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Celebrate the Hmong at the Neville's latest exhibit, *Who are the Hmong?*

Green Bay, WI—September 24, 2012—Discover the Hmong as an ancient culture, allies, refugees, and neighbors at the Neville's exhibit, *Who are the Hmong?* on display September 29, 2012 through May 5, 2013.

The exhibit will answer the question: *who are the Hmong?* It reveals the traditional Hmong culture that has survived for thousands of years through wars and migration. It describes the traumatic experience of Hmong men and boys who fought as allies alongside Americans in the Vietnam War. It explores the Hmong transition to the United States and their successful adaptation to their new country. In addition, a traditional Hmong house will be built on Neville grounds by the Hmong community.

Thanks to the help of many private donors from the community, *Who are the Hmong?* will also feature over 150 artifacts and over 50 photographs. Objects include bamboo mousetraps, a pig collar, crossbow arrows made with hand-cut plastic fletchings, and a checkerboard made of scrap cardboard and bottle caps.

The Neville is offering free admission to everyone on the opening day of *Who are the Hmong?*, Saturday, September 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Throughout the day, the Hmong Community Center and the Hmong community are providing programs, including:

- Hmong dancing in the theater
- Hmong music on StagePLACE (mouth harp, qeej and flute)
- Hmong top spinning and Dub Luh (volleyball that uses the feet)

A free teacher training will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd at 4:00 p.m. at the Neville for all grades, especially 6 and up. To make your reservation, please contact Matt Welter, Curator of Education, at 448-7851 or welter_mt@co.brown.wi.us.

This exhibit was developed in collaboration with the United Hmong Asian American Community Center, Inc. and the entire Hmong community in Green Bay.

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The Wisconsin Humanities Council supports and creates programs that use history, culture and discussion to strengthen community life for everyone in Wisconsin. Additional support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Editorial expansion of story available upon request.

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