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Local Culture doings continue in November...of course!

LOCAL CULTURE PROJECT

Where I'm From: From Milwaukee to Uganda and Back Again

A.W.E (Artists Working in Education)

School Studio Explores Culture through Poetry and Visual Art

MILWAUKEE -- The 3rd graders from Gwen T. Jackson Early Childhood and Elementary School will be sharing their ideas and questions about culture with kids in Uganda this January in an artist residency project led by artist, Valaria Tatera and writer/spoken word artist, Dasha Kelly. The kids will be able to interact with each other face to face via Skype through a collaboration with Gujja Ting African Art, a small (soon to be) non-profit organization in Uganda co-founded by Ben Rothschild and Laura Kolar, two artists from Milwaukee. The mission of Gujja Ting African Art is to empower children and youth in the slums of Uganda. Through creative workshops, a school fees program, and a family mentality, it is their aim to raise kids' expectations of themselves; and to give them a *real* chance to succeed. The School Studio worked with Rothschild and Kolar last year in collaboration with Shalom High School and an NGO they collaborated with in Uganda: Amagezi Gemaanyi Youth Association. The American and African students created a blog called, "Where I'm From" responding to questions about place, origin and identity inspired by the A.W.E. artists in residence at Shalom, photographer Troy Freund and poet/spoken word artist, Dan Vaughn.

LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS

Lutefisk tradition lives on, but interest might be declining

Janesville Gazette

JANESVILLE — Lutefisk might be one of the funniest foods on the planet, but it has its serious side as a cultural symbol for Norwegian-Americans. The traditional dish is still a must for many at Christmas and other festive occasions. More than 500 Norwegians and guests were expected for the annual Lutefisk dinner Saturday at the Sons of Norway Nordland Lodge in Janesville

Hamilton Wood Type Museum faces eviction

Blog: Art City, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

TWO RIVERS — The Hamilton Wood Type and Printing Museum is being evicted. This museum, with the world's largest collection of wood type, is being asked to leave the building that bears its name in Two Rivers, Wisconsin.

Groups work to educate local agencies, public about Hmong culture

Wausau Daily Herald

WISCONSIN RAPIDS — A local nonprofit organization dedicated to serving families dealing with domestic violence is trying to educate the community about the Hmong culture. The Family Center in Wisconsin Rapids sponsored a pair of events this week to help educate members of the public, as well as agency leaders, about the culture in hopes of creating a better understanding of how to help those who need it.

Latino Arts Strings Program

MILWAUKEE — The Latino Arts Strings Program is a national recipient of the 2012 MetLife Lights on Afterschool Alliance Award. The two-time national award winning LASP is a high quality, sequential, skills-based after school music program that prepares low-income students to participate in music programs at the high school and college levels. Created in 2002 by Dinorah Marquez, the program engages over 150 participants between the ages of five and seventeen in classical musical training to play violin, viola, cello, bass and guitar.

Little Chute opens a complete replica of 1850s windmill

LITTLE CHUTE — In Little Chute, a part American, part Dutch windmill is under construction, fitting for the Dutch capital of Wisconsin. The [Little Chute Windmill and Van Asten Visitor Center](#) is scheduled to open in the fall of 2012 in downtown Little Chute. With its base and tower built right on sight, and the top section and blades being constructed by master craftsmen in the Netherlands, the windmill is an authentic 1850s design. Come spring, craftsmen will come to Little Chute to put the final pieces together. When complete, the windmill will serve as a monument to Wisconsin's Dutch heritage and the visitor center will feature exhibits on the history of Dutch settlement in the Fox River Valley and northeast Wisconsin.

LOCAL CULTURE EVENTS

Conversation with Nou Lorbliayao, Director for VivNcaug: Hmong Women and Girls in Laos

Thursday, November 15, 2012

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ingraham Hall, Room 206

7 – 9 pm

VivNcaug is a nonprofit group based in Vientiane, Laos working to improve the socioeconomic status of women and girls.

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Exhibit: Who are the Hmong?

Now through May 5, 2013

Neville Museum

Green Bay

Presented in collaboration with the United Hmong Asian American Community Center, Inc and the entire Hmong community in Green Bay. The Hmong are an Ancient Culture. The Hmong were our Allies during the Vietnam War. The Hmong became Refugees. And now, the Hmong are our Neighbors. Learn about the Hmong culture and more in this powerful exhibit.

OPPORTUNITIES

Kennedy Center Seeks Nominations for Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Awards

Philanthropy News Digest | Foundation Center

Deadline: December 16

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

Wisconsin Film Festival

Deadline: December 31

Chinese Languages and Culture Classes

PLATTEVILLE -- The Confucius Institute at UW-Platteville offers several unique opportunities to learn about Chinese language, culture and business at the only Confucius Institute in Wisconsin.

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