

Wisconsin Historical Society: Celebrate American Indian Heritage Month

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Madison, Wis. – During the month of November, the Wisconsin Historical Society will be recognizing American Indian Heritage Month in conjunction with UW-Madison’s Wunk Sheek’s Native November celebration, with three free public events. The first event will feature Wisconsin Historical Society Press (Society Press) and Oneida author and poet, Louis V. Clark III (Two Shoes) as he discusses his book, “How to Be An Indian in the 21st Century.”

The event will be held on Saturday, November 4 at the Wisconsin Historical Museum (Capitol Square) from 3:00 – 4:00 pm.

The book takes readers along on his life-long journey, in prose and verse, chronicling a voyage from schoolyard bullies to workplace barriers. This event is part of the Wisconsin Book Festival. On Tuesday, November 7, from 12:15 pm – 1:00 pm, watercolor artist Geri Schrab and archeologist Robert “Ernie” Boszhardt will discuss their Society Press book, “Hidden Thunder: Rock Art of the Upper Midwest,” during History Sandwiched In at the Wisconsin Historical Museum (Capitol Square).

They will discuss the hidden history and heritage painted in American Indian rock art—the ancient petroglyphs and pictographs—found in the Upper Midwest. The third and final event will take place on Thursday, November 16 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. The Society will host an open house and discussion with co-authors of “People of the Big Voice,” Tom Jones and Mike Schmudlach at the Wisconsin Historical Society

Headquarters (816 State Street).

The talk will begin at 5:00 pm in the Wisconsin Historical Society Auditorium. Before and after the talk, the public will have an opportunity to examine materials of American Indian history in the library reading room. Some of the items that will be on display include the original photographs of Ho Chunk people; the treaty statement written in both English and Ojibwe that was carried from Wisconsin to Washington in 1864 conveying Ojibwe grievances to the federal government; oral history interviews, maps, native language materials, tribal publications, and more.

There will be Native American titles from the Wisconsin Historical Society Press available for purchase as well as an opportunity to have Tom Jones, Mike Schmudlach and artist Geri Schrab sign books.

All of these events are free and open to the public. For more information visit, wisconsinhistory.org. 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.