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Share Your Voice with the Wisconsin Historical Society on a New State History Museum

Green Bay, WI. – The Wisconsin Historical Society will be visiting 40 communities in 2019 to hear from local residents about what they would like to see in a new, modern state history museum on Wisconsin's Capitol Square in Madison and Green Bay will be the first stop on Thursday, January 31.

"The new museum will be about more than bricks and mortar," said Christian Overland, Ruth and Hartley Barker Director of the Wisconsin Historical Society. "The new museum will reach all 72 counties and represent all Wisconsinites. Communities will be able to share their stories in this new museum network and because of that we want to hear from people all across the state."

The local community is invited to join the Wisconsin Historical Society from 5:30-7:30 pm on January 31 at the [Neville Public Museum](#) to share their thoughts and ideas and see design concepts for a new modern, state-of-the-art history museum. The goal of these sessions is to get feedback from educators, families, business leaders, and every sector of the public.

"The input we receive at these public workshops will help shape future exhibits and storylines," continued Overland. "This is a rare opportunity for the public to be a part of this process and to provide their vision of how the new museum can present Wisconsin and their history to create relevant stories that have local significance and national impact."

During these sessions, guests will have the opportunity to share feedback on current design concepts, share their thoughts on "What makes Wisconsin, Wisconsin" and how they would like a state history museum to serve their community.

"As an affiliate partner, the Neville Public Museum of Brown County is pleased to be the host location for the Wisconsin Historical Society Green Bay, Share Your Voice event," said Beth Lemke, executive director of the Neville Public Museum. "We are excited to learn about this state project and its impact to our region."

The evening will start with an introduction to the new museum project. Guests will then hear from Christian Overland and participate in two workshops.

"Listening sessions are community-based including African-American, American-Indian, Latino, and Hmong communities in multiple locations," Overland continued. "These sessions are an important part of the process of ensuring the new museum represents the diversity and inclusion of the people of Wisconsin."

The Society will also seek input through classroom visits with students and teachers.

All public sessions are free and open to the public. Guests can pre-register [here](#) and more information can be found by visiting wihist.org/yourvoice.

The Wisconsin Historical Society has been working towards building a new \$120 million, 100,000-square-foot museum for more than 20 years. The new museum will more than double exhibition space, and include state-of-the-art technology while providing learning, meeting and flexible spaces. The new museum will reach and connect people all across the state through distance learning technology and exciting, modern exhibits.

For more information on the Wisconsin Historical Society visit wisconsinhistory.org.

About Wisconsin Historical Society

The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit www.wisconsinhistory.org.

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