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History is in Bloom at Old World Wisconsin

Eagle, Wis. – On August 19-20, Old World Wisconsin will bloom with garden activities during Heirloom Garden Weekend.

“Join us to explore Wisconsin’s wonderful gardening history,” said Dan Freas, site director of Old World Wisconsin. “Heirloom Garden Weekend is an event for people of all ages to enjoy. With over a dozen gardens to look through, fantastic cooking demonstrations, samples of our organically grown heirloom produce and more guests will discover the gardening practices of early immigrant settlers.”

This special weekend is fun for all ages and includes many family-friendly educational opportunities. Children can participate in hands-on activities ranging from creating natural plant dyes, to discovering the sweet magic of honey-making and botany demonstrations. The event will include tours with heirloom garden experts who will talk about and showcase hundreds of different vegetables, flowers and herbs, some of which guests will get to taste-test! In addition to the organic food tastings, guests are also invited to get their hands dirty and try out old-fashioned gardening tools, help weave a garden fence and visit the root cellar, rockery and rootery. Guests will receive tips on photographing gardens, dyeing with plants and gardening with animal manures.

Collect tips, inspiration and historic recipes for growing and enjoying heirloom plants in your own garden. Stroll through the gardens, petting and sniffing delightful plants along the way. Old World Wisconsin’s plants, staff and volunteers look forward to welcoming you to celebrate heirloom gardens.

The event will take place on Saturday, August 19 through Sunday, August 20 from 10am – 5pm daily. Wisconsin Historical Society members receive free admission. Admission rates: Adults (18-64) \$19; Children (5-17) \$10; (children 4 and under are free of admission); Senior citizens (65 and over) \$16. Fees include an all-day tram transportation pass, and parking is free. For more information, please call 262-594-6301 or visit <http://oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org/>.

Old World Wisconsin is one of the Wisconsin Historical Society’s twelve historic sites and museums.

About Old World Wisconsin

Old World Wisconsin is a 600-acre regional history attraction that features interactive environments and immersive stories of 19th- and early 20th-century Midwestern immigrant farm and rural life. It is one of twelve Wisconsin Historical Society sites and museums around the state. The site operates weekends in May, then daily Memorial Day through Labor Day, then Thursdays through Sundays September 10 through October 31. The museum offers guests hands-on activities, led by period-clad staff members, as they visit 10 working farmsteads, explore 12 heirloom gardens, meet heritage animal breeds and try historic crafts and skills. Old World Wisconsin is located on Highway 67 just south of Eagle, Wisconsin in the Milwaukee/Chicago/Madison triangle. For more information visit www.oldworldwisconsin.org or call 262-594-6301.

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 wisconsinhistory.org.

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