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Old World Wisconsin Breaks Ground on a New Machine Shop

Eagle, Wis. – Old World Wisconsin has broken ground on a new Machine Shop in the Crossroads Village, which will provide modern restroom facilities for guests and be an interactive workshop space.

"This new space will let guests of all ages explore the intersections between history and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) within a 19th century rural Wisconsin community," said Dan Freas, site director at Old World Wisconsin.

The workshop will feature changing table-top discovery stations designed for self-exploration by Old World Wisconsin guests and will provide a heated and air-conditioned space for occasional history and STEM programs. The exterior appearance of the Machine Shop is inspired by the many rural industrial buildings located throughout Wisconsin during the 19th century.

Construction will begin in November 2017 with completion scheduled to end in spring of 2018. Funding for the new building is through the generosity of Robert and Patricia Kern of Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Follow Old World Wisconsin on Facebook to see the progress of the building.

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 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. Check our website for seasonal hours. For more information visit www.oldworldwisconsin.org or call 262-594-6301.

About the 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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