



Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture

May 4, 2015

Hope you'll join us!

[WTLC Home Place Field School](#)

June 16 – 20, 2015

Middleton-Cross Plains School District area

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LOCAL CULTURE IN THE NEWS

['Hear Here' explores La Crosse's lesser-known history](#)

News8000.com

28 signs are posted at historic spots throughout downtown. The signs will stay up for five years. The creators of the project hope to expand the amount of stories they have, and are open to anyone who would like to share their past experiences in La Crosse.

Also: [Hear Here](#)

Community leaders and students met every Wednesday evening in the boardroom of Downtown Main Street, Inc. to discuss, research, plan, write grants, do interviews, put together social media, and physically mount Hear, Here. The class teamed up with various other organizations and groups, including a UW-La Crosse photography class. On April 12th, 2015 the project was presented to the community as part of the Downtown Spring Fling Event. At this time we have 28 Hear, Here signs up around downtown sharing stories. But we have 32 more signs that we would like your input on. With your help the project will evolve into a community-generated venture.

[Dictionary of American Regional English Faces Shutdown](#)

New York Times

The Dictionary of American Regional English reached a milestone three years ago when it released its fifth installment, bringing its 50-year effort to document the vagaries of American speech to a climax with a volume running through “zydeco.” But now the project, started at the University of Wisconsin in 1963, may be forced to put a final period on things.

[Students Thriving in Chinese Language and Culture Classes](#)

UWEC News

Student interest in learning the Chinese language has been steadily increasing, says Dr. Kaishan Kong, UW-Eau Claire's first tenure-track professor of Chinese language and culture. The campus is responding by creating more opportunities and resources for students with those interests, she says.

[A Life Remembered: Accordion Player Wanted Everyone To Be Happy](#)

Kenosha News

Guido Ceschin was best known as Kenosha’s own strolling accordion player who serenaded couples at dinner, residents at nursing homes and worshippers at Polka Mass. Quick-witted and a teller of good puns, Ceschin was “a complete entertainer,” noted Ceschin’s daughter-in-law Laureen Wawro. “He was someone everyone wanted to be around.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Folklore Village Mother’s Day Springtime Brunch](#)

May 10, 2015

Folklore Village, 3210 Co Hwy BB, Dodgeville 53533

Registration Deadline - May 5

Fundraiser for this rural folk arts center includes delicious cuisine, folk music mini-concert (Promising Sky with Mac Robertson & Marli Johnson), quilt show, international costume display, plant & bakery sale. Wear folk or folksy outfit if you wish. \$35 adults, youth prices available. Choose 10 am or 11:30 seating.

[Syttende Mai Folk Festival](#)

May 15 – 17, 2015

Stoughton

America's largest celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day. Two parades, folk dancing, rosemaling, hardanger and quilt exhibits, ethnic food, arts & crafts fair, canoe race, Syttende Mai Run, Viking Games Strongman Competition, Norwegian (bunad) style show.

[Neighborhood Bus Tour with Host Adam Carr](#)

Artists Working in Education and Adam Carr

May 16, 2015

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Milwaukee

Neighborhood enthusiast, artist, and producer Adam Carr is curating an afternoon of unique neighborhood assets, culture, and people. This year's tour will take place in the Washington Park, Borchert Field, and Riverwest/Harambee neighborhoods and the spaces in between. We will meet neighborhood leaders and learn more about the history and culture that makes each space unique. Proceeds from the tour support A.W.E.'s Truck Studio and artist-in-residence programs. Your support of the community and the arts makes Milwaukee a vibrant place to live.

[Ho-Chunk Memorial Day Pow Wow](#)

May 23 – 25, 2015

Black River Falls

Grand entry at 1 pm and 7 pm. Honorary Flag Raising at 10 am on Monday morning. Free and open to the public.

OPPORTUNITIES

[Volunteer at the 2015 Smithsonian Folklife Festival](#)

The Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage is welcoming volunteers for the 2015 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C. This year's program, *Perú: Pachamama*, will highlight the culture of Peru, one of the most ecologically and culturally diverse countries in the world. Volunteers are critical to the Festival and work closely with participants and staff.

Volunteers assist stage managers, interact with visitors at the information booths, help with audiovisual documentation, provide general Festival support, and more. Spanish speakers are encouraged to apply.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

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[Exploring Global Stories Locally: Children's Literature, Migration Histories, and Wisconsin Experiences](#)

June 27, 2015

Fall Creek School District, Fall Creek, WI

The Wisconsin International Outreach Consortium (WIOC) and UW-Eau Claire will host an all-day workshop for K-16 educators, pre-service teachers, school and public librarians, and children's literature enthusiasts with an aim to internationalize statewide reading materials through the classroom and public libraries. The workshop will include presentations by faculty members from the UW System, other scholars, and community members, on the history of migration into northern Wisconsin of the Polish, Hmong, Mexican, Norwegian and other immigrant groups. Award-winning author Karen Lynn Williams will offer the keynote presentation on her stories, and teacher resources. Credit option: 1-Graduate credit will be available through the College of Education and Human Sciences at UW-Eau Claire. \$40; \$25 for pre-service teachers.

[Global Action Through Engagement \(GATE\)](#)

UW-Milwaukee

July 15 – 18, 2015

GATE is a summer program for high school students interested in social justice and social change. GATE is an interactive global leadership program for high school students. GATE participants will be introduced to global issues through interactive simulations, small group activities, and thought-provoking discussions with their peers, university students, and expert speakers. This year, students will focus on the global theme of Youth Movements and the role of young people in transforming neighborhoods, communities and society through local, regional, and global contexts. A limited number of need-based scholarships are available.

[\[art\]ifact: where history meets art](#)

Fall 2015 – Material Culture and Local Manufacture (Sept 9 – Dec 11, 2015)

Spring 2016 – Exhibit Design and Development (Jan 25 – May 6, 2016)

UW-La Crosse Assistant Professor of History, Ariel Beaujot, Ph.D., will present her inspired approach to teaching public history through two courses offered in fall 2015 and spring 2016. Participants will work with historic objects from the La Crosse County Historical Society's collection. Their research will inspire the creation of original works of art made by local artists who will respond to the artifact in a contemporary way. Artwork will be displayed alongside the actual artifact in a culminating exhibition at the Pump House in spring 2016. UW-La Crosse History Department is collaborating on the project with local community partners, La Crosse County Historical Society and the Pump House. Continuing Education and Extension in collaboration with the WI Council for the Social Studies will offer the fall and spring undergraduate credit courses.

See also: [Students uncover community history that inspires art](#)

RESOURCES

[Learning Hmong: Best Practices from a Museum Expert](#)

Humanities Booyah

Wisconsin Humanities Council

Reflective article on working across cultures by Susan McLeod, formerly of Chippewa Valley Museum in Eau Claire

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