

Wisconsin Historical Society and Wisconsin Historical Museum's fur trade presentation

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Madison, Wisconsin - Journey back in time on Madison's Capitol Square and discover the rich history of Wisconsin's fur trade! On Monday, September 18, join the Wisconsin Historical Museum to explore a wide range of fur trade skills and traditions. From 5:00 - 6:30pm, Paul and Dale-Harriet Rogovich, costumed interpreters, will provide a hands-on presentation featuring the people, goods and ideas of the fur trade.

"This event will give participants a first-hand glimpse into not only the fur and trade goods that were traded, but technology and culture as well," said Michael Hollander, director of the Wisconsin Historical Museum. "This exchange of technology and culture had a significant impact on the lives of participants and helped shape Wisconsin's history."

For two hundred years, life and the economy in Wisconsin was dominated by the fur trade. From 1650 to 1850, furs came steadily from the tributaries of Lakes Michigan and Superior. During this event, guests will learn about the European desire for fine beaver felt hats and the skill of the Native people to hunt fur-bearing animals.

The event is part of Downtown Madison BID's Summer in YOUR City program. It is free to attend and open to the public. The event will take place on **September, 18 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** on the stages outside of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, located at 100 N. Carroll St. In the event of inclement weather conditions, the event will take place indoors at the Wisconsin Historical Museum, located at 30 N. Carroll St. For more information call 608-264-6555 or email museum@wisconsinhistory.org.

About the Wisconsin Historical Museum: The Wisconsin Historical Museum, one of 12 Wisconsin Historical Society sites, is located at 30 N. Carroll St. on Madison's Capitol Square. The Museum features four floors of exhibition space and a unique museum store. The Wisconsin Historical Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday 9 am-4pm. All Wisconsin Historical Society members receive free admission. Admission is by suggested donation: Adults \$5, Children (5 and up) \$3. Call 608-264-6555 for more information, or visit us online at www.WisconsinHistoricalMuseum.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 wisconsinhistory.org

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