



Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture

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### Past Cultural Tour Presenters in the News

Patrick Farrell – Green Bay

*On the 2012 Here at Home Cultural Tour, we visited Pat Farrell in Green Bay, learning about his intensive urban gardening as well as his woodworking and boat building. Well, he's being told by the City of Green Bay to remove his gardens from the terrace areas around his home.*

[City of Green Bay waging battle over man's lawn garden](#)

GREEN BAY (WITI) — A Green Bay homeowner says grass in his front yard does him no good, so he planted a garden instead. However, the city of Green Bay is waging a battle over Patrick Farrell's garden.

Hmong Blacksmiths – La Crosse

*On several cultural tours, including the first two in 2006 and 2007, we visited the La Crosse Hmong Mutual Assistance Association's blacksmith shop. Here is a radio profile of two of the currently most active blacksmiths there.*

[Hmong Blacksmith Shop](#)

*Wisconsin Life*

The Hmong community has historically been self-sufficient. In the back of the La Crosse Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association is a blacksmith shop where people melt their own metal and pound out hot, glowing orange strips of metal into knives. WPR's Maureen McCollum recently visited the shop where she met apprentice Kong Mong Yang and master blacksmith Tong Khai Vang. Kong translates for Tong Khai.

### Local Culture in the News

Mini-Grant for Creative Expression, Learning in Bad River

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The Bad River Public Tribal Library in Odanah, Wisconsin, was awarded a mini-grant by the [Ezra Jack Keats Foundation](#). The Bad River library's mini-grant will help fund the Bad River Traditional Outfit Creation Program, in which young adults and children at the library will design and make their own traditional dance outfits as part of an effort to learn more about the Ojibwe culture. Specifically, they will come

to understand what each color they select for their outfits represents as well as explore the different clans of the Ojibwe Nation.

### [Mural celebrates Lamers Dairy's centennial](#)

*WHBY*

A company that has strong roots in the Fox Cities hired an artist to paint a mural to mark its 100th anniversary.

### [National Endowment for the Arts Announces 2013 NEA National Heritage Fellowship Recipients](#)

*National Endowment for the Arts*

Washington, DC--Whether it's teaching the *Numu* language of the Pyramid Lake Paiute tribe at local schools or performing a ballad that dates back to the mid-17th century, the 2013 NEA National Heritage Fellows all share a passion for perpetuating and imparting to others the traditional art forms to which they have devoted their lives and careers.

### [Indigenous or Native Art of Wisconsin](#)

*Travel Wisconsin*

Here, you can learn from the artists themselves and celebrate Wisconsin's history through its diverse culture.

## **Events**

### [Lighthouse Festival celebrates 20 years](#)

*Door County Advocate*

**June 7 – 9**

The festival offers tours of the numerous lighthouses in the area and boat cruises to those off the mainland. Along with the tours, an important part is the annual Keeper's Kin event, which returns June 7. Relatives of Door County lighthouse keepers will share lighthouse experiences and memorabilia from the days when lights needed to be manned. As part of the festivities, Door County's American Folklore Theatre will give a preview of its new musical, "Windjammers."

### [Les Paul's Homecoming](#)

*Shepherd Express*

**Opens June 9**

Waukesha Country Museum isn't the first area institution to honor Paul. Discovery World dedicates much of its gallery space to an extensive chronicle of Paul as the 20th century's great engineer of sound. Waukesha is taking a different direction. "It's story driven, story rich," says the museum's president, Kirsten Lee Villegas. "It's an exhibition for the heart, not the mind."

## Resources

### [Jim Widmer's 'Spirit of Rural Wisconsin'](#)

*Wisconsin Historical Images June 2013 Newsletter*

This is the first in a three-part series featuring the images of Jim Widmer of the tiny Dodge County town of Theresa. In the mid-20th century he deliberately set out to capture the spirit of rural Wisconsin with the best photographic equipment available. Future galleries of his work will feature local barns and Friday-night fish fries, two iconic aspects of Wisconsin rural culture.

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## Opportunities

### [Wisconsin Science Festival 2013 announces dates, open call for presenters, sites, partners](#)

*UW-Madison News*

**September 26 - 29**

## Inspiration

*Courtesy of the [National Creativity Network](#)*

### [Celebrate Your Failures!](#)

*Blog: Culturally Incorrect | Psychology Today*

So next time you're passed over for a promotion or that book deal doesn't pan out or your brilliant business idea just turned out to be a bit too ahead of its time, don't fret and break out the champagne instead. Here's why.

### [What Colleges Can Learn From K-12 Education](#)

*The Conversation | The Chronicle of Higher Education*

Our higher-education system is often thought of as a model for elementary and secondary education because top American universities rank among the very best in the world. But maybe it's the reverse that is true.

[7 Ways to Spark Your Creativity Without Leaving Your City](#)

*Under30CEO.com*

How do I break out of my slump within the confines of my own city?

[Lynda Barry helps us imagine the future of education \[VIDEO\]](#)

*Wisconsin Institutes of Discovery*

What will be different about the appearance, purpose, atmosphere and community of the campus 100 years from now? What will last through the century and prove itself to be of enduring value?

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