission fees, transportation in Costa Rica.

Farm to School Opportunities

DPI-ConnectEd

Applications are due April 20.

Wisconsin is interested in expanding its [AmeriCorps Farm to School program](#). Districts can apply to the [Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection](#) to be a partner site. [Farm to School programs](#) aim to connect schools and local farms, using locally grown foods to serve healthy meals and snacks in school. The programs can incorporate education about agriculture, health, and nutrition. [Farm to school efforts in Wisconsin](#) currently include seven AmeriCorps-sponsored program sites: Ashland and Bayfield Counties, Live54218 in Brown County, Growing Power in Milwaukee County, REAP Food Group of Dane County, and UW-Extension in Crawford and Vernon Counties.

Service-Learning Grants

DPI-ConnectEd

Applications are due May 3.

Grants are available to support service-learning—which research has found to be an effective pedagogy, particularly in high poverty areas.

The [State Farm Youth Advisory Board](#) (YAB) will award \$4 million dollars for quality, youth-led service-learning initiatives. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. Applications for the [YAB Service-Learning Grants](#). Each grant request must focus on community safety, accessing higher education/closing achievement gaps, financial literacy and economic inclusion, environmental responsibility, or health and wellness.

Target Accepting Applications for K-12 Arts Education Programs

PND | Foundation Center

Deadline: April 30

Surdna Foundation Accepting Letters of Inquiry for Youth Artistic and Cultural Programs

PND | Foundation Center

Deadline: Open

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