



Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture

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Supper clubs, history kits, Hessian student exchange, Hmong New Year and Ho Chunk photos – our state is an amazing resource for culture!

## **LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS**

### **In Wisconsin, Supper Clubs Open to All**

*New York Times*

Rhineland - In the era of the eyedropper-wielding cocktail artiste, I take pleasure in the fact that there are still guys like Tom Kelly around. Mr. Kelly, the longtime bartender at the Al-Gen Dinner Club in Rhineland, Wis., has a neatly trimmed gray mustache, wears a shamrock tie pin and makes what I will unreservedly call the perfect gin martini.

### **Hortonville honored for its music education**

*Appleton Post-Crescent*

CARLSBAD, Calif. — "The Hortonville Area School District has been named one of the "Best Communities for Music Education" by the NAMM Foundation, a nonprofit organization that acknowledges schools and districts across the U.S. for their commitment to and support for music education. In all, 179 communities out of 279 that participated in the 12th annual survey were recognized, including 172 school districts and seven schools. 2011 marks the first year that individual schools received the designation."

### **Out There: Wisconsin poets calendar has local flair**

*Wisconsin Rapids Tribune*

"Dave Cervenka starts each day with his Wisconsin Poets' Calendar. "There's such a variety," Cervenka, 70, of Port Edwards, said. "There's two, three, four (poems) every week. So many different authors; I do enjoy reading it." About a dozen central Wisconsin residents are among more than 200 writers in the 2012 Wisconsin Poets' Calendar, published by the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets. One Lincoln High School student, Andie Netz, is included in the 26th edition of the calendar, which will be featured Thursday during Poetry@McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids."

### **New Glarus and Good Fondue Recipe**

*Sweet Leisure*

"Can you guess where I am? Let me give you some hints. Cheese is the major product, with raclette and fondue the favorite dishes. People dress in embroidered folk costumes and

yodel. If you hang around long enough, you could probably hear an alhorn and would certainly spot a Heidi playing among the half-timbered chalets.”

### **A forest and a purpose**

*PortalWisconsin.org Blog*

Valton - “Going into the Painted Forest is like entering the cocoon to see the butterfly. The commonness of the exterior gives way to an explosion of color inside. It’s all around you, truly an environment. You walk in from outside and might think you’re back outside.”

### **Mariachi, fado, Chinese shadow puppetry on UN list**

*WQOW*

BALI, Indonesia – “Mexican mariachi music, Chinese shadow puppetry and poetic dueling from Cyprus were among the cultural traditions identified by the United Nations on Tuesday as in need of protection. Also added to the Intangible Cultural Heritage list - now in its second year and nearly 250 strong - were French-style horseback riding, which celebrates harmony between beast and man, the doleful fado songs of Portugal and Jultagi tightrope walking from Korea.”

## **RESOURCES**

### **History Kits**

*Chippewa Valley Museum*

Eau Claire

Hands-on Wisconsin history! The Chippewa Valley Museum provides a wide range of history kits for classrooms to use. Artifacts in the kits vary widely and, for the most part, are not fragile. Each costs \$10 for two weeks check-out.

### **People of the Big Voice: Photographs of Ho-Chunk Families by Charles Van Schaick, 1879-1942**

*Wisconsin Historical Society Press*

“This book received the [USA "Best Books 2011" Award](#) in the category of Photography: People for its portrayal of relationships and resilience in the Ho-Chunk community at the turn of the twentieth century through more than 300 beautifully detailed duotone photographs.”

### **Found in Wisconsin**

*Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Resources for Libraries and Lifelong Learning*

“Found in Wisconsin is a database that allows you to search for collections of digitized objects, containing information about Wisconsin or created by Wisconsin authors. The purpose of Found in Wisconsin is to have items and collections searchable, findable, and ultimately accessible. The database offers links directly into the content, regardless of which organization hosts the collection.”

## OPPORTUNITIES

### **Job Opening: Education Director**

*National Endowment for the Arts*

Initial application cut-off date: December 1, 2011

Second cut-off date: December 22, 2011 (please note that these applications will be considered on an as-needed basis)

Final cut-off date: January 9, 2012

"The National Endowment for the Arts seeks a Director of Arts Education. The NEA is motivated by the vision of a Nation in which the arts enrich the lives of all Americans and enhance the livability of communities. If you share this vision, please consider joining the NEA. This position is located in the Office of the Deputy Chairman for Programs and Partnerships, Literature and Arts Education Division, in Washington, DC. This position is in the EXCEPTED Service and may be terminated or extended at management discretion. It is full-time and TEMPORARY, not-to-exceed two years. The selectee will be required to complete a one-year supervisory probationary period."

### **2012 Family of the Year**

*Scholastic Parent & Child*

Deadline to apply: March 15, 2012

"Family of the Year celebrates families across the country for their efforts to give back to their community and make a difference in the lives of others. Do you know a family who deserves the title Family of the Year? This year you can nominate your own family or a family you know who has made meaningful contributions to their community."

### **2012-13 Hessen-Wisconsin Student Exchange Program**

*Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Global Wisconsin*

"Applications for the 2012-13 Hessen-Wisconsin Student Exchange Program are now available. Please inform interested students. For additional information on the program, show students and parents this short video on Global Wisconsin:

<http://www.ecb.org/global/trading.html>. Also, read the blog entry by Marta Bechtol, the mother of a former program participant: <http://globalwisconsin.blogspot.com/>. Title: "Study Abroad as Dropout Prevention?."

## EVENTS

### **Festival of Christmas & Midwinter Traditions**

Folklore Village, Dodgeville

December 28, 2011 – January 1, 2012

*Early registration ends Friday, December 2.*

Jane Farwell founded this enchanting festival in 1947 as an antidote to the commercial packaging of holiday celebrations. This annual event is the fabric upon which Folklore Village is embroidered, featuring seasonal celebrations from around the world, ethnic dancing, crafts, music, storytelling, culture sessions, fantastic food and an outstanding children's program!

## **Jerry Apps: "Stories from Wisconsin: Germans, Beer, and Prohibition"**

Wednesday, December 7

7pm, UW-Madison Memorial Union

Presented by the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

## **St. Lucia Program**

Folklore Village, Dodgeville

December 10, 2011

In Sweden, December 13 is Saint Lucia's Day, which celebrates the winter solstice and the important change from days of increasing darkness to increased daylight hours. In addition to celebrating the coming of the sun, the modern Lucia celebration also celebrates the coming of Christmas and of light and hope in the spiritual. This lovely ceremony includes beautiful Swedish songs, enchanting candlelight and delicious traditional Lussekatter (saffron buns). Our celebration is a great introduction to the ideas of *ceremony/ritual and tradition* for youth and gives them a special opportunity to partake in one and reflect on what Christmas, daylight, darkness and seasons mean to them.

## **Milwaukee Hmong New Year**

December 10-11, 2011

Wisconsin Expo Center, West Allis

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