# Gary Knowles'
# Wisconsin Event Sampler

***A smorgasbord of events with a bit of flavor from all over Wisconsin!***

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**THROUGH April 7 – Wausau Folding Paper: The Infinite Possibilities of Origami** Featuring more than 130 works by forty-five artists from thirteen countries, this exhibition includes origami-related woodblock prints, photographs, wall projections, film, and an interactive origami-making component. Rooted in a rich Japanese and European tradition of paper folding, origami rose in the mid-twentieth century to a sophisticated art form and exerted its modern influence on technology, math, science, design, and the global peace movement. The most famous of traditional origami forms â€“ the crane â€“ has become associated with long life and peace. **www.lywam.org** PH: 715-845-7010

**THROUGH Sept. 23 2013 Kenosha - Rare AMX Highlights Transportation Exhibit.** In the mid-1960s Kenosha's American Motors started to develop a new performance car, the AMX. This Transportation Exhibit at the Kenosha Public Museum features, two rare experimental AMX prototypes. After a model was destroyed in a test track crash, Dominick Jiardine, a worker at the plant, asked William Lundeberg, the President of AMC if he could have the surviving car. Lundeberg told him to take it home and it stayed in the Jiardine family ever since. Also on display is AMX designer Richard Teague's personal car that he turned into a prototype for the 1971 AMX. Kenosha History Center, 220 51st Place. (262) 654-5770; **www.kenoshahistorycenter.org**

**1 Stoughton - Moonhouse.** The Moonhouse band has been playing their diverse mix of "Folkadelic Americana" for over 10 years in Madison, WI and the surrounding area. Kapusta has kept this successful "open door" formula alive and today the talents of regular band members Jaime Cash (keys, percussion), Dave Bacholl (bass) and Nick Avery-Bucher(lead guitar) round out the sound nicely. Show begins at 7:30 PM. Stoughton Opera House 381 East Main Street. PH: (608) 646-0019.

**1-3 Rothschild - Wisconsin Musky Expo**

Lunker hunting starts here! Every red-blooded fishing fan has a dream of getting into Northern Wisconsin and catching a huge musky. The dream comes closer to reality on March 1-3 as the Wisconsin Musky Expo brings together the latest equipment, tackle and high-powered advice by some of the most knowledgeable musky hunters in the Great Lakes. The three day expo is set for The Patriot Center in Rothschild near Wausau, WI. Daily admission is $8 or $16 for a three day pass. The show runs 2-9pm on Friday, 9-6PM Saturday and 9-3PM Sunday. The first 200 people through the door with paid admission on Friday will receive a free musky lure. On Sunday the first 100 kids 12 or under and accompanied by a paying adult will receive a free musky rod. **http://wimuskyexpo.com/** The Patriot Center 10101 Market Street, Rothschild, WI 54474 715 355-0011

**1.3 Bayfield Winter Festival**
Winter isn't over yet! Head to Bayfield for a wild weekend of winter fun. Get ready to laugh as volunteers wearing goofy costumes partake in the Polar Bear Plunge, a daring jump into the ice-cold waters of Lake Superior. Outdoor activities include ice fishing, ice golfing, dogsled rides, broomball, skiing, tubing, disc golf, snow kiting and a deck party overlooking the lake. If you want to keep warm, stay inside and enjoy live music, shopping and dining and a hunt for eggs in the swimming pool. 715-779-5408; **www.bayfieldwinterfestival.com**

**1-3 Green Bay Film Festival**
Grab some popcorn and make your way to the Green Bay Film Festival. Watch premiers, see special screenings and talk with filmmakers; you're bound to see a star in the making. This year, the film festival will include a Disney film and Disney representatives will speak to attendees. 920-436-4777; www.gbfilmfestival.org

**1 - May 5 Milwaukee - Ring Of Fire The Musical.** From the iconic songbook of Johnny Cash comes this unique musical about love and faith, struggle and success, rowdiness and redemption, and home and family. More than two dozen classic hits including " I Walk The Line," "A Boy Named Sue," "Folsom Prison Blues," and the title tune performed by a multi-talented cast, paint a musical portrait of The Man in Black that promises to be a foot-stompin', crowd-pleasin' salute to a uniquely American legend! Milwaukee Repertory Theaer. PH: (414) 224-9490.

**1 - 30 Portage - Portage Elementary & Middle School Exhibit.** The Portage Elementary & Middle School Exhibit will run from March 1 through March 30, 2013. Join us at the Opening Reception, Friday, March 1, 2013 - 4PM to 6PM to meet the artists, enjoy refreshments and marvel at the talent we have in our community. In the Drury Gallery at Portage Center for the Arts, open Wed-Fri 1-6, Sat 10-3. Portage Center for the Arts, 301 East Cook Street. PH: (608) 742-5655.

**2 La Crosse - Coulee Region Polar Plunge.** The Polar Plunge is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations, and businesses to support local Special Olympics athletes by jumping or slowly crawling into the frigid and icy waters of Wisconsin. Pettibone Beach. PH: (608) 789-7596.

**2 Stoughton - Riders in the Sky.** Round up your herd and join in the fun with America's favorite singing cowboys! Still saddled up and singing after 30 years, this Grammy-winning quartet mixes authentic Western music with yodeling, rope tricks, and a whole heap of crackpot humor in the timeless tradition of Gene Autry and Roy Rogers. Show begins at 7:30 PM. Stoughton Opera House, 381 East Main Street. PH: (608) 646-0019.

**2 Portage - 2013 Midwest Open Rail Competition.** Show off your skills by jibbing alongside other Midwest skiers and riders. The Rail Comp will start at 1PM and will be located in the base area. You will be judged on style, difficulty, and also clean landings. Each Skier/Rider will get five runs at the rail features. The top six best single scores will move onto the finals. Cascade Mountain, W10441 Cascade Mountain Rd. PH: (800) 992-2SKI (2754).

**2 - 3 Eagle River - Klondike Days.** PH: (800) 359-6315.

**2 - 3 Prairie du Sac - Wollersheim Winery's Open House.** Wollersheim Winery's annual Open House offers grapevine pruning, cooking with wine demonstrations, and winemaker explanations scheduled each day. Visits through the winery's modern fermentation facilities and historic underground aging cellars take place throughout the day, plus bottling line demonstrations and interactive displays are available for families to enjoy along a self-guided tour. (No admission fee. Open to the public.) 7876 Hwy. 188. Event starts at 10:00AM and ends at 4:00PM. PH: (608) 643-6515.

**2 - 3 Sturtevant - Borzynski's Antique & Craft Fair.** Unique handmade items and antiques for sale by local Crafters. Lunch specials throughout the fair. Hourly drawings (must be present to win). 11600 Washington Ave. Event starts at 10:00AM and ends at 5:00PM. PH: (262) 886-2235.

**2-3 Eagle River - Klondike Days**
Annual Winter festival in Eagle River, featuring an 1800's voyageur rendezvous, Hayward-style lumberjack competition, Championship Dog Weight Pull, the one and two horse Log Pull Classic, a chain-saw carving competition, a Native American cultural exposition, a huge winter art/craft show, great food, music and lots of family fun. Northland Pines High School and Rocking W Stables. Take part in one of the Northwoods' most beloved traditions. At Klondike Days, event-goers can embrace their inner Wisconsinite. There's also a craft show, snowshoe races, Native American exhibits, food and live music. 715-891-2679; www.klondikedays.org

**3 West Allis - Annual Cabin Fever Flea Market.** Get out of the house and find treasures in 3 rooms plus of the areas best vendors. No commercial products here, just an Olde Fashion Flea Market! Coins, jewelry, brewery, linens, dolls, glass, advertising, etc. Hot food and free parking, admission $1. K/C Hall, 1800 S. 92nd Street. Event starts at 9:00AM. PH: (262) 786-2568.

**6 Madison - Madison Museum Series .** Event held at 7PM. "Victorians' Secrets: The Revealing History of Women's Underwear". Presented by Leslie Bellais, Wisconsin Historical Society. The presentation includes a slightly risque' PowerPoint presentation and a chance to see examples of Victorian underwear from the museum's collection. Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. PH: 608-261-4000 **http://mononaterrace.com/community/all-programs**

**6-10 West Allis - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show**
Get ready to hunt, fish and camp with a visit to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show. Try out the latest outdoor sporting equipment for fishing, boating, hunting and camping at the Wisconsin Expo Center. Also enjoy several stages of special programming including a Lumberjack show, Fastest Retriever Competition and more. 800-472-2070; www.jsonline.com/sportsshow

**7 – Madison - 7pm • Monona Terrace - Lecture Hall**
"Victorians' Secrets: The Revealing History of Women's Underwear" *Presented by Leslie Bellais, Wisconsin Historical Society* Leslie Bellais, Curator of Costume & Textiles at the Wisconsin Historical Society, will share the secret behind Victorians' tiny waists and will explore how women's undergarments reflected societal values. The presentation includes a slightly risqué PowerPoint presentation and a chance to see examples of Victorian underwear from the museum's collection. **http://mononaterrace.com/community/all-programs** PH: 608-261-4000

**8 - 9 Augusta - The Augusta Quilt Show.** 100+ Quilts on display, vendors, raffles, free Demos & Presentations, food, Viewers' Choice Awards, winners receive a Prize Basket. Augusta Senior Center 601 Main St. PH: (715) 286-2953.

**8-10 Madison Bike-O-Rama -** This Annual Bike Sale will again be held in the Arena Building. You can comparison shop, test ride, accessorize, and buy from all 2013 bicycle brands in one place! There will be thousands of new bicycles at the lowest prices of the year! Hours: Friday - Noon to 9:00 PM; Saturday - 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM and Sunday - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Free Admission - Parking Fees Apply **www.bikeorama.com**

**9 Milwaukee - Milwaukee 47th Ann. St. Patrick's Day Parade.** The 140+ unit parade begins at noon running from 3rd and Wisconsin and finishing at Water and Highland. Post parade celebrations will feature live Irish music, food and dancing. Join in on the fun and don't forget to wear a bit o' green. 414-276-6696; www.saintpatricksparade

**9 Wausau  Antique Appraisal Day** - Renowned antique appraiser Mark Moran will be offering appraisals of antiques 9am -4pm at Marathon County Public Library.Reservations are required by calling 715-261-7240. He will **appraise toys, clocks, lamps, costume jewelry, vintage photographs and glassware -etc. The cost is $10 per item. Call 715-261-7234 to register or for additional information.** Presented by the Marathon County Historical Society. **Marathon County Public Library** 300 North First Street, Wausau, WI 54403  PH715-261-7200  **http://www.mcpl.us/**
**9 Evansville - The Heat is On! Chili Cook-Off.** 13th annual fundraising event includes kids' activities, raffles and a silent auction. Chili Cook-off features two dozen of the best chili recipes in the area. Creative cooks converge on Evansville to concoct and name their creations. There is an admission fee for tasting and your bid gets each participant a hand-thrown bowl by artist Matthias James. Creekside Place, 102 Maple Street. Event starts at 6:00PM and ends at 9:00PM. PH: (608) 882-0598.

**9 Grantsburg - 2013 Pet Fair.** Free lunch (with donation toward Burnett Co. Humane Society), demonstrations, free samples and discounts, local vendors with Pet Treats, toys, supplies and services, care & training advice, nutrition advice, pets for adoption and much more. Sponsored By Grantsburg Animal Hospital, Wild River Veterinary Clinic, Frederic Veterinary Clinic. Grantsburg Community Center, 316 South Brad Street. PH: (715) 463-2536.

**9 La Farge - Creative Community Art Demonstration & Sale.** A day of viewing and discussing art with 15 talented area artists. Meet artists, see work in progress, purchase a gift. Free. 10AM - 4PM. Supported in part by a grant from Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from State of Wisconsin. S3661 State Highway 131. PH: (608) 625-2960.

**9 Oshkosh - Hops & Props Microbrew Tasting.** A premiere microbrew tasting experience! An evening of gourmet beer sampling that raises funds for EAA's education and preservation programs. You must be 21 years of age to attend. Admission includes food and beverage sample tastes, a commemorative tasting glass, museum entrance & multiple live bands. EAA AirVenture Museum, 3000 Poberezny Road. Event starts at 6:30PM and ends at 11:00PM. PH: (920) 426-4800.

**9 Stoughton - Quebe Sisters.** The Quebe (pronounced KWAY-be) Sisters take you on a time-warp trip back to the heyday of the Andrews Sisters and Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys. Add the extraordinary rhythm guitar of Joey McKenzie and the swinging upright bass of Drew Phelps, and the Quebe Sisters Band becomes a force of nature. 7:30 PM. Stoughton Opera House 381 East Main Street. PH: (608) 646-0019.

**9-10 Madison Canoecopia - Meet the Last River Rat – Kenny Salwey**  Kenny Salwey is one of the last of a fabled fraternity of backwoodsmen whose life has been intricately bound to the seasonal ebb and flow of the mighty Mississippi River. In his book, ***Tales of a River Rat***, he informs and entertains readers as he weaves his life story and talks of living close to nature. He enjoys a self-sufficient lifestyle as an old-time trapper, hunter, fisherman, root & herb collector, river guide and all-round woodsman. Salwey will be in Madison at Canoecopia – the great paddle-sport show at Alliant Energy Center, March 9 and 10, 2013.  **http://www.canoecopia.com**  Presented by Rutabaga Paddle Sports (608) 223-9300

**10 Wisconsin Dells - Daylight Savings Time Begins.** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!

**10- Elkhart Lake - Top Chefs Competition**  Cheer on acclaimed chefs from Elkhart Lake on March 10 in the hottest culinary competition in East Wisconsin as they compete for the title “TOP CHEF-Elkhart Lake” at the Osthoff Resort. The reigning winner is Lynn Chisholm of The Paddock Club and the 2012 People’s Choice Winner was Andrew Thaldorf of the Lake Street Café.  Attendees can sample outstanding gourmet foods from 3-7 pm. All proceeds benefit the Midwest Council for Children with Disabilities. Tickets are $75 pp at  **http://www.mccdcares.com/topchef.html**

**12 Madison - Madison Museum Series.** Event held at 7PM. "Explore Science on Campus: A Constellation of Science Venues". Like a starry constellation, the UW-Madison Science Constellation is an organization of programs and venues that help you see, find, navigate, connect with, and participate in the science enterprise on campus. Presenters include Tom Zinnen from the UW Biotechnology Center; Jessica McCarty, UW Visitor & Information Programming; Laura Halverson Monahan, UW Zoological Museum; Brooke Norsted, UW Geology Museum; and Kay Kriewald, UW Space Place. Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. PH: (608) 261-4000.

**12-13 Green Bay - Arti Gras –**More than 100 exhibitors showcase their best work at this annual visual and performing arts festival. Enjoy eclectic fine arts, crafts, artist demonstrations and jazz performances throughout the weekendlong 920-494-3401; www.artseventsinc.com

**12 - Apr 14 Milwaukee - A Raisin In The Sun.** Set just before the dawn of the Civil Rights and Women's Movement, A Raisin In the Sun demonstrates how a single family's dreams can change the world. Don't miss the play that the New York Times said "changed American theatre forever." Milwaukee Repertory Theater. PH: (414) 224-9490.

**13 Stoughton - Janis Ian in Concert.** Although Janis Ian entered the folk music scene almost 50 years ago, her smile is the same and her voice is as compelling as ever - warm, probing, sweet, with just a touch of vibrato. Performing alone on stage, Janis Ian will share anecdotes from her life with items from her prolific collection of originals and a few cover songs. Stoughton Opera House, 381 East Main Street. PH: (608) 646-0019.

**14 Madison - Tunes at Monona Terrace- Atlantic Wave.** Sponsored by the Friends of Monona Terrace and a grant from Dane Arts with additional funds from the W. Jerome Frautschi Foundation. A cash bar and light fare are available for purchase at 5PM. Free. Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. **http://mononaterrace.com/community/all-programs** PH: 608-261-4000

**14 Madison - The Wright Design Series. "On Imagination: Conversations with Architects"** Presented by Merill Elam of Mack Scogin Merill Elam Architects, Atlanta. This 90-minute film looks at imagination through the musings of some of today's most creative architects. It includes conversations with twenty-five prominent architects: David Adjaye, Alan Balfour, Jennifer Bonner, Henry Cobb, Preston Scott Cohen, Lise Anne Couture, Peter Eisenman, Frank Gehry, Steven Holl, Rem Koolhaas, Diane Lewis, Thom Mayne, Michael Meredith, Rafael Moneo, William Morgan, Monica Ponce de Leon, Hani Rashid, Hilary Sample, Martha Schwartz, Michael Sorkin, Nader Tehrani, Elías Torres, Billie Tsien, Michael Van Valkenburgh, and Tod WilliamsEvent held at 7PM. Free and open to the public. Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. **http://mononaterrace.com/community/all-programs** PH: 608-261-4000

**14 Prairie du Sac - Wollersheim Winery's Red Cross Blood Drive.** Wollersheim Winery is pairing with American Red Cross. All donors will receive a Wollersheim Winery tour pass. (Note: no wine can be consumed the day of your blood donation.) To reserve your spot, call 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767). Appointments are not required, but preferred. 7876 Hwy. 188. PH: (608) 643-6515.

**15 Stoughton - Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks.** Since the early 1960s, Hicks has earned a reputation as a true original with his signature eclecticism and humor. Dan's irresistible sense of rhythm, hip lyrical styling, laid-back vocalizing, and infamous on-stage wit will make most who listen fans for life. If you're looking for a tight band, great music and good humor from a true American music original, this is it. 7:30 PM. Stoughton Opera House, 381 East Main Street. PH: (608) 646-0019.

**15 Baraboo - Spring Brew Ha-Ha.** Taste fabulous micro-brews and other specialty beers as you wander through Downtown Baraboo. Participating merchants will each offer two unique beers for you to sample. Tickets go on sale at Bekah Kate's on February 15, 2013. Event starts at 5:00PM and ends at 8:00PM. PH: (608) 356-3133.

**15-17 Lake Geneva – National Championship SnoCross Series**
The Grand Geneva Resort will serve as the final stop for one of the most exciting X-Games sports competitions. The grand finale of the SnoCross Series Championship promises plenty of up close, high-flying snowmobile action on Grand Geneva's Mountain Top Ski Hill. Indoor and outdoor viewing and seating are available. 262-248-8811; www.grandgeneva.com

**15 - 17 Columbus - Disney's Beauty and the Beast at CHS.** This beloved story has enthralled Broadway audiences for more than 13 years with wonderful songs, dance, and a tale as old as time. Reserved-seating tickets available at the door and in advance at the Columbus Senior Center, Columbus High School and Julie's Java House in Columbus. Columbus High School,1164 Farnham Street. PH: (920) 623-5956.

**16 – Mineral Point -- Bottoms Up! Celebrate Wisconsin's Classic Pubs**
Wisconsin Historical Society Press authors Jim Draeger and Mark Speltz journey to Pendarvis Historic Site to help mark St. Patrick's Day and to toast the history and culture of bars and brewing in Wisconsin. *Bottoms Up: A Toast to Wisconsin's Historic Bars and Breweries* celebrates Wisconsin's taverns and the breweries that fueled them. The book features 70 taverns and breweries from around the state. Saturday, March 16, 5:30 – 9:00 pm, with the author presentation beginning at 6:00 pm at the Education Center at Pendarvis Historic Site, Spruce Street, Mineral Point, WI. The program is free and open to the public. Craft Beer from Brewery Creek Brewery in Mineral Point, WI - Pendarvis Historic Site PH:608-987-2122 or **www.pendarvishistoricsite.org**

**16 Wausau - Bull Falls Brewery Bock Fest**
The Bock Fest will kick-off at 1pm with the traditional tapping of the Bull Falls Bock, a traditional dark bock beer. Bock Fest food will be available throughout the afternoon. Staff and volunteers will be assisting attendees who want their beer warmed and caramelized by the fire. This event is run in conjunction with the Never Forgotten Honor Flight 5K Run/Walk starting at noon. **Bull Falls Brewery** 901 East Thomas Street, Wausau, WI 54403 PH 715-842-0024
http://www.bullfallsbrewery.com/home.aspx

**16 Burlington - 2013 Home Expo.** Indoor Living, Outdoor Living, Home Entertainment, Roofing & Structural, Pools & Spas, Heating/Cooling & Plumbing, Contractors & Remodelers, Storage Solutions, Landscaping, Furniture, Kitchen & Bath, Painting, Doors & Windows, Financial, Flooring, Electrical & Lighting and Nonprofits. Also Chocolate Extravaganza & Burlington's premier chocolate baking contest. Every year, amateur, yet amazing bakers, provide quite a spread of delectable delicacies at the Home Expo Burlington High School, 400 McCanna Parkway. PH: (262) 763-6044.

**16 Middleton - Pie Walk.** Join the Dairyland Walkers on this 5K guided walk. Please arrive early enough to get registered before the walk begins promptly at 2PM. If you plan to participate, please call so there will be enough slices of pie at the end for everyone. The fee is $4.00. Hody Bar and Grill, 1914 Aurora Street. PH: (608) 546-3161.

**16 – Madison – Mad Rollin Dolls Roller Derby - Exhibition Hall - Roller Derby bouts for this date and the theme is "M.Echanical R.Olling D.Evices." Fans can watch the Unholy Rollers vs. the Quad Squad and the Vaudeville Vixens will try to best the Visiting Team. 6pm and doors will open at 5pm. Tickets are $10 in advance or $12 at the door. Kids 4-10 are half-price and under 4 are free. Visit www.madrollindolls.com to purchase tickets or order online.**

**16 New London - St. Patrick's Day Parade & Irish Fest.** Grand Parade at 1PM. Irish Fest features music from Switchback 11AM-1PM and Dublin 5 from 3PM-6PM. Downtown. PH: (920) 982-3891.

**16 - 17 Bristol - Winter Indoor 3D Archery Shoot.** Open to the public. Shoot 32 3D targets in a heated indoor range. Breakfast and lunch served daily. Please call for fee info. Waukegan Bowmen, Rt JS off Rt 45. PH: (847) 680-8516.

***16- 18 Neenah - Spring Bling Alpaca Show*** Alpaca breeders bring their best alpacas to compete for the best in their class. Judging, education, vendors, genuine alpaca products, fun kids classes, fleece show and spin-off. Free Admission Tri-County Ice Arena PH: 815-482-1298 http://www.springblingalpacashow.com/

**17 Madison - St. Patrick's Day Parade & Kids Craft Open House.** Come on inside and warm up with Hot Cocoa and the luck of the Irish. Kids can make their very own Four Leaf Clover Good Luck Charm to wear to the parade. St. Patrick's Day Parade starts at 1:30PM on Madison's Capitol Square. DreamBank by American Family Insurance. PH: (608) 286-3150.

**18 - Apr 13 Madison - Meditation at Monona Terrace.** Mondays,(No class April 15). 11:45AM to 12:30PM. We are pleased to offer this free program for the public. Meditation will be led by Sarah Moore M.D., a mind-body practitioner, therapist, and physician at the Dean Hematology and Oncology Clinic. These sessions are provided through the support of Dean Clinic. Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. PH: (608) 261-4000.

**20 Madison - Madison Museum Series.** 7PM. "The Children's Museum That No One Outgrows". I'm too old for that - not true! Executive Director Ruth Shelly describes a virtual tour of the museum's new home that features the work of 125 local artists and a four-season green rooftop. Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. PH: (608) 261-4000.

**22- Kohler – Blackwolf Run Three Sheeps Beer Dinner** Chef Paul Smitala from Kohler's Blackwolf Run Restaurant partners with 3 Sheeps Brewing Company, a new craft brewery in Sheboygan, Wis., to create a delectable five-course dinner with beer pairings. This dinner will feature courses prepared by Chef Paul and unveil a new brew: a one-of-a-kind firkin, specially crafted in collaboration with some of Kohler's finest food experts. Reception begins at 6PM **March 22 dinner at 6:30PM**. $65 per person; inclusive of tax and gratuity. PH: 866-847-4856 for reservations.

**23 – Newberg Maple Syrup Magic Open House** Find a new appreciation for maple syrup at the Maple Syrup Magic Open House. Go from station to station and watch the process of tapping the tree, collecting the sap and boiling it down over an open flame. After all of that mouth-watering goodness, enjoy pancakes and a pickle dipped in the sweet syrup. Children can also partake in arts and crafts projects and outdoor activities. Pre-registration suggested for groups. 800-287-8098; www.riveredge.us

**23-24 Madison - Art Glass and Bead Show** Nationally known instructors and vendors with every product you need for your next project at this popular show. There will also be hands-on projects and classes for all skill levels. A show filled with bead strands, findings, metalsmithing tools, buttons, storage ideas, finished jewelry, lampwork beads, beading and chain maille kits, silver clay and much, much more! Alliant Energy Center – Madison PH: 608-838-8011 *http://www.beadshowmadison.com/*

**23-24 Manitowoc "Hats Off to Quilters!"** This year we take our "Hats off to Quilters" with a display of quilts, items for sale, vendors, raffle quilt and a silent auction. Food & refreshments, scissors sharpening, and downtown quilt walk will also be available. Fee Charged.4921 Expo Dr Manitowoc, WI 54220 Information: 920-686-9664 **http://www.patchoflakeshore.com/**

**23 - 24 Oshkosh - Art in the Garden.** People's Choice Fine Art Show and Sale. You're the judge. Come and vote for your favorite work of art. Saturday, March 23, 2013 from Noon until 5:30pm and Sunday, March 24, 2013 from 10AM until 4PM. Many different types of art. Huge raffle includes a 40" Toshiba TV (donated by Kossels), $400 cash, Lion King Tickets, Patio Bar Style table and chairs

(donated by Festival Foods), Blu Ray Player (donated by Kossels),plus more.(Need not be present to win.) Admission is free. 1355 W 20th Avenue. PH: (920) 235-6248.

**23 - 24 Phillips - Phillips Sport, Home and Craft Show.** Sat 9AM-5PM, Sun 10AM-3PM. Admission free. Sport and Home Show are in the school gym and the Craft Show is in the commons area when you enter the school. Phillips High School, 990 Flambeau Ave. PH: (715) 339-4100.

**23 Stoughton - Karla Bonoff in Concert.** With a career spanning four decades, Grammy-winning Bonoff has enjoyed critical acclaim, commercial success, enduring popularity and the unwavering respect of her peers. Her solo career has generated numerous hits, including "I Can't Hold On, Home and Personally" which broke into the Billboard Top 20. Show begins at 7:30PM. Stoughton Opera House, 381 East Main Street. PH: (608) 646-0019.

**25 – April 7 Wausau - *Avalanche Days – Granite Peak***
Grab your skis and give winter one last "hurrah" at Granite Peak, Wisconsin's largest ski area, during Avalanche Days. This two-week long celebration includes ski races, half-pipe snowboarding competitions, discounts on lift tickets, free beginner ski lessons and live music. With state-of-the-art technology and a snowmaking system, you can bet there will be snow on the mountain.
715-845-2846 www.SkiGranitePeak.com

**27 Madison - Tunes at Monona Terrace: Swing-O-Matics.** Event is held from 5:30-7PM. Tunes at Monona Terrace has become a Madison tradition having entertained over 70,000 people since 1997. This season's series is sponsored by the Friends of Monona Terrace and a grant from Dane Arts with additional funds from the W. Jerome Frautschi Foundation. A cash bar and light fare are available for purchase at 5PM. Ample seating available. Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. PH: (608) 261-4000.

**29 Monona - Lunch Bunch.** 12-1PM. Your child will relax, eat lunch & enjoy nature stories read by our naturalists. Afterwards, we'll burn off some energy playing games outside with a nature theme! Please bring a sack lunch; we'll provide water and beverages. ALNC members: $6/participant; Non-Members: $7/participant. Aldo Leopold Nature Center, 330 Femrite Drive. PH: (608) 221-0404.

**29 Wisconsin Dells - Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt.** Hey kids! Enjoy Easter crafts, egg dying, a bounce house and a glow in the dark Egg Hunt. There will be concessions available. Age 3 to 10 years old. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Dells Park & Rec Department, Knuckleheads and Holiday Wholesale. (Rain Date March 30th) Bowman Park. Event starts at 6:00PM. PH: (608) 254-4818.

**30 De Pere - Glow In The Dark Easter Egg Hunt.** A free family fun event for ages 0-12 years-old. Egg Hunt, inflatables, Games, face painting, cookie decorating and more. Life Church, 1880 Southbridge Road. PH: (920) 632-4343.

**30 Johnson Creek - Egg Hunt at Johnson Creek Premium Outlets.** Children 10 and under are invited to bring a basket and enjoy a free traditional egg hunt at Johnson Creek Premium Outlets. Bring your camera and visit with the Easter Bunny. The event will be held near the grassy plaza east of Nike Clearance Store. 575 W. Linmar Lane. PH: (920) 699-4112.

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# FREE TRAVEL GUIDES:

**WISCONSIN DEPT. OF TOURISM- *Free: 800-432-8747 (TRIP)***
**http://www.travelwisconsin.com**

**FREE GUIDES: "Activity Guide" Campground Directory, Lodging Directory, Highway Map, Golf, Birding, Attractions**

## OTHERS IN WISCONSIN: (all free)

**Calumet County Guide – 920-849-1442 www.travelcalumet.com**
**Chippewa County Travel Guide – 866-723-0331 www.ChippewaCounty.com**
**Door County Visitors Guide – 800-527-3529 http://www.doorcounty.com/web/contact.asp**
**Fox Cities Area Guide – 800-223-6667 www.foxcities.org**
**Grant County Travel Guide – 608-348-8888 www.Platteville.com**
**Green Bay Visitor's Guide – 888-867-3342 www.GreenBay.com**
**Green County Travel Guide – 888-222-9111 www.GreenCounty.com**
**Kenosha Area Visitors Guide – 800-654-7309 www.KenoshaCVB.com**
**Kewaunee County Guide – 800-290-4299 www.VisitKewauneeCounty.com**
**Madison Area Visitor Guide – 800-373-6376 http://www.visitmadison.com**
**Mineral Point Travel Guide – 888-764-6894 www.MineralPoint.com**
**Minocqua Area Destination Guide – 800-44-NORTH www.minocqua.org**
**Sauk Prairie Visitors Packet – 800- 683-2453 http://www.saukprairie.com/visitorspacket.html**
**St. Croix Valley & Polk County Guides (ask Sue for both) 800-222-7655 www.VisitrSCF.com**
**Superior & Douglas Country Travel Guide - 800-942-5313 www.VisitSuperior.com**

## OTHERS – NEIGHBORING STATES, REGIONAL, ETC

***Chicago Office of Tourism: Free Guide & App - http://www.choosechicago.com***
***Illinois Travel – http://www.enjoyillinois.com/brochures/***
***Iowa Tourism – http://www.traveliowa.com/* 888.472.6035 or 515.725.3084**
***Lake Michigan Circle Tour and Lighthouse Map* – 1-800-442-2084 or at www.WMTA.org**
***Lanesboro, Minnesota Visitor Guide* 800-657-4972**
***Michigan – http://www.michigan.org/***
***Minnesota Tourism* Travel Counselors at explore@state.mn.us, or 1-888-TOURISM (1-888-868-7476).**
***Minnesota – Mississippi Valley Bluff Country (on-line) http://www.ExploreMississippiBluffs.com***
***Mississippi Valley Partners (WI-MN)* www.mississippi-river.org 1-888-999-2619**
***Red Wing, Minnesota* www.redwing.org 1-651-385-5934 800-498-3444**
***Wabasha-Kellogg, Minnesota* – www.wabashamn.org 1-800-565-4158**
***West Michigan Travel Guide* - 616-245-2217 www.wmta.org/publications-24/**
***Winona, Minnesota Visitor Guide* – (800) 657-4972 www.VisitWinona.com**