



Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture

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Happy New Year! Enjoy everything Wisconsin has to offer for local culture advocates.

LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS

Larry the Logroller felled by tree

Green Bay Press Gazette

"The longtime mascot of Wabeno's logging history was accidentally felled Thursday as a company was removing trees from the downtown park."

Packers song keeps rocking on, helping charities

Green Bay Press Gazette

"Since its release in 2007, "Rock to the Big Game" has raised more than \$7,000 for Catholic Charities and Cerebral Palsy."

Everest students take virtual field trips

Wausau Daily Herald

"The project was part of a virtual field trip that students in the district can now take thanks to the high school's new 21st Century Education Learning Lab, a high-tech video-conference room that lets students and teachers meet with people across the globe in real time."

Bringing art into the environment

Walworth County Today

"The museum's current display is a hands-on, outdoor project on the grounds of Delavan's Lake Lawn Resort. Famed snowmaker Dieter Sturm and artist Dennis Dahl have created towering ice sculptures, shaped by spraying on water, adding color and embedding lights within them."

EVENTS

Three comedians with Fox Valley roots come together to showcase their Wisconsin humor

Appleton Post-Crescent

January 12

“On Saturday, Rob Brackenridge, Mike Merryfield and Steve Hartman perform at Kimberly-Clark Theater inside of Fox Cities Performing Arts Center in downtown Appleton. The show marks the kickoff of their Cheeseball Comedy Tour, a project that came to fruition after Brackenridge and Merryfield got the urge to host a theme tour revolving around Wisconsin-centric comedy.”

‘Big Chill’ snow sculpting competition will be worth the wait

Racine Journal Times

January 18 – 20

“The “Big Chill” — also known as the 23rd Annual State Snow Sculpting Competition — was originally scheduled to take place on Monument Square this weekend, and has been rescheduled for Jan. 18-20, due to our “unseasonably warm weather.”

Stoughton Norwegian Dancers to perform at Nicolet College

Rhineland Star Journal

January 19

“Nicolet College will host the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers on Saturday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. For over 60 years, the dancers of Stoughton High School have enthralled audiences around the nation with their authentic Scandinavian folk dances and breathtaking acrobatic moves.”

River Falls Public Library's motorcycle exhibit woos bikers and bookish ... quietly

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Through January 27

“A library is an unlikely place to see a 1934 Harley or Honda crotch rocket. In fact it's a good bet the term "crotch rocket" is rarely uttered inside the quiet, hallowed halls of a book repository. But the public library in the western Wisconsin community of River Falls is currently a great place to see a small but comprehensive exhibit of vintage motorcycles for free, no library card required.”

Documenting Wisconsin Heritage: Wisconsin-German Language and Culture

Max Kade Institute

January 30, 2013, 6-8pm

UW-Madison, Memorial Union

800 Langdon Street Madison, WI 53706

“Building upon recently conducted interviews with Wisconsin-German speakers in Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Calumet, and Fond du Lac counties, this presentation addresses the historic and current presence of German-speakers in eastern Wisconsin. Joshua Bousquette, Ben Frey and Alyson Sewell (UW-Madison) will discuss past and present research efforts on Wisconsin-German varieties. Then they will present findings related to the changing situation of German speakers living in Wisconsin from early settlement to the present day and the resulting unique Wisconsin-German varieties that developed within these bilingual communities.”

OPPORTUNITIES

Sundance Institute Invites Applications for Native American Filmmakers Fellowship Lab

PND | Foundation Center

Deadline: February 1

"Sundance Institute's Native American and Indigenous Program has created a fellowship to provide direct support to emerging Native American, Native Hawaiian, and Alaskan Native film artists working in the United States. The program is designed to support filmmakers working to strengthen their craft, develop their voice, and advance current projects toward production."

Our Town Grants

National Endowment for the Arts

"The application deadline for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) 2012 Our Town grants is Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 11:59PM EST. Our Town supports creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities with the arts at their core. Our Town will invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with their arts and design organizations and artists, seek to: Improve their quality of life, encourage creative activity, create community identity and a sense of place, and revitalize local economies. Grants may range from \$25,000 to \$150,000. Projects may include planning, design, and arts engagement activities that reflect a systemic approach to civic development and a persuasive vision for enhanced community vibrancy. Follow the link above for complete guidelines."

The German Immigration Experience" -- Spring 2013 course at UW-Madison

Max Kade Institute

"Prof. Cora Lee Kluge is teaching her course entitled "The German Immigration Experience." It appears in the online Timetable as German 271, and will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 to 12:15 in 494 Van Hise Hall. The first class will be Tuesday, January 22nd; last class will be Thursday, May 9th. You may be interested in enrolling for this course as a "[guest auditor](#)," in case you are not a degree candidate at the UW-Madison. If you are a citizen of the State of Wisconsin age 60 or older, you may enroll in the course as a "[senior guest auditor](#)" for free."

RESOURCES

REBIRTH: New Orleans

"Hurricane Katrina decimated New Orleans' public schools. This film charts their rebirth as a system of charter schools. A fascinating story about community, leadership, and educational access, REBIRTH: New Orleans follows the incredible transformation of New Orleans' public school system after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Long-time education journalist and 2012 McGraw Prize recipient John Merrow began following the story for the nightly news program, the NewsHour on PBS, in 2005. Seven years later, he says it is the most remarkable story he has covered in nearly 40 years on the job."

Mirror on the Wall: Public Art and the Face(s) of Youth

“High school teachers Joshua Block and Melanie Manuel helped their students find visibility and voices through a public art project on a Philadelphia street. As a Spanish and an English teacher working together, we developed inquiry units related to themes of language, identity and public art. Our goals were to have students transform a public space and present their multiple identities, stories and insights to the city around us.”

Wisconsin Agricultural Tourism Association

New online Wisconsin map helps pronounce names

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

“Have a hard time pronouncing Oconomowoc? How about Chequamegon (SHA'-wah-mah-gahn)-Nicolet National Forest? The State Cartographer's Office is here to help.”

The Good Food Revolution: Growing Healthy Food, People and Communities

New book by Will Allen, founder of Growing Power (Milwaukee)

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