



Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture

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Have a great weekend, everyone! Hope it's filled with beautiful fall colors.

LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS

River walk taking shape in Oshkosh

Oshkosh Northwestern

"With the Marion Road segment of Oshkosh's river walk urban trail segment nearing completion, city officials hope to be able to begin construction on the final north shore this year. Oshkosh Community Development Director Allen Davis said design plans for the segment from North Main Street to Jackson Street should be complete soon and ready to go out for bids. If the weather cooperates, the work can still begin this year, Davis said."

Faithful trek to Wisconsin shrine

USA Today

"The afflicted and the faithful have long made pilgrimages to the quiet country site where Belgian immigrant Adele Brise said in 1859 that she saw the [Virgin Mary](#) three times. For the past few years, maybe 30 or 50 people had trickled in daily to visit the chapel, Brise's grave and the candlelit crypt that marks the site of the apparition.

That changed in December, when Bishop David Ricken of the Roman Catholic Diocese of [Green Bay](#) certified after investigations by three theologians that Brise had indeed seen a beautiful lady in white who said she was the "queen of heaven." That made the shrine, which is a mile from the unincorporated town of Champion, the USA's only official site where Mary is said to have appeared."

Little Free Libraries: promoting literacy and spreading smiles

WEAU, Eau Claire

"They are popping up around Eau Claire: small wooden houses full of reading treasures. They are Little Free Libraries. Todd Bol of Hudson first came up with the idea. He says he built one for his yard about 18 months ago in honor of his mom who passed away about 10 years ago. After a number of people commented on his Little Free Library he shared the

idea with his friend Rick Brooks in Madison. From there, the two have watched Little Free Libraries spread across the country.”

Postcard from NEA National Heritage Fellows Celebration

Blog: Art Works, National Endowment for the Arts

“Why in the 21st century should we continue to celebrate these folk and traditional arts? The answer’s simple—they’re our history, and they’re quintessentially American. You know, we’re the National Endowment for the Arts of the United States of America, and these art forms are America’s heritage. And if you’re talking about the relation of the arts and community—these people are produced by their native communities. They are a link to the past of those communities, and to the vibrancy that is their present. They should be celebrated by us; this really is our native cultural heritage.”

Folk Music and Community

Blog: Art Works, National Endowment for the Arts

“For me, one of folk music’s defining characteristics is unmediated presentation—the performer not distanced from the audience as happens in recordings, televised performances, and large live venues. Folk music is necessarily local, scaled down, and communal in nature.”

Frank Lloyd Wright home for sale in Milwaukee

Blog: Art City, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

“One of six Frank Lloyd Wright homes that sit side by side on Milwaukee’s near south side has gone up for sale. In the middle of the block at 2722 W. Burnham St., the home that’s for sale was erected as a duplex but turned into a single-family home some years ago. It has three bedrooms and two baths. The asking price is \$199,900.”

Tom Nickel joins Caller Hall of Fame

Beaver Dam Daily Citizen

“Tom Nickel of Middleton was inducted into the Square Dance Caller Hall of Fame. He was given the award during the 2011 Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention, held in DeForest in August. Twenty four members of the local Swingin’ Beaver Square Dance club were on hand at the convention to congratulate their club caller on his professionalism and hard work.”

Menomonie School District announces new mascot

WEAU

“Indians no longer, the Menomonie Mustangs are here to stay. After months of narrowing down mascot options, the Menomonie School District announced its new nickname at a pep rally on Tuesday. High school students have waited with anticipation, but now the wait is over. Students will now represent the school as the Mustangs.”

Contest begins to design new Menomonie school district logo

Eau Claire Leader-Telegram

"After more than a decade of bickering, the Menomonie school district expects to unveil the official replacement for its longtime Indian logo on Monday, Nov. 14 - just in time for the winter sports season. A contest to design a logo for the new Mustangs nickname adopted last week begins today and is open to students, families, alumni and friends of Menomonie schools, Superintendent Chris Stratton announced at Monday's school board meeting. The region's aspiring artists will want to start putting their visions on paper soon because entries are due by Wednesday, Oct. 19. The district will begin the process of making a final decision on Monday, Oct. 24."

128-Year-Old Grand Opera House Gives Downtown Oshkosh New Life

WBAY-TV

"The Grand Opera House in Oshkosh, constructed in 1883, is celebrating its one-year anniversary. It's been one year since a massive, \$2 million renovation, and the changes have helped attendance and the city's downtown. Sitting in the center of downtown Oshkosh, the Grand Opera house is now the focus of the city's entertainment district just one year after the renovation project gave the theater new life."

A funny elegy for summer draws thousands

ThirdCoast Digest

"It was the last Point Fish Fry and a Flick of the 2011 summer series, held exactly one day after the official last day of summer on a Friday evening along Milwaukee's downtown lakefront. The weather had already drawn cooler, so the sported outfits of attendees was long pants, coats, and often winter hats. Yet still the people came. The movie that represented the end of the outdoor screening events was Bridesmaids (in which the story was set between Milwaukee and Chicago), which was released DVD on Tuesday. Yet the people kept coming."

In Kansas, the Wisconsin Idea drives a spectacular restoration

University of Wisconsin Madison News

"The 300 residents of Lucas, Kan., live in a windblown corner of the state too remote for cellphone service. In this isolated community, trees were so rare that resident Samuel P. Dinsmoor built his cabin-style home out of fencepost limestone "logs" more than 20 feet long. Out of this barren landscape, Dinsmoor created his Garden of Eden: More than 150 handmade sculptures telling countless stories about religion, populism and America. One of the earliest and best-known examples of grass roots or vernacular art environments, the Garden of Eden is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. But because of its remote location, its previous caretakers — including a University of Kansas professor living more than 200 miles away — found it difficult to maintain."

State Superintendent Tony Evers names the 2011 Friends of Education

DPI-ConnectEd:

Awardees include:

-“The Northwest Chapter of the [Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association](#) sponsors an annual two-day logging tour and forest demonstration event. 700 elementary students from the region get firsthand understanding of the forest products industry and environmental science. Sales from timber harvested there are donated to the [Children’s Miracle Network](#).”

-“Tom and Sharon Metz of Omro have worked tirelessly to teach others about American Indian cultures and rights, for example through Honor Our Neighbors Origins and Rights (HONOR), which among other accomplishments was instrumental in creating [instructional requirements in American Indian Studies](#).”

-“Judge Pedro Colón, a role model to Latino children in the Milwaukee area, was the first Latino to be elected to the Wisconsin Legislature, where for over a decade he championed disadvantaged students, bilingual-bicultural funding, and English language learners.”

With a Force of Its Own: On Liturgical Music

Blog: Art Works, National Endowment for the Arts

“One voice syncs with another voice. Until the singers listen to themselves, they had no idea how much they’d missed making a single sound together. The work of it involves not just their tongues, teeth, lips, jaws, and lungs, but their whole bodies, all the way down their spines. A tenor joins in, and then the bass. Now the chord has legs.” [This article features a link to the Oneida Hymn Singers of Wisconsin.](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Food, Sustainability and Globalization: A Workshop for Educators

WIOC International Opportunities Bulletin

[October 21 & 22, UW-Milwaukee Hefter Conference Center](#)

[Cost: \\$30 \(non-refundable\) covers all sessions, materials and meals](#)

As U.S. consumers, what we choose to eat both shapes and is shaped by a complex global food system. It is a system that is under growing strain due to climate change, globalization, and a world population that will soon surpass seven billion people. How we address the challenge of food security worldwide has wide-ranging implications for our society, culture and the environment. Please join us for a weekend workshop as we explore these connections and discuss emerging approaches in sustainable food production.

Call for Entries: “It’s Me Again”

John Michael Kohler Arts Center

[Entry Deadline: Friday, October 31, 2011](#)

[Exhibition: November 27, 2011–March 2, 2012](#)

The John Michael Kohler Arts Center invites you to create and submit a work of art for *It’s Me Again*. This opportunity is open to artists and the public of all ages from all locations. *It’s Me Again* challenges you to don the glamour of earlier years and relive a memory. Select a snapshot from anytime in the past--an image of you or someone else, alone or with others. Then use your imagination and a camera to recreate the look and feel of the original image including the same people if possible. Submit both images for inclusion in the exhibition.

EVENTS

Tsyunhehkwa 18th annual Harvest & Husking Bee

October 8-14

"Our week-long event will be from Saturday, October 08 till Friday October 14, running daily from 9:00 am till 5:00 pm. We will be taking care of our responsibilities to one of our sisters, the White Corn. Hand harvesting, husking and braiding our traditional white corn, preparing it for storage over the Winter. After the dry down it will be processed into a variety of products such as: flour, meal, bread, dehydrated and other items. We hope that you would be able to join us during this community building event, and spend some time with each other and enjoy this hands on working event."

Wisconsin Labor: A Contemporary Portrait

Cardinal Stritch University

September 23 through November 6

Opening Reception: Friday, September 23, 5-8 p.m.

Photographers Tim Abler, chair of Stritch's Visual Art Department (Milwaukee), and Dick Blau (Milwaukee), David Heberlein (River Falls), J. Shimon and J. Lindemann (Manitowoc), and Jamie Young (Madison) were commissioned by the Wisconsin Arts Board in 2007 to create a statewide "portrait" of contemporary labor. Initiated as a Percent for Art project for the Department of Workforce Development, the resulting images provide a poignant meditation on the nature of labor and the diversity of work in Wisconsin.

Wis. museum features little-known Holocaust story

Janesville Gazette

Through November 27

"The Jewish Museum Milwaukee is hosting an exhibit about the only American woman executed on direct orders of Adolf Hitler. Mildred Fish Harnack, a Milwaukee native, taught literature in Madison and then at several German universities following a 1929 move to Germany. She and her husband Arvid Harnack worked in opposition to the Nazis as a member of the resistance group known as the "Red Orchestra," a code name assigned by the Gestapo."

FUNDING

School Garden Grant Opportunity

DPI-ConnectEd

Deadline for [applying](#) is October 7.

"The [Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation](#) is offering a new [grant program](#), awarding \$500 to \$2,000 to public elementary schools that wish to establish a garden or enhance an existing garden used to educate youth. The goal is to support schools in incorporating nutrition and healthy lifestyle education in the curriculum. The [project description](#) includes numerous ideas and resources for brainstorming and planning a garden project.

\$10,000 prize recognizing School Board for outstanding support of the arts in education

AFTAAIE-L list

The Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network (KCAAEN) and the National School Boards Association (NSBA) would like to announce the release of the 2012 school board award for arts education application. The winning school board receives a plaque presented at the NSBA Annual Conference along with a cash award of \$10,000 to use for their arts education programs.

RESOURCES

New book sheds light on Milwaukee Native Americans

Kalihwisaks (Official Newspaper of the Oneida Tribe of Indians in Wisconsin)

Native Americans in Milwaukee

Arcadia Publishing, 2011

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