Gary Knowles'
Wisconsin Event Sampler

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

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SO LONG OCTOBER!!

BOO YOU – Halloweeny Happenings *(many more at TravelWisconsin.com)*

25-26 Milwaukee Ghosts Under Glass. An evening of spooky fun with ghosts, goblins, and treats galore at "Ghosts Under Glass!" Take an unexpected journey through the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes, each offering a different level of fright, scares, and thrills! Kid-friendly food and beverages will be available for purchase and live entertainment including balloon sculptors, jugglers, and famous team mascots will keep them smiling. A fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of the Domes; $5 per person. http://www.milwaukeedomes.org/specialeventsDetails.asp?article=Ghosts+Under+Glass&aid=29&id=5

25-31 Spring Green - Dark Side of the House on the Rock. If you have ever wondered if the dolls come alive at night or if you find the displays troubling during the day, wait until you see them in the dark. Your nightmares will become real. You will stroll down the walkway of the macabre and see the carousel in a whole new light. You will travel through the Devil's throat and wander through the mysterious maze before escaping to be greeted by the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. 6-9PM Admission Fee: Adults $19.95; Children 17 & Under $11.95 (800) 334-5275
www.TheHouseOnTheRock.com

26-27 Green Bay - NEW Zoo Boo. For three weekends each year, Green Bay's NEW Zoo features spooky fun for all ages. Costume-clad children and parents alike can follow the light of hundreds of jack o' lanterns on their way to treat stations located throughout the zoo. Trick-or-treating is available each night and haunted hayrides are available for the first two weekends. Be sure to visit the giant inflatables on the third weekend. (920) 434-7841; http://www.newzoo.org

26-27 Green Bay - Halloween at Heritage Hill. On Friday October 19, Saturday October 20 and again on October 26 & 27 history and Halloween will come to life at Heritage Hill! Bring your little ghosts and goblins for safe trick or treating throughout the park. Activities include Halloween games, Snap Apple, Haunted Corn Maze, Shadow Play and reenactment of the Legend of Sleepy Hallow! Event runs from 5-8PM. Call for admission info - children 4 and under free. 2640 S. Webster Avenue. (920) 448-5150.

26 Stevens Point - Healthy Halloween Hoedown. The Healthy Halloween Hoedown is a fun-filled evening for the entire family to enjoy together. The event features healthy foods, dancing, Halloween crafts, live spiders, exhibit play, gift bag for each child, raffles and more. The museum will be selling tickets at the door and children under 12 months are free. Central Wisconsin Children's Museum, 1100 Main Street. (715) 344-2003.

26-29 Superior - Fall Flashlight Tours at Fairlawn. Tour the darkened Fairlawn Mansion with flashlights and learn about the superstitious life of the Victorians. Tours leave every half hour from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. BYOF: Bring your own flashlights! (715) 394-5172; www.superiormuseums.org

26 - 31 Wisconsin Dells - Mt. Olympus' Not So-Spooky Halloween Party. Mt. Olympus' Not So-Spooky Halloween Party is held Friday & Saturday nights in October at Mt. Olympus Water & Theme Park. During Mt. Olympus' Not So-Spooky Halloween Party, guests of all ages are encouraged to dress up in their favorite Halloween costumes. You can collect delicious candy as you trick-or-treat around the park. Mt. Olympus characters will be making appearances nightly, plus a live DJ will be mixing up a monster mash of music hits! Select outdoor theme park rides and indoor water/theme park are included. The event is, "Not So-Spooky", and is appropriate for children of all ages. Friday and Saturday nights only! Mt. Olympus Water and Theme Park, 1881 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy. (800) 800-4997.

27 Madison - Freakfest 2012 – On State Street. DOC 360, Madison.com, Ticketmaster, Frank Productions, and True Endeavors are excited to announce the details of the region's biggest Halloween bash: *Freakfest 2012!* Gates open at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Coliseum box office, Ticketmaster, by phone at (800) 745-3000, online at www.frankproductions.com, or at several businesses in the State Street area (click here for list of businesses). Regular tickets: $8 in advance, $12 day of the event and $35 for VIP Area. Two, 200 person VIP areas at the two main put patrons close to the action without having to arrive early and include access to designated restroom facilities and free soft drinks. Attendance is expected to be 45,000 or more. Traffic will move slowly through downtown as the UW Football game vs. Michigan State is expected to end about the same time traffic in the Square Area is shut down (5PM) http://host.madison.com/freakfest/#ixzz2AE8JP9rF

27 Lake Geneva - Beer and Spirits. Don't miss the Lake Geneva area's only beer and distillery tasting event. Beer and Spirits, held at the beautiful Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, features unlimited sampling from more than 25 Midwest micro-craft breweries. Visitors will also enjoy food sampling and concessions, live music and a photo booth. 1 - 5PM (262) 245-1000; www.lakegenevabeerandspirits.com

27 Mosinee - Haunting of River Park. Spook the day at the park with the chamber. Spooky Coloring contest. River Park. (715) 693-4330.

31 Johnson Creek - Trick or Treat at Johnson Creek Premium Outlets. Costumed youngsters under 12 are invited to receive candy and treats from participating stores from 4:30-6:30PM, while supplies last. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Johnson Creek Premium Outlets, 575 W. Linmar Lane. (920) 699-4112.

SOMEWHAT LESS SCAREY OCTOBER EVENTS

26 Janesville - Docs Who Rock. Get your recommended daily allowance of fun as area doctors and health care professionals take the stage to showcase their musical talents. Silent auction, 50/50 raffles, food and cash bar. All proceeds benefit United Way of North Rock County. Advance ticket purchase recommended. Last year's event sold out. Tickets are $15 and are available at the JPAC box office: (608) 758-0297. Janesville Performing Arts Center, 408 S. Main Street. (608) 757-3040.

26 Hayward - Warren Nelson and "The Outfit" in Concert. The founder of Big Top Chautauqua and his traveling group bring their original songs of the Northwoods to Hayward. 7:30 p.m. at the Park Theater. Warren Nelson with Randy Sabien, Otis McLennon, and Rowan Nelson-Ferris. Tickets: Art Beat of Hayward or www.parktheaterproject.com or (715) 634-4596.

27 Cedarburg - Halloween Wild Rumpus 5K RUN/3K WALK. Run or walk amongst ghouls and goblins in your best costume through the historic streets of Cedarburg! The Wild Rumpus 5K Run/3K Walk. Pre-registered racers receive a free race t-shirt. All participants receive a collector's button and seasonal refreshment. After the race join a local pub-crawl for all interested adults. Participating establishments will offer special drink deals for those in costume. http://www.cedarburg.org/Event-Detail.asp?EventID=1133

27 Juneau - Dodgeland PTO Craft and Bake Sale. Homemade crafts knitted and crocheted items, floral decorations and some non craft items Scentsy and Avon. Hot food and a delicious bake sale. Admission free. 401 S Western Avenue. 9AM to 3PM. (920) 382-6535.

27 Menasha - Mt. Calvary's Super Saturday Fall Carnival. A free fun family event filled with carnival games, wild air blow-ups, hay ride, petting zoo, baby cakes & sparkie clowns, face painting. New this year, each child receives a free pumpkin from our very own pumpkin patch. Door prizes. Everyone welcome! N8728 S. Coop Road. (920) 731-4001.

27 St. Germain - 13th Annual Oktobearfest. Held at Black Bear Lodge from 10AM to 4PM. Featuring craft exhibitors, hay rides, pumpkin painting, polka music, German food and beverages. Benefiting the Vilas County Historical Museum. 1330 Halberstadt Road. (800) 563-4340.

27 Ghost Lake - "Anglin' Wayne and the Trollers." Warren Nelson, founder of Big Top Chautauqua of Bayfield, and his traveling group perform as "Anglin' Wayne and the Trollers" at Boulder Lodge on Ghost Lake (7296 W State Rd 77 Hayward, WI - 24 miles east of Hayward and 9 miles west of Clam Lake) Warren Nelson with Randy Sabien, Otis McLennon and Rowan Nelson-Ferris. Costumes are encouraged! Tickets $10 advance : 715-462-3002 or www.MuskyCountryOutfitters.com or michelle@boldlodge.com or in person at Boulder Lodge $15 day of show.

27 - 28 – Baraboo - Fall Vendor & Craft Event. Lower Dells Room. Shop over 60 vendors! Free admission & parking. Door prizes given away every hour. Register for Grand door prize of a $50 BP gas card drawn on Sunday (10/28) end of day. Childrens book signing by local budding author. Ho-Chunk Gaming & Convention Center - Hwy 12 & 16. (608) 547-5205.

27 - 28 Green Lake - From the Land Folk Art Festival. Demonstrations on Broom Making, Spinning, Felting, Carving, Blacksmithing, Weaving, etc. Folk Singer Jim Anger (both days). About 100 Artists selling their wares, refreshments, organic produce & meat. Sat 10AM - 4PM, Sun 10AM - 3PM. Admission charged. W1648 County Road J. (920) 294-3029.

31 Madison - Tunes at Monona Terrace - Ladies Must Swing. Tunes at Monona Terrace has become a Madison tradition having entertained over 70,000 people since 1997. This year's series is sponsored by grants from Dane Arts, the Madison Arts Commission, and additional funds from Friends of Monona Terrace. A cash bar and light fare are available for purchase at 5pm, with ample table seating available. 1 John Nolen Drive. (608) 261-4011.

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NOW– Nov 11 Wausau - 36th Annual Birds in Art. This annual art show has become an internationally acclaimed event. Bird art in multitudes of mediums and artistic styles fly thousands of miles to come to the Woodson Art Museum. This year's 36th annual exhibition will showcase birds of the land, sea, and sky. Each painting, work on paper, and sculpture is the Birds in Art equivalent of a Faberge egg - gemlike and precious. Free Admission. Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, 700 N 12th St. (715) 845-7010 www.lywam.org

NOW (Mondays) through Nov 19 Madison - Meditation at Monona Terrace. Mondays 11:45AM-12:30PM. We are pleased to again offer this free program for the public. Led by Lisa Rambaldo, PsyD, a mind-body practitioner and licensed psychologist at Dean Clinic, you will discover the art and science of mediation and healing. Chairs will be available. Walk-ins are welcome. These sessions are provided through the generous support of Dean Clinic and Dr. Rambaldo. Monona Terrace, 1 John Nolen Drive. (608) 261-4011.

NOW - Dec 23 Fort Atkinson - Scrooge - The Musical. Based on the popular movie musical starring Albert Finney, Charles Dickens' time honored tale of redemption and love with a beautiful and rousing musical score (including the well-known "Thank You Very Much"), breath-taking dancing, beautiful period costumes, uproarious comedy, and heart-warming drama. Call for ticket info. The Fireside Dinner Theatre, 1131 Janesville Ave. (800) 477-9505.

NOW - Jan 6 Appleton - "Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion" Exhibit. The History Museum at the Castle in downtown Appleton will feature a unique exhibition "Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion" displaying 40 operational, actual-size working machine replica's of da Vinci's amazing machines, all built by modern day scientists and artisans according to da Vinci's famous codices. Four flying machines, a full-size armored tank, a working robot and a revolving crane. (920) 735-9370; www.myhistorymuseum.org

1-4 Mineral Point, Platteville, Spring Green, Richland Center, Lancaster, Boscobel - The Driftless Film Festival. Opening night at the Mineral Point Opera House, 11/1, **"**Beasts of the Southern Wild**"** which premiered to zealous critical reception & won a Grand Jury Prize at the 2012 Sundance Film Festival **.** On 11/2 at 5:30PM see "West of Thunder" filmed at Stonefield Village near Cassville. Saturday it's "As Goes Janesville" at 5PM. In Platteville it's "West of Lambeau" at 7PM Saturday. Tickets are $6 and all-festival passes are $22. See the full schedule of films at www.driftlessfilmfestival.org.

2 - 3 Appleton - A Touch of Christmas. "A Touch of Christmas" Extravaganza presented by The Artisans of The Mill Boutique. Art Show, artisan demos & classes, special promotions and artist coupons. Music, door prizes and much more. Friday Evening; 6 to 8PM "Wine, Food & Fashion on The Fox!" to Benefit The Salvation Army. Atlas Coffee Mill, 425 W. Water Street. (920) 734-6871.

3 – Wausau – Dancing for the Stars. Come join us for our inaugural fundraising event at Schmidt's Ballroom to raise funds for our military stars starting at 6pm! The night is bound to be memorable with a dance competition and karaoke. Advance tickets are $15 which includes dinner and a raffle entry for a $500 shopping spree, guided fishing trip, $100 Randlin Bucks or a dinner for two. Registration for the dance competition is $10 per person per venue, with all participants receiving a gift for entering. Trophies for first and second place winners. Dance categories include Polka, Country, Ballroom, Hip Hop and Rock and Roll. For more information or to register in advance, go online or email randlin@randlinhomes.org. Randlin Adult Family Care Homes Schmidt's Ballroom Bar & Grill 7085 County Road A Wausau, WI 54401 (715) 298-3701 http://www.randlinhomes.org/

3 Brown Deer - Holly Days Craft & Gift Show. Featuring crafters and home-based businesses, baked goods, refreshments including our famous chili, and raffle. Fundraising event benefits local community and school organizations. Admission charged. Brown Deer High School, 8060 N. 60th Street. 9AM - 3PM. (414) 355-8780.

3 Cambridge - Friends of Library Art and Craft Fair. A great kick-off to the Christmas holiday shopping experience. In addition to the artwork, 100 vendors with quality handmade merchandise & a raffle with gifts donated by local & area friends and business. Cambridge High School. (608) 423-3900.

3 De Soto - Retreat Holiday Craft Fair. Featuring a variety of items and exhibitors from the local area. Come join us for a day of holiday shopping and get it done before the rush! Free admission, free parking and lunch will be available at the event. Retreat Community Center, E3460 County Road N. (608) 675-3721.

3 Fond du Lac - Country Fair Arts & Crafts Holiday Show. A quality arts & crafts show, mixed media, door prizes drawn every half hour, food concessions, and free parking. Unique gifts and home decorating ideas. Admission charged FDL County Fairgrounds Recreation Building, Hwy 45 & Martin. 9AM - 3PM. (920) 906-6663.

3 Janesville - Fall Garden Symposium. Rotary Gardens**,** 1455 Palmer Drive. 8AM - 4PM. (608) 752-3885.

3 Janesville - Gershwin in Paris with Eric Himy. Single tickets will go on sale July 2, 2012. Eric Himy, pianist, performs the recently restored version of Rhapsody in Blue from Gershwin's handwritten score, including 88 measures that most pianists exclude from public performances. Janesville Performing Arts Center, 408 S. Main Street. (608) 752-0297.

3 Lake Geneva - HGTV Host & Interior Decorator Monica Pedersen Booksigning. Interior design expert and HGTV host Monica Pedersen will be signing her first design book, "Make it Beautiful", from 2PM to 4PM. Cornerstone Shop & Gallery, 214 Broad Street. (262) 248-6988.

3 Lancaster - Holiday Craft Sale. 21st Annual Tri-State area craft sale with breakfast & lunch, free admission & free parking, door prizes, music, purchase awards! Lancaster High School, 806 E. Elm Street. 9AM - 3PM. (608) 723-2173 x354.

3 Neenah - Neenah High School Helping Hands Art and Craft Fair. All proceeds from vendor booths as well as admission goes toward aiding those students and their families at Neenah High School who find themselves in urgent financial need situations throughout the year. Admission charged. Neenah High School, 1275 Tullar Road. 9AM - 3PM. (920) 751-6900 x629.

3 Oregon - Oregon Firefighter/EMT Craft Fair. 20th annual Craft Fair with proceeds used to enhance the Fire/EMS District. Many fine crafters from near and far with beautiful crafts. Admission charged. Oregon Middle School, 601 Pleasant Oak Drive. 9AM - 3PM. (608) 835-7973.

3 Sarona - Going Back: Knitting. Take the chill out of winter by handcrafting a scarf or hat depending on your personal knitting experience. Those with no experience will make a scarf while those who've knitted may create a hat. Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, N2384 Hunt Hill Road. (715) 635-6543.

3 Seymour - Barn Cat Bash. A fundraising event for Cats Anonymous, a non profit group that does low cost neutering to feral and barn cats. Circle E Equestrian Stables, W1424 Cty. Hwy VV. (920) 321-1967.

3 Stoughton - Jorma Kaukonan. One of the most important guitarists of our time with a body of work lasting almost five decades. His brilliant finger-picked fretwork and songwriting, a compelling blend of rock, blues, folk and country influences has distinguished Jefferson Airplane and its equally legendary spinoff band Hot Tuna. Stoughton Opera House, 381 East Main Street. 7:30PM. (608) 646-0019.

3 Waukesha - St. William Christian Women 25th Annual Arts & Craft Fair. Annual art and craft fair featuring regional artists and craftsmen. Varied quality handcrafted items to shop from. Christmas shop here, enjoy our "signature" hot turkey sandwich, baked goods, and raffle. 440 N. Moreland Boulevard. Event starts at 9:00AM and ends at 4:30PM. (262) 549-1363.

3 West Allis - 19th Annual Nathan Hale High School PTSA Holiday Craft Fair. Large selection of quality crafts, holiday items, con-cessions. Silent auction and bake sale. Great location and parking. Wonderful day to purchase holiday gift items. Admission charged. Nathan Hale High School, 11601 W. Lincoln Avenue. 9AM - 4PM. (414) 604-3200 x6728.

3 Portage - Jan Wheaton and Friends in Concert. Jan Wheaton is a prominent jazz song stylist who is nothing short of a diva, in the truest and best sense of the word. Don't miss her combination of beguiling onstage charisma, vocal talent, inventive approach and musical mastery. Call for ticket info. Portage Center for the Arts, 301 East Cook Street. Event starts at 7:30PM. (608) 742-5655.

3 - 4 Rothschild - Cedar Creek Mall Art & Craft Fair. Annual Art & Craft Fair featuring quality hand-crafted items. Free admission and free parking! Sat 10AM - 4PM, Sun 11AM - 4PM. Admission free. 10101 Market Street. (715) 355-0011.

3- 4 Mineral Point - U.S. Grant in the Parlour at Orchard Lawn (the Gundry House). 7:30 PM or 11/4 at 1:30 PM. Our 11th President, U. S. Grant**,** traveled from Galena to Mineral Point. He stayed in High Street Hotels & traded a few words with local citizens. Now, Peddler Creek & the Mineral Point Historical Society bring Grant to life in the intimate parlor of Orchard Lawn. Just 45 seats available for each performance. Grant scholar and actor-interpreter, Frank Beaman portrays the Civil War General and two-term President by talking about Grant's life & career by expanding the background story from Grant's youth forward through Grant's many nicknames. A career soldier, victorious general, a controversial president, Grant's two consecutive terms stabilized the nation after the Civil War and the Reconstruction which followed it. Tickets at Berget Jewelers, 257 High St, Mineral Point, WI or call (608) 987-3218. A reception & refreshments follow each performance Tickets $20 each and all proceeds go to the Mineral Point Historical Society. http://www.peddlercreek.com/

3-4 Schofield – Hmong New Year Celebration. See Hmong cultural and talent shows, singing and dancing competitions, traditional performance and dance, and much more. This event is open to the whole community. Day admission for Saturday and Sunday from 8am to 4pm is $3 per person, free for those younger than 10 and older than 65. Saturday also features a night party from 6:30pm to midnight, with a live performance by Destiny Band. Admission for the night party is $10 in advance and $12 at the door. Greenheck Field House Gymnasium, 6400 Alderson Street Weston, WI 54476 (715) 848-5446 http://www.wausauhmong.org/wahma_v1/index.php?q=content/wausau-area-hmong-new-year

3-25 Spring Green – Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin – A Walking Tour. This two-hour (Saturdays, Sundays and the Friday after Thanksgiving, $20 per person and $10 for children under 12) primarily exterior tour offers visitors a unique overview of the serene valley in which Frank Lloyd Wright spent his youth and to which he returned as an adult to build his home. During the first hour of the tour, visitors will ride by and view the exteriors of Unity Chapel, Hillside Home School, Romeo and Juliet Windmill, Tan-y-deri House, Midway Farm, and, of course, Taliesin itself. An experienced guide provides historical and architectural interpretations of each structure. During the tour's second hour, visitors take an intimate walk through Taliesin's Upper and Lower Courtyards and Orchard, concluding with a special walk-through of Wright's personal studio. The Visitor Center bookstore and gift shop is open

10AM - 4PM on weekends in November, and the day after Thanksgiving. (877) 588-7900 www.talisenpreservation.org

4 Brussels - Southern Door Arts & Crafts Fair. Door County's Largest Craft Show under one roof. Admission charged. Southern Door Schools. 9AM - 3PM. (920) 493-3205.

4 Kaukauna - 10TH Annual Holiday Craft Fair. Original artwork/crafts, lunch, refreshments, bakery and raffle. Music by Gaelic harpist. $1 admission. Sponsored by Kaukauna boys hoops club. 1701 County Road CE (East of Hwy 55 & CE intersection). (920) 766-3307.

4 Madison - Community Open House. The annual Monona Terrace open house is your opportunity to bring the whole family, or invite guests for an afternoon of free fun while celebrating one of Madison's most iconic architectural masterpieces. Tour guides will reveal how Wright's organic architecture is expressed in dramatic open spaces, circular forms, and breathtaking lake views. Following the tour, guests can enjoy beverages and delicious treats from Monona Catering. Please register in the Gift Shop where the tour begins. Monona Terrace, 1 John Nolen Drive. (608) 261-4011.

4 Madison - Holiday Craft & Vendor Event. 20 vendors from direct sales to crafters. Shoppers will enjoy a fun afternoon of shopping, juice drink specials with private bar. See a fashion show at 2PM. The first 100 guests through the door will receive a goodie bag with coupons or samples from the vendors, and everyone will get a chance to WIN $100 Badger Bowl gift card. Badger Bowl, 506 E. Badger Road. (608) 347-2280.

4 Muskego - Peppermint Fair. This annual holiday themed craft fair features a variety of items and exhibitors and is well attended by the community. Many hand or home crafted items. Quilt raffle, bake sale. Admission charged. Bay Lane School, S75 W16399 Hilltop Drive. 9:30AM - 3:30PM. (262) 971-0847.

7-11 Madison - Wisconsin Book Festival. Designed to delight booklovers of all walks, tastes and ages, the Wisconsin Book Festival features readings, lectures, book discussions, writing workshops, live interviews, children's events and more. This year's theme is "Lost & Found" and featured presenters include Pulitzer Prize winners Richard Russo and David Maraniss, award-winning young adult author Patricia McCormick and award-winning playwright Ayad Akhatar. The Wisconsin Book Festival is a special program of the Wisconsin Humanities Council. All events are free. (608) 262-0706; http://www.wisconsinbookfestival.org

7 Janesville - Story and Stroll. This program is designed for preschool aged children (suggested ages 2, 3 & 4 year olds) along with their parents or caregivers. Children participate in a few stories then go for a stroll in the Gardens or play a few games indoors, depending on the season. Please dress for the weather. Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive. (608) 752-3885 X 17.

9 Amherst - Tomorrow River Gallery Acoustic Concert. Opening the show at 7PM will be the sweet harmonies of the Can't Lie Low ComBa which is comprised of Cara Dowsett, Laurie Low, Joan Cantlon and Barb Achten. After a short intermission, Mola Matho will play a set of eclectic acoustic covers and world music. MM members are John Laedtke, Kevin Knopp, Ryan Duel and Geoff Cutts. Join us for a night of uplifting music. Second Story Studio, 182 S. Main Street. (715) 321-2142.

9 Appleton - Gunther Ulbricht Nutcracker Signing. For the 16th year, The Frame Workshop will be honored to host a visit by a family member of the respected German nutcracker maker, Holzkunst Christian Ulbricht. We welcome Gunther Ulbricht, on his eighth visit during our annual Christmas Open House. The Frame Workshop, 430 E Northland Ave. (920) 731-2913.

9 Stoughton - Cheryl Wheeler. Cheryl Wheeler has been touring and recording for 30 years. To get the full picture of her, She has a beautiful voice, one of the best senses of humor you have ever heard and has a brilliant talent for being able to cram songs and banter about about many different topics into a single show. 7:30 PM. Stoughton Opera House, 381 East Main Street. (608) 646-0019.

9-10 Madison - Wisconsin Original Cheese Festival. Celebrate the state's growing number of dairy artisans and original cheeses through a variety of events, including creamery and farm tours, cheese maker dinners, educational and tasting seminars and the popular "meet the cheese maker" gala. New this year, attendees may purchase an all-inclusive Saturday pass providing VIP access to a morning keynote with the founder of Zingerman's Deli, Ari Weinzweig, an elegant lunch in the Grand Terrace and two afternoon seminars. Advance tickets are required for all events. (608) 358-7837; http://www.wicheesefest.com/events.php

9-11 Washburn – 5th Annual Big Water Film Festival. Enjoy top independent films on the stunning south shore of Lake Superior's Chequamegon Bay at the 5th Annual Big Water Film Festival. With a tradition of bringing fine films to the big screen, the Big Water Film Festival features new and independent short and feature length films. Select filmmakers will also give presentations at the festival. (715) 373-1194; www.bigwaterfilmfestival.org

10 & 17 Madison – Whad 'Ya Know? Live radio broadcasts of this hilarious NPR call-in quiz/humor program with Michael Feldman. Be a part of the live audience at Monona Terrace Community Convention Center. For tickets (800) 942-5669 or visit www.notmuchyou.com

10 Greenbush – Wade House Hearthside Dinner. Enjoy a wonderful hearth-cooked meal, prepared with your own hands, in the historic Wade House stagecoach inn. Guests prepare 19th-century dishes on a wood-burning stove and over an open hearth fire just as Mrs. Wade did more than 150 years ago. This participatory event culminates in a delicious sit-down meal in the lovely Wade House dining room. 11 AM-3PM. Reservations required. (920) 526-3271 www.wadehouse.org

10 Mineral Point – Celebration of Local Treasures. Shops & Galleries will be open until 8 PM to feature favorite an abundance of "local treasure" ranging from food and beverages to entertainment, art, authors or other goods and talents. 608-987-3201 or www.mineralpoint.com

10 Appleton - JCI Wisconsin's Brew Bash 2012. Admission includes samplings of various local, statewide and national craft brews. Grocery bags are provided at the ticket outlets and all attendees are encouraged to donate non-perishable items. In return, an extra entry for Brew Bash attendance prizes will be given for each filled food bag brought to the event. JCI Wisconsin is a charitable organization which is a part of the worldwide Junior Chamber International network of young adults ages 18-40. Darboy Club, N9695 County Road N in Darboy. (920) 731-7681.

10 Black Earth - Wisconsin Heights Holiday Arts and Craft Fair. 15th annual, featuring quality arts & crafts, authors, door prizes, raffles, baked goods, refreshments & child care available. Fund-raising event, benefits scholarships, parent groups & school clubs of the district. Food pantry donations welcomed & encouraged. Admission: Donations. Wisconsin Heights Middle and High School, Hwy 14. 8AM - 3PM. (608) 669-4423.

10 Deerfield - Christmas in the Country Craft and Art Fair. Annual art and craft fair, featuring quality hand-crafted items and raffle! Great gift shopping. Lunch, and refreshments. Admission charged. Deerfield Elementary School, 340 W. Quarry Street. 9AM - 3PM. (608) 764-5393.

10 Elkhorn - Holiday Affair "Round Robin" Craft Show. 13th Annual "Round Robin" Craft Show. Five locations throughout Elkhorn. Over 180 crafters featuring handmade crafts. Walworth Co Fairgrounds, 411 E Court St. (262) 723-3228.

10 Fort Atkinson - Holiday Parade. A lighted parade culminating with chili sampling at the Municipal Building and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus. Downtown Fort Atkinson. (920) 523-3210.

10 Oshkosh - Holiday Wonders Shopping Expo & Craft Fair. You'll browse and shop over 75 vendors selling a wide variety of unique and wonderful items for those hard to buy for people including custom decorations, artisan glass, designer purses and jewelry. And don't worry if you work up an appetite, the kitchen is open with pizza sales benefiting Toys for Tots, along with many vendors selling very tasty goodies. Sunnyview Expo Center at Winnebago Cty Fairgrounds. (800) 366-4189.

10 Phillips - Holiday Crafts & Treasures Sale. Large selection of quality handcrafted items, jewelry & holiday gifts with unique items for the whole family. Lunch & refreshments available. Sponsored by the Phillips American Legion Auxiliary Unit #122. 174 S. Eyder Avenue (Phillips Municipal Building). 9AM - 3PM. (715) 339-3990.

10 Stoughton - The Be Good Tanyas. The Be Good Tanyas are back! The group is composed of Frazey Ford, Trish Klein and Samantha Parton. They play acoustic instruments (typically banjo, mandolin, and guitar) and sing with incredible, haunting harmonies. Stoughton Opera House 381 East Main Street. 7:30PM. (608) 646-0019.

10 Verona - 16th Annual Art and Craft Sale. Proceeds from this sale go to the Verona Area Education Foundation. Hand crafted products are required. Badger Ridge Middle School, 740 N Main Street. (608) 332-0217.

10 Waukesha - Avalon Square Art & Craft Fair. Art and craft fair located at senior living community in historic downtown Waukesha. Indoor event featuring a variety of holiday/home decor, jewelry, woodworking, gifts and more. Bake sale and cafe. 222 Park Place. 9AM - 3PM. (262) 446-9310.

10 Hartford - Great Hartford Craft Exposition. 28th annual. 110 exhibitors kick off holiday season. Live music. Held in conjunction with Lions Pancake Dinner and city Christmas parade. Admission charged. Hartford Union High School, 805 Cedar Street. 9AM - 3PM. (262) 673-2760.

10 Janesville - A Salute to America in Song. Badger Chordhawks Barbershop Chorus Annual Show with guest QTs GQ and By Request. 2PM and 7PM. Janesville Performing Arts Center. (608) 758-0297.

10 Lodi - LSRC 3rd Annual Art and Craft Fair. Lodi Sports and Recreation Center 3rd Annual Art and Craft Fair. Admission free. Lodi Sports Center, 801 N. Main Street. 9AM - 2PM. (608) 445-9614.

10 Mount Horeb - Holiday Craft Bonanza. Our kick-off to the Holiday Season in Mount Horeb with the Small Town Holidays event downtown. Experience Norwegian culture, quality crafters, door prizes, raffles, quilts, bake sales and refreshments. Food pantry donations welcome. Admission free. Middle School, 900 E. Garfield Street. 9AM - 4PM. 1-88TROLLWAY.

10-11 St.Francis – Cat Show – Feline League. Great Lakes Friends of Felines presents many breeds of cats/kittens competing for Best of the Best. Vendors with cat related items. "Second Hand Purrs" Cat Shelter and Purebred Cat Rescue will be on site with cats available for adoption. $6/$5/$3 youth 10 & under. Cudahy Kennel Club, 3820 S Pennsylvania Ave., St. Francis, WI 53235 (414) 218-8815 www.glfof.com

10-11 Mineral Point – Shake Rag Alley 3rd Annual Artisan Jewelry Show & Sale. 9AM – 4PM at Smeja's Studio, Corner of Commerce and Doty Streets. This annual extravaganza sale features one-of-a-kind handmade jewelry & accessories created by more than 25 outstanding artists, including Shake

Rag Alley instructors and students. Items will cover all price ranges and styles. A portion of sales will benefit Shake Rag Alley. Sweet treats, cider and coffee available. www.shakeragalley.com or (608) 987-3292

10 - 11 Mukwonago - 17th Annual Vernon Lutheran Art and Craft Fair. 17th Annual "Follow the Son" Art and Craft Fair on Saturday, November 10th from 9AM to 3PM. A wide variety of hand-crafted items for sale by talented artists, raffle tickets will be on sale for a beautiful quilt and table runners. Also, featuring a vendor's raffle and huge cookie walk. In addition there will be food service available for both breakfast and lunch. Admission and parking are free. Vernon Lutheran Church, S90 W27550 National Ave. (262) 363-7131.

10 - 11 Stoughton - Holiday Gift Fair. Saturday, November 10, 9AM to 2PM; Sunday, November 11, 9AM to 1PM. Lots of great home-made items. Also many independent contractors attending (Avon, Tupperware, etc.) St. Ann's Catholic Church, 324 N. Harrison St. (608) 873-7633.

10 - 11 West Allis - Trainfest 2012. America's largest operating model railroad show. Spend hours entertained by 60 intricately-detailed running railroads. Kids' highlights include racing trains on a dog-bone shaped track, face painting, crafts and coloring, a circus train ride, and more. Displays cover 200,000 square feet. (262) 820-3566; www.trainfest.com

11 Beloit - 31th Annual Wonderfest Arts & Crafts Expo. Established arts and crafts holiday show. Proceeds benefit area community projects and concerns. Bake shoppe and lunch menu served by the Beloit Junior Woman's Club. Admission charged. 1224 Fourth Street. 9AM - 3PM. (608) 364-0349.

11 Brookfield - Brookfield East Holiday Arts and Craft Fair. Over 200 Midwest crafters and artisans offering unique handcrafted items. Juried. Proceeds benefit music, art and drama students at BEHS. Excellent food, easy parking, shuttle, live music, one building. Admission charged. Brookfield East H.S., 3305 N. Lilly Road. 10AM - 4PM. (262) 781-9693.

11 Burlington - K of C Corn & Brat Fest. Admission free. Echo Park. 10AM - 6PM.

11 West Bend - Veterans' Day Free Admission Old Courthouse Museum after the Veterans' Day celebration on the Memorial Plaza. 320 S 5th Ave. (262) 335-4678.

11 Wisconsin Dells - Mel Tillis in Concert. Crystal Grand Music Theatre, 430 Munroe Street. Event starts at 3PM. (800) 696-7999.

11 - 12 Belgium - Luxembourg Fest Art & Craft Fair. A two-day fine art and craft fair held in conjunction with "Luxembourg Fest of America" which draws people from throughout the U.S. and the Country of Luxembourg to celebrate the "Worlds Largest Luxembourg Family Reunion." Includes a parade, live music, food, Heritage Displays and childrens' activities. Belgium Community Park, Beech Street. 10AM - 4PM. (262) 476-5086.

12 Marshfield - Marshfield Iron Chef/Taste of Town & Live Auction. Watch as chefs Ted Oneill-Blue Heron Brew Pub/West 14th, Steve Tollers/River Edge & Ron Weis/Vintage House face off in a culinary contest to Benefit Shirley's House of Hope. $30 per ticket in advance, $35 at the door. Purchase tickets at Blue Heron Pub, River Edge, The Vintage House, MACCI, The Eagles & Festival Foods. Marshfield Eagles Club, 1104 S Oak Ave. (715) 486-9000.

14 Madison - Tunes at Monona Terrace - Tony Bennett Tribute. (Weds) Come out for an early evening of nostalgic musical entertainment! Sponsored by grants from Dane Arts, the Madison Arts Commission, and additional funds from Friends of Monona Terrace. A cash bar and light fare are

available for purchase at 5PM, with ample table seating available. 1 John Nolen Drive, Madison, WI 53703. (608) 261-4011.

15-Whitewater-Golden Dragon Acrobats. Some things are best left to the experts so don't try this at home! The Golden Dragon Acrobats perform traditional acrobatics from twenty-five centuries ago featuring dazzling costumes, traditional dance, ancient and contemporary music with breathtaking skill and beauty. Give your kids something exciting to text their friends about after the show! "Good old-fashioned razzle-dazzle. "Ripples of amazement all the way to the back row." –*The Dallas Morning News.* (262) 472-2222 www.uww.edu/youngauditorium

15 Prairie du Sac - Ruby Nouveau Release Day. Again this year, in addition to Saturday, November 17th's festivities, Winemaker Philippe taps the Ruby Nouveau 2012 barrel on Thursday, November 15th at 11AM. This toast will be celebrated with Wisconsin cheese & sausage. Open Daily 10AM to 5PM year-round. Tours Daily every hour. 7876 State Rd 188. 11AM. (800) 847-9463.

16 – Tomahawk – Free Venison Feed. A Tomahawk tradition for more than 40 years. Free venison burgers with chips and soda served from 11:30 a.m. until gone. (800) 569-2160 www.gototomahawk.com

16 - 17 Appleton - A Christmas with Friends. A Christmas Boutique where everything in the show is juried. Large selection of gifts to choose from. Fri 9AM - 7PM, Sat 9AM - 4PM. Admission charged. Holiday Inn, 150 Nicolet Road. (920) 731-1638.

16-18 Madison – Holiday Art Fair at MMoCA. The annual Madison Museum of Contemporary Art presents the Holiday Art Fair showcasing contemporary fine art and craft during the gift-giving season. This juried show includes more than 75 artists exhibiting ceramics, fiber art, glass, jewelry, paintings, prints, photographs, and more. The festive event will also feature performances by local arts organizations throughout the weekend, holiday refreshments, Rediscovered Arts & Treasures Sale, silent auction, and the popular Gourmet Gallery filled with treats for every taste. (608) 257-0158 www.mmoca.org

16-18 West Allis - International Folk Fair. America's Premier Cultural Festival -Explore the customs and traditions of the world's diverse cultures as you sample regional cuisine, enjoy lively music and dance and purchase beautifully handcrafted goods. Experience the sights sounds and tastes of the world right here in Wisconsin! Exposition Center at Wisconsin State Fair Park, 640 S 84th St West Allis, WI 53214 800-FAIR-INTL www.folkfair.org

16 - 18 Johnson Creek - Deer Widows Weekend Event. The weekend for ladies who would rather save a buck! Prizes, events and savings throughout the weekend. Kick off your weekend with a welcome reception on Friday from 6-7PM. The first 150 shoppers on Saturday receive a welcome bag and the first 50 shoppers on Sunday receive a free gift. Johnson Creek Premium Outlets, 575 W. Linmar Lane. (920) 699-4112.

16 - 17 Milwaukee - Winter Glory Fine Craft Fair. The WDCC's premiere pre-holiday craft show. Friday, Nov. 16, 3PM-9PM, Saturday Nov. 17, 10AM-5PM. Winter Glory will showcase 42 regional artists hand-picked to create a dynamic range of gift-giving options including jewelry, fiber art, ceramics, photography, and woodwork. $5 admission and free parking. Harley-Davidson Museum at the crossroads of 6th and Canal streets, Milwaukee.

17 Appleton - Holiday Wonders Shopping Expo & Craft Fair. You'll browse and shop over 75 vendors selling a wide variety of unique and wonderful items for those hard to buy for people including custom decorations, artisan glass, designer purses and jewelry. Player's Choice of the Fox City - Hwy JJ. (800) 366-4189.

17 Baraboo - Gingerbread Bazaar & Craft Fair. 8AM to 2:30PM at St. Joseph's School Gym, corner of East and Second Streets. Craft fair, book fair, Santa's Snack Shop, Granny Ginger's Bakery. Free admission but personal care items to Baraboo Food Pantry appreciated. Corner of East & 2nd Streets. (608) 393-0880.

17 Lake Geneva - 8th Annual Turkey Trot. A beautiful trail race through Big Foot Beach State Park. A Junior 1 mile race at 9AM and 5k/10k at 9:30AM. Proceeds go to benefit the Friends of Big Foot Beach State Park. Come run and stay for the fun. 1550 South Lake Shore Drive. (262) 348-2420.

17 Montello - St. John the Baptist Holiday Craft Fair. Holiday craft fair featuring many vendors, huge bake sale, concessions, raffles. Admission free. 277 East Montello Street. 9AM - 4PM. (608) 297-7423.

17 Muskego - Muskego's Country Christmas. Parade at 1PM, then "Christmas Gift Dash" will open the festivities at the Settlement Center. Visit with Santa and his reindeer, parents bring your cameras. Train, hay wagon and carriage rides for a small fee. Plenty of food. Kids crafts and Christmas Bingo, Historical talks in the Wollman House. Music by local groups, sing along Puppet show and "Live Nativity" performed by Muskego Apostolic Tabernacle. Candy Shoppe and Coffeehouse; donate cash or food to the Food Pantry at the Cider Tent and receive a delicious cup of hot cider to keep you feeling warm all over. Tree lighting at 4:45PM. S8074 Racine Ave. (414) 422-1155.

17 New Berlin - Holly Dayzical Craft & Gift Show. Elmwood Elementary. Over 80 vendors showcasing unique, quality talent just in time for the Thanksgiving Holidays. Held Deer Hunters weekend every year. A quality show that really gives you a true sense of Wisconsin Crafters and Artisans and what talent you can find in your own backyard. Admission charged, children 12 & under free. 5900 S. Sunnyslope Road. (414) 254-4542.

17 Prairie du Sac - Ruby Nouveau Tasting at Wollersheim Winery. Taste the first release of the new vintage, Wollersheim Ruby Nouveau 2012 wine and other Wollersheim wines paired with an array of specialty Wisconsin cheeses. Visit with a cheese expert and listen to live music while enjoying a glass of wine. Ruby Nouveau is an estate-grown dry red with enticing fruity flavors and a zesty finish. It is the perfect holiday wine as it is meant to be enjoyed young and pairs well with holiday foods. Admission free. Wollersheim Winery, 7876 Hwy 188. 10AM - 4PM. (608) 643-6515.

17 West Bend - Holiday Marketplace. Shop the wares of over 125 exhibitors. Beautiful items for everyone on your holiday list. Juried. Washington County Fair Park, 3000 Hwy PV. 9AM - 4PM. (262) 334-2402.

17 Milwaukee - WLHS Colors of Christmas Craft Fair. Annual juried fair featuring 100 exhibitors displaying a wide variety of handmade arts and crafts. Food and refreshments, bake sale and silent craft auction. All proceeds benefit the high school. Admission charged. Wisconsin Lutheran High School, 330 North Glenview Avenue. 10AM - 4PM. (414) 453-4567 x2291.

17 Milwaukee Holiday Parade. This is the annual Milwaukee Holiday Parade and will feature approximately 100 units and take about one hour to pass a given point. Since 1927, the Downtown Milwaukee Christmas Parade has become a cherished Milwaukee Holiday tradition. **(**262) 377-5935 www.milwaukeeparade.com

17 Milwaukee - Lady Elks Craft and Vendor Fall Fair. Variety of crafters & vendors, raffles, bake sale and concessions. Admission free. Milwaukee Elks Lodge, 5555 W. Good Hope Road. Event starts at 9AM - 3PM. (262) 617-7732.

17-18 Madison - One of a Kind Rubber Stamp & Scrapbook Show. This is the event of the year for all the scrapbookers and rubber stamp aficionados out there. Everything you need can be found at this show. Everyone who registers for classes, or orders tickets online will be eligible to participate in the Treasure Hunt / Scavenger Hunt. The lucky winner will be chosen at 1PM on Sunday. Classes will be held on Friday through Sunday, and public shopping will be Saturday and Sunday. Admission: One-day $7, Weekend $11. All tickets purchased from website are Weekend tickets and are only $7! Visit us online for more information. Alliant Energy Center – (608) 267-3976 www.stampscrapmadison.com

17 - 18 Monona - Holiday House Bazaar. 32nd annual! Non-booth, open setting show. Many types of crafts and huge bake sale in three rooms. Charity event with 10% of sales donated to a local charity. Admission free. Monona Community Center, 1011 Nichols Road. 9AM - 3PM. (608) 223-0347.

17-18 Madison Women's Expo. Alliant Energy Center's Exhibition Hall - See the latest products, beauty secrets, clothing, and more from over 100 exhibitors, speakers and fun. This year, Brad Goreski, of It's a Brad Brad World, will share his secrets of dressing some of the most well known celebrities in Hollywood, such as Demi Moore, Rashida Jones and Christina Ricci. See the local couple, Rachel and Dave Brown Jr., who won the 2012 Amazing Race to garner the $1,000,000 prize. Free makeup sessions, fitness stage, and food. $8 at the door. Visit website coupon of $5 off admission. $1/ticket will be donated to the Domestic Abuse and Neglect Center. (608) 267-3976 www.madisonwomensexpo.com

17-18 Madison - The Bead Society Show & Sale. The Madison Bead Society (MBS) began in 1992 as a vehicle to meet other people fascinated with beads, to share techniques and generally celebrate the love of beadwork and bead collecting. This show will showcase all there is to offer in beading with supplies and accessories galore. Alliant Energy Center, (608) 267-3976 www.madisonbeadsociety.com

18 Menomonee Falls - Jingle Bell Craft Fair. This is a choir booster club sponsored craft fair, which only accepts hand crafted items. The booster club also runs a raffle, bake sale and provides food during this event. Admission charged. Menomonee Falls High School, W142 N8101 Merrimac Dr. 9AM - 3PM. (262) 252-2711.

18 - 19 Lake Geneva - Christmas in the Country. Celebration begins with the illumination of a million lights across the resort's 1300 acres, one of the Midwest's largest lighting displays. Inside The Lodge at Grand Geneva features dozens of mechanical holiday displays, daily holiday teas, gingerbread house building contests, breakfast with Santa and Hooray for the Holidays, a Broadway style musical. Downtown Lake Geneva. (800) 558-3417.

18-19 Madison – Olbrich Gardens Growing Gifts Annual Holiday Sale. Find the perfect gift for the gardening enthusiast. During this once-a year-sale, the general public receives 10 percent off all purchases, and Olbrich Botanical Society members receive 20 percent off purchases. Olbrich's Growing Gifts shop specializes in unique garden-themed items for the whole family. Choose from a variety of gardening books, decorative dinnerware, stationery, jewelry, and gifts for the home. Sat: 10AM-4PM; Sun: 10AM-5PM. Olbrich's Growing Gifts shop is a member of Dane Buy Local with all profits benefiting Olbrich Botanical Gardens 3330 Atwood Ave., Madison (608) 246-4724 www.olbrich.org

20 –Appleton – 42nd Annual Holiday Parade. Wisconsin's largest night time Christmas parade with more than 100 floats, bands and marching units. Santa Scamper 1-mile run at 6pm. Parade info (920) 749-2559, parade starts at 6:25PM. www.appletondowntown.org

22- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

22- Spooner - Thanksgiving on the Rails. Experience a delicious buffet meal while enjoying the scenery along the beautiful Namekagon River through Wisconsin's Northwoods. Thirty mile trip is $35 adult, $25 children. Train leaves at Noon. Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad, 426 Front St., Spooner, WI 54801 715-635-3200 www.spoonertrainride.com

23- Sun Prairie – Lighted Fire Truck Parade. A start to the Holiday Season! Join our Volunteer Fire Dept. and other surrounding Fire Departments for our annual Holiday Lighted Firetruck Parade down Main Street. 608-512-9743 www.downtownsunprairie.com

23 - Dec 2 Green Bay - Polar Express. Nov. 23, 24, 25, 29 & 30, and Dec. 1 & 2, 2012. The classic Christmas tale comes alive in a dramatic reading and train ride. Tickets go on sale at the end of July. Get your tickets early as this event has sold out in previous years. National Railroad Museum 2285 S. Broadway. (920) 437-7623.

23 - 25 Milwaukee - Holiday Art, Craft, and Gift Expo. Holiday art, craft and gift fair to include entertainment and foods. Fri 9AM - 7PM, Sat 9AM - 5PM, Sun 10AM - 4PM. Wisconsin Exposition Center, 8200 W Greenfield. (262) 506-4114.

23 - 24 Monroe - Christkindlmarkt - Old World Holiday Market. Modeled after the historic holiday markets of Germany, enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of this unique market! Quality-crafted items, including European chip-carvings and scissors-cuttings and Swiss baked goods. Visits from Swiss Samichlaus and his gloomy sidekick, Schmutzli. Turner Hall of Monroe, 1217 17th Avenue. (608) 325-3461.

23 - 25 Wisconsin Dells - Thanksgiving Weekend Trains at the Riverside & Great Northern Railway. Thanksgiving trains are a special treat for our younger train fans! Thanksgiving Weekend - Open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 9:30AM. Trains run at 10AM, 11AM, Noon, 1PM, 2PM and 3PM. Please arrive at least 15 to 20 minutes before the hour to allow time for ticketing. N115 Highway N. (608) 254-6367.

24 Mineral Point - Southwest Wisconsin Book Festival. The morning will showcase workshops across a range of engaging literary topics for people of all ages. An afternoon of book signing and readings will highlight authors who were selected after submitting their book(s) and being chosen by a Literary Advisory Group. Among authors in attendance will be Sara Rath, Ron McCrea, Jim Draeger, Jeannette Hurt, Sarah Fox, Coleman, Craig Wilson, Julie Stephenson and dozens more. The day will be capped off with a keynote presentation at the historic Mineral Point Opera House by nationally known speakers John Ivanko and Lisa Kivirist. The first 96 people to pre-register will receive a free copy of *ECOpreneuring*! Advance tickets: $5, tickets at the door: $7 (608) 987-3370 http://swwibookfestival.com/

24 Baraboo - A Native American Evening at Durward's Glen. Program coordinator Sherman Funmaker, of the Ho-Chunk Nation, will design a program with Native American written and spoken word, story-telling, music, regalia, and youth poets. Admission Fee: Free will donation. Durward's Glen Retreat & Educational Center, W11876 Mcleisch Rd. 6:30 - 8PM. (608) 356-8113.

24 Burlington - "Crafts In The Woods" Arts and Crafts Show. Over 50 crafters, concessions, a bake sale, Mrs. Clause's Coffee House and much more. Entrance is $3.75 for guests 12 and older and $1.00 for guests 6 to 11. All proceeds from this event go towards our camp scholarship program. Camp MacLean is located one mile east of Burlington on Durand Avenue. Entrance for the craft fair will be a quarter mile east of McCanna parkway on the south side of Durand Avenue. YMCA Camp MacLean, 31401 Durand Ave. 9AM - 4PM. (262) 763-7742.

24 Janesville - A Civil War Holiday. Staff reenact holiday traditions of the Civil War era in the 1850s restored mansion. Lincoln Tallman House; 440 S. Jackson Street. (608) 756-4509.

24 Prairie du Sac - A Vintage Christmas at Wollersheim Winery. Experience old world charm as you prepare for Christmas. Taste Wollersheim wines paired with festive foods, find unique gifts, plus Christmas carolers will be on hand to set the mood. The winery is a picturesque place to take your family Christmas card photo, so be sure to bring your camera. Come and enjoy! No admission fee. Open to the public. Open Daily 10AM to 5PM year-round. Tours Daily every hour. 7876 State Rd 188. 10AM - 4PM. (800) 847-9463.

27 Hales Corners - St. Mary Craft Fair. Annual Craft Fair with wide variety of items for sale. Come and start your holiday shopping early with us. Craft raffle. Admission free. 9520 W. Forrest Home Avenue. 8:30AM - 3PM. (262) 786-0822.

Nov 28 - Dec 2 Fall River - Almost, Maine. Columbus Red Bud Players are producing *Almost, Maine*, a romantic comedy by John Cariani. Join us as we watch the residents of this fictional Maine town fall in and out of love in surprising and often hilarious ways. Shows 11/29, 11/30, 12/1 at 7:30PM and 12/2 at 2PM. Call for ticket info. Savanna Oaks Community Center, 100 Savanna Road. (920) 326-5554.

Nov 29 - Dec 24 Milwaukee - A Christmas Carol. The ultimate holiday tradition returns again for its 37th year! Dickens classic masterpiece will delight and brighten your holiday season with beautiful carols and a timeless message of hope, peace, love, and the true meaning of the holidays. Bring the whole family and join in a tradition that has been delighting audiences for generations! Call for ticket info. Milwaukee Repertory Theater. (414) 224-9490.

30 Appleton - Karla Steinbach Nutcracker Signing. A return visit to Wisconsin by Dipl.-Ing. Karla Steinbach of the respected German nutcracker maker, Steinbach GmbH. Karla is a 6th generation Steinbach family member to carry on the reigns of this 200 year old tradition of creating beautiful nutcrackers and other turned wooden items and collectibles. The Frame Workshop, 430 E Northland Ave. (920) 731-2913.

30 Janesville - Taste of Chocolate. 6-10PM. Enjoy an evening of chocolate decadence in the Parker Education Center, crowned by the premiere lighting of the Holiday Light Show throughout the Gardens. 5PM Social and cocktails; 6:15PM Waited Meal; 7PM Chocolate Overload; 8PM Premiere lighting of the Holiday Light Show. Live musical entertainment. Rotary Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive. (608) 752-3885.

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