

# Focus Groups

## **Green Bay Focus Group**

**3/2/2011**

Attendees:

*Nicolas Reynolds, Historical Researcher, Oneida Cultural Heritage Department*

*Sara Summers-Luedtke, Assistant Director/Collections Manager, Oneida Nation Museum*

*Jacqueline Frank, Executive Director, National Railroad Museum*

*Terry Thiessen, President, New Holstein Historical Society*

*Matt Carpenter, Deputy Director and Curator of Collections, Outagamie Historical Society*

*Christine Cross, Director, New London Public Museum*

*Tamara Lange, Collection Coordinator/ Registrar, Sheboygan County Historical Society & Museum*

*Joshua Ranger, University Archivist, U/W - Oshkosh Forrest Polk Library / Archives and Area Research Center*

## **Merrill Focus Group**

**3/3/2011**

Attendees

*Stacy Stevens, Director, T.B. Scott Free Library*

*Beatrice Lebal, President, Merrill Historical Society*

*Beverly Brayton, President, Price County Historical Society*

*Judy Peterson, Vice President, White Lake Area Historical Society*

*Jane Weinke, Curator of Collections, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum*

*Mary E. Dunn, Director, Tomahawk Public Library*

*Dottie Koerner, Treasurer, Jump River Valley Historical Society*

*Beverly King, Collections / Exhibitions, Merrill Historical Society*

*Gail Marquandt, Board Member, Tomahawk Area Historical Society*

*George Rock, President, White Lake Area Historical Society*

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## **Madison Focus Group**

**3/4/2011**

Attendees:

*Brian Bigler, President, Mount Horeb Area Historical Society*

*Jeanette Casey, Director, U/WI - Madison Mills Music Library*

*Ann Sinfield, Registrar, Chazen Museum of Art*

*Debbie Cardinal, Program Manager, Wisconsin Heritage Online*

*Carrie Eaton, Curator, University of Wisconsin Geology Museum*

*Andrea Rolich, Preservation Librarian, U/WI - Madison Memorial Library GLS*

*Maureen Giese, President/Curator, Waterloo Area Historical Society*

*Ms. Sally Drew, Director, Reference and Loan Library, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction*

*Michael Doylen, Head of Archives, U/WI Milwaukee, Golda Meir Library*

*Barbara Larsen, Vice President, Mayville Historical Society*

## **Eau Claire Focus Group**

**4/8/2011**

Attendees:

*Carrie Ronnander, Curator, Chippewa Valley Museum*

*Caroline Olson, Director, Barron County Historical Society*

*John Pollitz, Director, U of WI-Eau Claire, McIntyre Library*

*Gregory Kocken, Head of Special Collections, U of WI-Eau Claire, McIntyre Library*

*Tom Wagener, Director, U/WI - Eau Claire, Foster Gallery*

*Renee Ponzio, Reference Services Manager, L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library*

*Charles Adleman, President, Luck Area Historical Society*

*Jack Nedland, Board President, Barron County Historical Society*

*Quick summary of the Focus Group commonly held discussions/findings:*

The importance of Disaster Planning information and instruction was seen as a vital topic to WI institutions.

Using regionally held workshops and trainings for staff and volunteers - with a hands-on component that resulted in nearly finished products (eg. Disaster Plans; Long Range Conservation Plans; Grant Writing).

Using some sort of initial 'self-survey' or staff initiated assessment that institutions as a first step in identifying their needs.

Utilizing existing networks and associations for the dissemination of instruction and information

Developing and utilizing regional teams/networks for disaster efforts (in both instruction and for recovery assistance)

Institutions could use a listing of good, trusted websites and other on-line instructional materials.