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### Wisconsin History Tour Open at the Neville Public Museum

Green Bay, WI---February 3, 2015---The Wisconsin History Tour, a new outreach program from the Wisconsin Historical Society, is open at the Neville Public Museum of Brown County. *The Wisconsin History Tour: Sharing Wisconsin's Stories One Community at a Time* centers on a handcrafted traveling exhibit and history-related programming that offers a sampling of the history and stories that the Society has been gathering since its founding in 1846. The exhibit will be on display at Neville Public Museum through March 15.

History comes alive for a week-long programming celebration Feb. 17-21, when the Tour brings authors, genealogists, archivists, architects, and archaeologists to present special programs for all ages that include: genealogy workshops, lunchtime history discussions, Packers history, a sneak preview of the new Wisconsin Public Television documentary "Remarkable Homes," and a "History Happy Hour" at Tiletown Brewing Company in Green Bay on Feb. 19.

Programming week kicks off Feb. 17 with a 10 a.m. **exhibit "Meet and Greet"** welcome by Tour Host and Wisconsin Historical Society Director of Outreach Jim Draeger followed by a noontime **Your Stuff, Your Story** program that invites area residents to bring one item (or a photo of it) from their collection and share the story behind it. The afternoon features **Exploring Wisconsin's Newspaper History** at 4:00 p.m. followed by a special showing of what is believed to be the state's oldest existing movie, "**A Gay Day in Green Bay**," filmed in 1913 by Charles C. Pyle (before he became a famous sports reporter) and recently re-discovered in a Green Bay Press-Gazette vault, at 7:00 p.m.

Programs on February 18 include **Practical Preservation for Your Family Treasures** presented by Katie Mullen at 10:00 a.m., **The Bingo Queens of Oneida** presented by author Michael Hoeft at noon, and **Seventh Generation Earth Ethics: Native Voices of Wisconsin** presented by UW-Madison professor Dr. Patty Loew at 6:00 p.m.

February 19 programs include **Shipwrecks of Green Bay and Door County** presented by Tamara Thomsen at 10:00 a.m., and **Flavors of Wisconsin** presented by chef and author Terese Allen at noon.

On February 20 see a preview of **Wisconsin's Own: Twenty Remarkable Homes** presented by Jim Draeger and Wisconsin Public Television at 10:00 a.m. and **Beyond the End Zone: The Keepers of Packer History** presented by Packer Hall of Fame Curator, Brent Hensel and author and curator Matt Foss at noon.

Additional information on the Wisconsin History Tour programs at the Neville Museum can be found at [www.NevillePublicMuseum.org](http://www.NevillePublicMuseum.org) and a full schedule of Wisconsin History Tour programs can be found at [www.wisconsinhistorytour.org](http://www.wisconsinhistorytour.org).

After its Green Bay stop, the Tour heads to Appleton, Eau Claire, Superior, and beyond in 2015.

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While the Wisconsin History Tour is on display the Neville Public Museum is pleased to honor memberships from the participating historical societies!

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