

## 2024 Winter Lyceum Lineup Offers an Eclectic Mix

Each year, the Museum invites a series of speakers to share their unique stories and insights on topics that shed fresh light on various facets of our mission, collection, and areas of interpretation. The 2024 Winter Lyceum will run on Sundays from February 25 to April 7 (skipping Easter Sunday, March 31) at 5 p.m., and will feature six engaging hour-long lectures. Registration is \$4 each or \$20 for all six. Two talks will be held in-person with the other four online via Zoom. Each roughly 45-minute talk will be followed by a Q&A period. This year's lineup covers an array of interesting topics.

February 25 (In-Person at the Platteville Municipal Auditorium, City Hall): Author Tim Fox Presents "Journey Into Ice Age Wisconsin." This fun, interactive program reenacting Wisconsin's tremendous Ice Age

creatures, includes the mastodon, short-faced bear, stag moose, and the saber toothed cat! Participants will learn how glaciers shaped Wisconsin's landscape including moraines, drumlins, kames, kettles, and eskers. This hands-on program for the whole family stirs imagination and deepens connections to our wonderful state! Tim Fox is a retired teacher and current personal fitness trainer. He is the author of two series of books for tween readers (10-14 year-olds) that adults also enjoy. He visits schools throughout Wisconsin, helping to ignite student interest in Wisconsin's state parks and natural areas. His website is [timfoxaauthor.com](http://timfoxaauthor.com).

March 3 (Via Zoom): Tom Pamperin Presents "Landlocked: The Midwesterner's Guide to Building and Sailing Small Boats." Tom Pamperin will provide an introduction to the world of sail & oar cruising in small

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## Get Ready for the Spring Cornish Pasty Sale with Drive-Thru Pick-up on April 13

The annual Spring Cornish pasty fundraiser introduced in 2022, is scheduled to open in late February with pick-up on Saturday, April 13! Watch for information on our website and social media.

Pasty will be offered in seven delicious flavors: Apple, Beef, Chicken, Chicken Pot-Pie, Pork, Vegetable, and Gluten-Free Beef. Bulk discounts of 20% on orders of 5-9 and 30% on orders of 10 or more. A full list of pasty ingredients is available online.

Cornish pasties make a piping-hot meal while connecting us with the mining heritage of our region and the roots of Wisconsin's Badger State identity. The Cornish



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were the most famous immigrant miners in our Upper Mississippi Valley lead-zinc mining district, and their cultural traditions — like pasties, stone architecture, and tommyknocker folklore — have become a part of our local heritage.

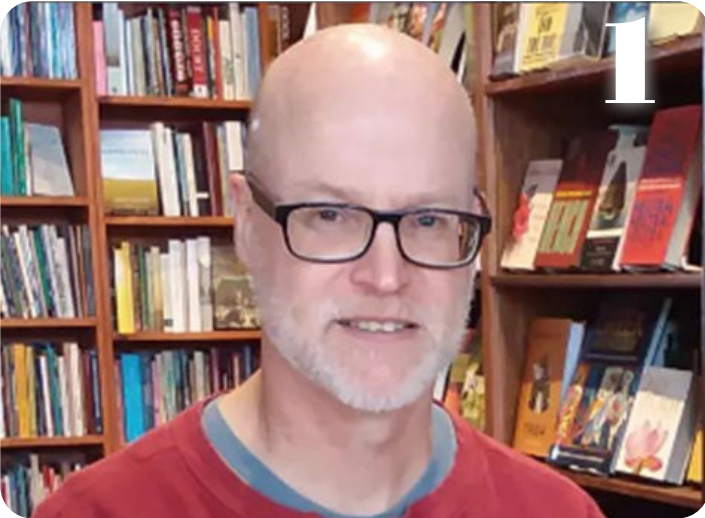
Pasty pick-up will again take place as a drive-thru operation in the spacious outdoor area between A&W Restaurant and the Millennium Cinema at 111 Millennium Drive, Platteville.

We appreciate each of you who has enjoyed these delicious treats, prepared with love by the Walker House of Mineral Point and their wonderful proprietors, Kathy and Dan Villaincourt.

**Place your order online or by phone starting February 25th. Last day to order will be Sunday, March 31!**

**Order online at [www.mining.jamison.museum](http://www.mining.jamison.museum) or  
by phone at (608) 348-3301.**

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boats that you can build in your own backyard. You'll learn how to plan a small boat cruise--why, where, and how--along with a quick overview of how to choose and build your own cruising boat in your garage, backyard, or (for the truly motivated) your living room . Tom is a writer, sailor, and occasional boat builder based in Wisconsin. He spends his summers exploring the Great Lakes and the inland waters of the Midwest, with occasional trips farther afield. Tom's book "Jagular Goes Everywhere: (mis)Adventures in a \$300 Sailboat," won an honorable mention for the Council for Wisconsin's Blei/Derleth Nonfiction Book Award in 2015.

March 10 (Via Zoom): Archaeologist Dr. James Theler Presents "Freshwater Mussels of the Upper Mississippi River — Past and Present" Jim Theler, retired UW-La Crosse archaeologist, discusses pre-Columbian Native American and later Euro-American use of freshwater mussels of the upper Mississippi River. He will be discussing the rush to harvest freshwater pearls from the Pecatonica and other inland rivers and the shell button industry in some detail. Dr. James L. Theler is a Senior Research Associate at Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center (MVAC) and Professor Emeritus, UWL, Dept. of Archaeology & Anthropology. He received his Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1983.

March 17 (Via Zoom): Geologist Billy Fitzpatrick Presents "New Geologic Interpretations in the Lead-Zinc Mining District." Billy Fitzpatrick will discuss detailed mapping that has uncovered several key features associated with lead-zinc deposits in the area surrounding the historic Highland mining district. These features (including structural zones and paleokarst) are theorized to create vertical pathways for ore-forming brines migrating out of the Illinois basin during events related to formation of the supercontinent Pangea around 270 million years ago. Microtextural observation has further discovered new evidence for important bacterial processes operating within the primary re horizon of the Highland area which worked to concentrate lead and zinc into mineral deposits. Billy Fitzpatrick is a geologist at the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey (WGNHS) with a background in economic geology and a focus on the formation of metallic mineral deposits. Billy received his masters from the University of Arizona in 2021 and has worked at

the WGNHS since 2020 studying sulfide mineralization hosted in the Paleozoic stratigraphy of southern Wisconsin.

March 24 (Via Zoom) Historian Robert Humphries Presents "The Welsh in Wisconsin's Lead Mining Region." Beginning in the 1840s, immigrants from Wales began to arrive in southwestern Wisconsin, attracted by the lead-mining industry and the opportunity to acquire farmland of their own. In this presentation, Robert Humphries explains how, in Iowa County and beyond, the Welsh created thriving ethnic settlements where they maintained their culture, religious traditions and Celtic language throughout the nineteenth century and into the twentieth. Humphries will also introduce some of the Welsh who became leading citizens in the lead-mining region. A native of Newport, Wales, Robert Humphries has lived in southwestern Wisconsin for more than 20 years. Humphries studied history at Miami University in Ohio before earning an MA in Celtic Studies from the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, the history of the Welsh in Iowa County being the subject of his dissertation. He has given presentations on both sides of the Atlantic, written numerous articles including a contribution to the Wisconsin Magazine of History, and wrote and co-produced a mini-documentary on the history of the Welsh in Nebraska. He is currently the director of the Great Plains Welsh Heritage Centre and the Archive for Welsh America, which are both located in Wymore, Nebraska.

April 7 (In-Person at The Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums): Museum Collection Specialist Christina Grev Presents "How We Saved the Boxing Squirrels and the Taxidermy Collection." In Fall 2023, the museum collections team worked with Conservator Terry Brown to learn how to clean and preserve the museum's taxidermy collection. Collections Manager Christina Grev illustrates the process of testing these specimens for heavy metals, cleaning the mounts, and restoring our 1917 golden eagle and the famous boxing squirrels. Christina Grev received her BA in European History at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and a dual master's degree in Library Science and Public History from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. A native Minnesotan, she now works as the Museum Specialist-Collections and Education at The Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums.

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## Letter From the Interim Museum Director



**A**s we start a new year, I would like to thank everyone who supported the Museum in 2023. Your contributions ensure that the Museum continues to serve as a cultural center, offering all-age experiences building on

the sciences and humanities. Thank you to the many members, donors, and volunteers who contributed in 2023!

The year is already off to a promising start here at the Museum. The Museum Director search committee interviewed two promising candidates in January and we hope to have a new director on-board by the end of March. Details will be announced as soon as they are available. The Capital Campaign Feasibility Study officially kicked-off on January 22. The campaign ultimately will help to resolve fundamental space use problems, make long-overdue building improvements, and add sorely needed staff.

We are looking forward to another year of engaging, educational, and fun events and programs starting with the Miners Ball on February 17 and followed by the Winter Lyceum starting on February 25. Tickets for the dance and auction portion of the Miners Ball are still available for \$10 through the evening of the event and can be purchased online or at the door. We are experimenting with a hybrid Winter Lyceum series with the first and last talks in the series in-person and the four in the middle offered via Zoom covering a variety of fascinating topics.

All this will be accomplished with our wonderful part-time crew, two full-time staff members, and dedicated directors, and volunteers. Consider becoming involved by joining our Friends Board! It is your participation that makes the magic happen.

Warm regards,



Angie Wright, Interim Museum Director

## Join Us for the Miners Ball Dance on February 17

**T**he Friends of The Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums invite all to put on their dancing shoes and join us for the dance and auction portion of the Miners Ball on February 17. While the deadline to purchase Dinner Tickets has passed, Dance Only tickets are available online through the 17th and at the door the evening of the Ball. Check out some of the amazing auction items at our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/MiningJamisonMuseum](http://www.facebook.com/MiningJamisonMuseum).



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This is the time of year when the Friends of The Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums reach out to the community to seek sponsors to make a robust line-up of 2024 Museum events possible. Hundreds of thousands of families have discovered our region's mining and rural heritage — thanks in no small part to the contributions of our region's business community. This year's exciting programmatic slate kicks off with the Miners Ball on Feb. 17, followed by the Winter Lyceum starting on Feb. 25, with more fun to come throughout the year. We are pleased to offer generous



sponsor recognition and access benefits for participating organizations and individuals. To sponsor an event include the event name(s) in the memo line of your check or contact Angie at (608) 348-3301 to discuss sponsorship details. Thank you!



Winter Lyceum	\$250 (Minimum of 6 Needed)
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Plan on enjoying a year of fabulous programs starting with the Miners Ball and Winter Lyceum! (See details inside.)



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