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### **Experience Seven Brown county Museums and Archives in One Evening**

Green Bay, WI---May 7, 2015--- Reminiscent of Milwaukee's popular Doors Open tour, seven Brown County historical organizations will open their doors free to the public for special behind-the-scenes tours, performances, and exclusive conversations with staff as part of its first annual History Treasure Tour. This new event will take place Thursday, May 14, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Community members are invited to visit any or all Brown County Federation of History Museums partner organizations throughout the evening: Neville Public Museum, Brown County Historical Society (at Hazelwood Historic House), Green Bay - De Pere Antiquarian Society (at the Green Bay Diocese Museum), Heritage Hill State Historical Park, National Railroad Museum, Oneida Nation Museum, and the University of Green Bay Archives and Area Research Center.

Revealing many of the community's "hidden" historical treasures; the relaxed event encourages the public - including students and families - to explore Brown County's rich historical past, while enjoying fun, hands-on activities in unique historical environments. A behind-the-scenes preview tour of the Neville Public Museum's new exhibit, Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs, a performance of Voices from Wisconsin's Past at the Area Research Center, and an exclusive viewing of the painting, Hospitality of St. Julian, and the Museum at the Green Bay Diocese Museum are just a few of many opportunities to explore.

"As the world around us is changing at a speed that we can hardly keep up with, Brown County museums and archives house items in their collections that allow us as community stakeholders to reflect on our shared past and influence our collective future," says Beth Lemke, Executive Director of the Neville Public Museum.

Additional activities include tours of a recently opened private toy collection and restored Eisenhower locomotive and WWII Allied Forces command cars by the curator of the National Railroad Museum, enjoy stories of 19<sup>th</sup> Century life told by costumed actors at Hazelwood Historic House, build a log cabin and learn about 18<sup>th</sup> Century life

from a costumed actor at Heritage Hill State Historical Park, and discover Oneida culture and history through hands-on activities at the Oneida Nation Museum.

“Every local historical organization has unique collections that contribute to our sense of place and community pride. The History Treasure Tour event celebrates our shared stories and provides a great opportunity to discover the past in a new way”, noted Chris Dunbar, vice president of the Brown County Federation of History Museums and executive director of the Brown County Historical Society.

Generously provided by area business, light refreshments will be provided at most sites. Special thanks to Alpha Delights, Great Harvest Bread Company, the Radisson, Tittletown Brewery, University of Wisconsin – Green Bay as well as to Nancy Watts for support of this event.

A brochure providing full details of the event and the locations is available at any participating historical organization or online at [www.nevillepublicmuseum.org](http://www.nevillepublicmuseum.org).

### **About the Brown County Federation of History Museums**

Established in 2006, the Brown County Federation of History Museums is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting greater awareness of area history museums and building lasting cooperation among member institutions.

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