

PORTAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Museum at the Portage
804 MacFarlane Rd., Portage WI
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www.portagemuseum.org

Open 1-4, Thurs – Sat, April & May, Sept and Oct
Open 1-4, Tues – Sat during June, July and Aug

Museum to host Zona Gale theatrical April 11

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.

Historic Preservation topic for May 7 event museum

The Museum at the Portage will host a gathering sponsored by the Portage Historic Preservation Commission on May 7. Jen Davel, preservation architect from Wisconsin Historical Society, will speak on the topic of historic preservation tax credits at 6 pm, preceded by a time to “meet and greet” at 5:30. Also on the agenda are comments on historic restorations and remodeling, the municipal register and Historic Preservation Award.



Four of the “Word for Word” ensemble will be at the Museum at the Portage on April 11 for a production based on Zona Gale stories from Friendship Village.

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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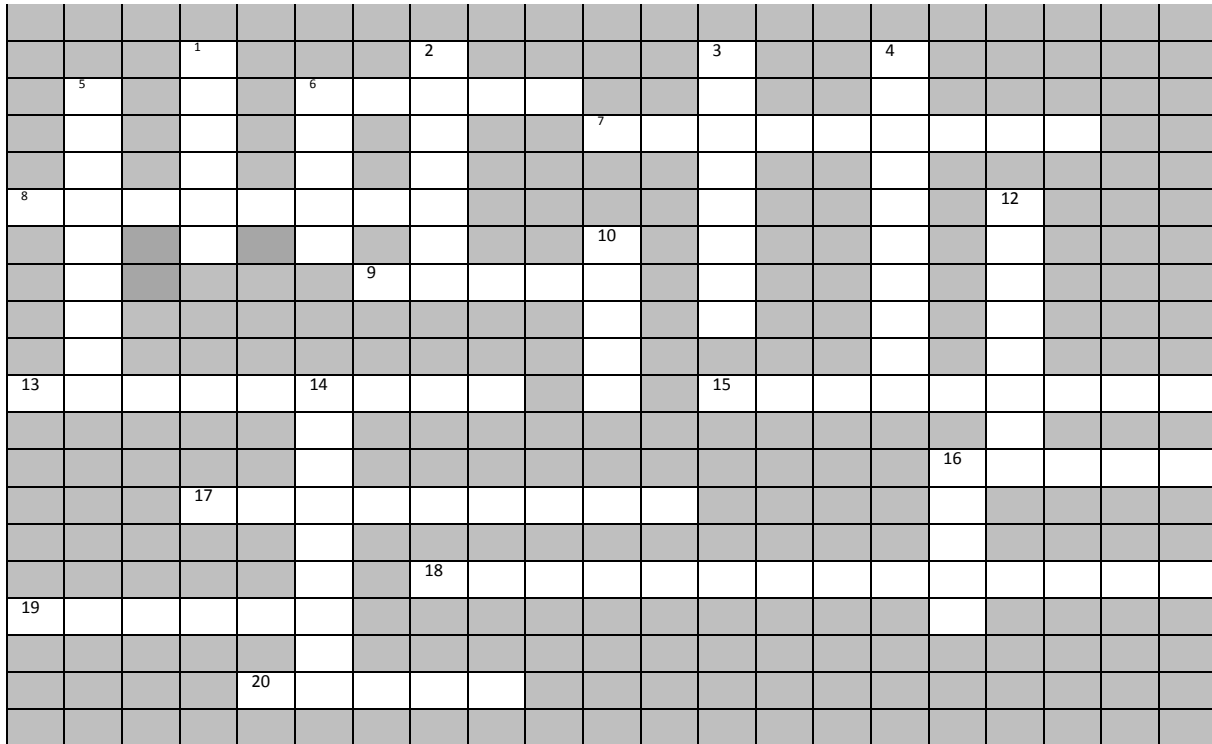
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Portage: A Transportation Center



DOWN

1. Surprised to know that Portage has one of these?
2. Brewer who also started bank for immigrants
3. Vital road between Ft. Howard and Ft. Crawford
4. Circular building for repairing locomotives
5. A chocolate chip cookie, perhaps?
6. Now Edgewater St.
10. Protects flood-prone areas
12. Milwaukee Road's entry into high speed train travel
14. Early French explorer
16. Form of improved road

ACROSS

6. Street named for early constable
7. Savvy railroad promoter of 1800's
8. A nice street
9. Nickname for rail route Portage to Stevens Point
13. Timber sidewall of canal
15. Use this to go from Soo Line depot to Milwaukee Rd Depot
17. Milwaukee Road conductor with long record for on-time arrivals
18. Recurrent parade entry, modeled on 1970's river find
19. Sidekick of 14 down
20. Boat-making family

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Refer to [Portage: A Sesquicentennial History](#) for help with this puzzle. You don't have a copy? Your PHS membership entitles to you to a 20% discount for purchase of the book at the Museum at the Portage.



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



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.



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