A theatrical troupe of four women from San Francisco will perform six vignettes from Zona Gale’s Friendship Village stories at the Museum at the Portage on Thursday, April 11.

“Word for Word” was founded in 1993 and stages performances that bring works of classic and contemporary fiction to audiences. While the ensemble is in Portage, they also will be visiting the Civic League house which Zona built for her parents, Silver Lake Cemetery where the author is interred, and other sites mentioned in the stories.

The theme for their performance is the “sodality” of women in a small town who, through their common interest in community and democracy, support each other through the years, in good times and during hard times.

Their performance will start at 7 p.m. with refreshments following.

Upcoming events in the area

May 19, re-opening of restored Historic Indian Agency House, traditional performances by Ho-chunk singers, dancers; crafts and food sales, free tours. See www.agencyhouse.org

June 1, Circus World Museum, Baraboo, 9 - 6; Nash Metropolitan Show. Produced between 1954 – 62, the subcompact, now highly collectible, was designed to be 2nd car for commuting/shopping. www.circusworld.wisconsinhistory.org

Now through Nov. 9, Wisconsin Historical Society museum, Madison. You are Here: Maps and Meanings, (Tues – Saturday, 9-4) See intriguing maps from the Society’s collection. www.wisconsinhistory.org
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1. Surprised to know that Portage has one of these?
2. Brewer who also started bank for immigrants
4. Circular building for repairing locomotives
5. A chocolate chip cookie, perhaps?
6. Now Edgewater St.
7. Protects flood-prone areas
8. Milwaukee Road’s entry into high speed train travel
9. Nickname for rail route Portage to Stevens Point
10. Timber sidewall of canal
11. Use this to go from Soo Line depot to Milwaukee Rd Depot
12. Milwaukee Road conductor with long record for on-time arrivals
13. Recurrent parade entry, modeled on 1970’s river find
14. Sidekick of 14 down
15. Boat-making family

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Next time you visit the Museum at the Portage, you'll notice some changes. The Nehls Boat Company exhibit has been moved from the 2nd floor to the stairwell where it is artfully arranged and additional photos have been added. More vintage shoes from Portage stores of yesteryear are on display on the 2nd floor, and “The Home Front” exhibit of kitchen items has been touched up, and items have been added to the “Sights and Sounds” exhibit. Kathryn Curtis, Mary Langbecker, Dick Lillie, Peggy Malone. Kathy Rowley and John Waldman contributed many hours during the winter months to prepare for the new season.

Museum at the Portage
now OPEN from 1-4
Thursday, Friday and
Saturday. Expanded
hours June through
August: 1-4 Tuesday
through Saturday.