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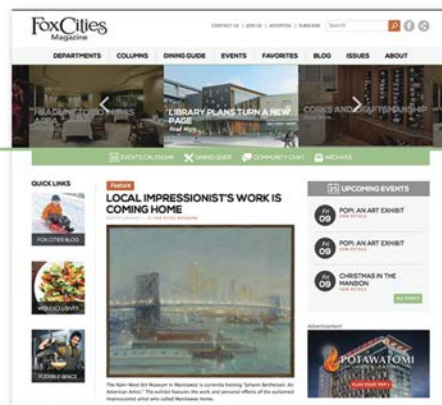
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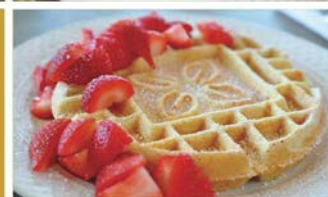
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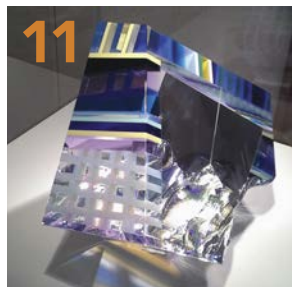
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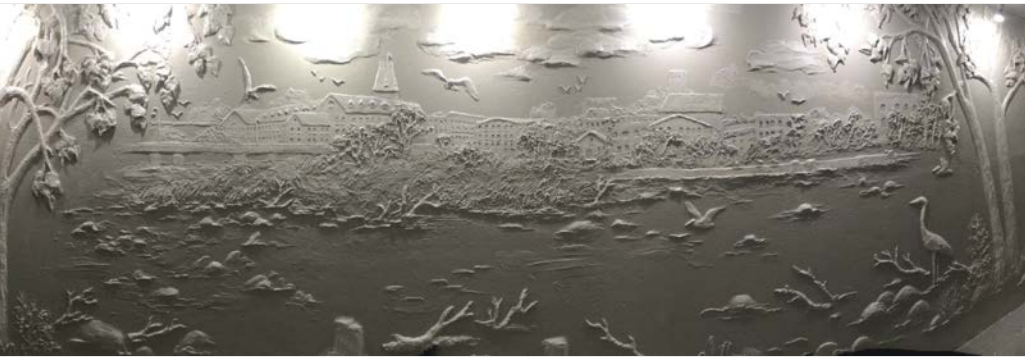
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## Expansive relief mural overlooks the Fox River

*Windbigler's art enhances apartment complex basement*

Jacquelyn Smith Windbigler has added an artistic flare to the atmosphere of the Historic Fox River Mills Apartments. Rather than capturing the Fox River in a painting, Windbigler created a detailed relief mural in the Appleton complex's basement community space.

"The relief downstairs is actually just something that was an opportunity within another opportunity and it just sort of came together collectively. The mills provide a wonderful palette," says Windbigler.

The mural was created over a span of about four weeks and completed in November.

"(The Fox River Mills are) so inviting and the atmosphere and the crew were just fabulous. The crew would offer, 'can't we put some music on,' and they were just so accommodating," says Windbigler. The crew and maintenance members helped with the "accessory parts, painting the floors and walls, and creating the lighting."

"We are from northern Indiana; however, my husband's work has kept us moving around the country for a long time," says Windbigler.

While she has lived in Appleton for the past year, her experience living in different locations has affected her artwork and the types of mediums that she uses.

"Moving around the county has actually broadened my vision about the different arts. The possibilities are just completely endless," says Windbigler. "I started with drawing portraits and training the eye, studying library books in the arts or going to museums in Chicago or in Georgia, or wherever."



The curiosity of how a piece of artwork was created motivates Windbigler to start a new project.

"(I) wonder, 'how did they do that,' and that question has always underlined the next project. Design is not always painting a picture or coming up with something out of your imagination," says Windbigler. "A lot of time, it is working with the elements that are currently there and then melding them together to get a cohesive look."

For Windbigler, art has predominantly been a hobby since she was young, but she also has worked on projects across the country.

"I have worked in many design centers in the states, and that has been very fulfilling. If I were to say that it's more than a hobby, I probably could, because I have worked for people in the way of interior design," says Windbigler. "As far as where it will go from here, I imagine it will just be freelance because the big pieces

that I have done up to this point have been from my own heart's desire."

"The Lerner is a magnificent theater in Elkhart, Ind., and they just did a big renovation there and it was exciting to be a part of that," says Windbigler. "One (piece) was just (created for) a fundraiser, a large elk. Another was a contribution of a painting of my daughter. We called it, 'Meg and Ebby,' because she was holding our cat."

Next time you find yourself near downtown Appleton, take a trip down to the Historic Fox River Mills to view the beautiful relief of the Fox River. If you would like to learn more about the piece created by Windbigler, contact Mydesigns1111@gmail.com.

— By Jessica Morgan



Name: Jacquelyn Windbigler  
Residence: Appleton  
Medium: Relief Pieces  
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## ARTS EVENTS

### 6-7, 12-14, 19-20, 26-28 | Clintonville "Shaken Not Stirred"

The quakes of 2012 in Clintonville shook the surrounding community. What were they? The real story starts with the NSA or the SNA or whatever is the funniest! 8pm, 1pm. Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. (800) 895-0071.

### 7 | Young Artist Festival

Concerto, solo and ensemble competitions for students in grades 6-12. 8am-2pm. Shattuck Hall, Lawrence University, Appleton. 750-2380.

### 10 | Ballroom with a Twist

A frenzy of sizzling dance moves by professional international dancers. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

### 11 | Xavier Catholic Schools Fine Arts Night

6pm. Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, Appleton. 450-0568.

### 12-13 | Earl Klugh and Nnenna Freelon: An Intimate Evening

8pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

### 12-14 | The Importance of Being Earnest

Presented by Hysterical Productions. 7:30pm. The Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2355.

### 13 | Alton Brown Live

7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. (800) 895-0071.

### 14 | Northeast Wisconsin's got newTalent

Featuring the region's top singers paired with local celebrities competing to benefit newVoices. You decide which celebrities

bring the most to the stage! 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 832-9700.

### 14, 28 | Saturday Night Dance

Featuring Still Cruisin' Band on Feb. 14 and Scott Sadro on Feb. 28. 7-10pm. Thompson Community Center, Appleton. 225-1700.

### 23 | Grandma's Attic Comedy Show

Coffee and cookies will be served after the performance. 1-3pm. Thompson Community Center, Appleton. 225-1700.

### 27-28 | Mamma Mia

An enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship; Mamma Mia is a musical smash hit. Various Times. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. 730-3760.

## MUSIC EVENTS & CONCERTS

### 6 | Festive Fridays: The Jimmys

There is nary a band in the Festive Fridays lineup without a horn section. The Jimmys, led by Jimmy Voegeli and Perry Weber, are no exception. 6:30-9:30pm. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.

### 7 | Gypsy Trip

A seasoned group of smooth jazz musicians that feature the Gypsy trip genre that began in Europe in the 1930s. 7-9pm. The ARTgarage Community Stage, Green Bay. 448-6800.

### 7 | Symphonic Romance

The Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra will perform works by Wagner, Tchaikovsky, Finzi and Bernstein during their Valentine's-inspired performance. Tickets are available online or through the Fox Cities P.A.C. ticket office. 7:30pm. Fox Cities PAC, Appleton. 730-3760.

### 8 | Music @ the Library

Featuring the Red River Ramblers performing a combination of '70s light rock and contemporary folk. Families welcome. 2-3pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 9 | John Mellencamp

Concert-goers will receive a digital download of John Mellencamp's "Plain Spoken" record with the purchase of a ticket to the Rock & Roll Hall of Famer's concert. 7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. (800) 895-0071.

### 12 | Dave Mason's Traffic Jam

Join Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and co-founder of the legendary band Traffic, Dave Mason, for an evening of music history as he retraces the earliest days of his career and the works that launched his successful solo career. 7:30-10pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. (800) 895-0071.

### 14 | All You Need is Love

Green Bay's Symphony Orchestra teams up with Canadian rock band Jeans 'n Classics to present music from the late Beatles era. 7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 435-3465.

### 14 | Willy Porter

See Willy Porter, esteemed guitarist/singer-songwriter, showcase his musical talent and variety. He will be presenting tracks off of his new album "How to Rob a Bank." 7:30pm. Thrasher Opera House, Green Lake. 294-4279.

### 19 | Jazz at the Trout

Join us in the gallery for intimate performances by renowned jazz artists the Paul Dietrich Quintet. 7:30pm. The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

### 21 | Coffeehouse Concert Series - Door County Pickers

Featuring some of Door County's finest and favorite guitarists. 7-9pm. Door Community Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.

### 21 | "It Gets Better" by the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles

A performing arts response to the difficult issue of bullying, one of the most challenging issues among today's young adults and adolescents. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3782.

### 21 | Nelson Riddle Orchestra & Bryan Anthony: Celebrating Sinatra

The world-renowned Nelson Riddle Orchestra is joined by acclaimed vocalist Bryan Anthony in a night of classic Frank Sinatra hits in celebration of the centennial of his birth. 7:30-9:30pm. Capitol Civic Center, Manitowoc. 683-2184.

### 22 | Bela Fleck and Abigail Washburn

America's first-couple of the banjo, Bela Fleck and Abigail Washburn, make a rare joint performance. 7:30-10pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. (800) 895-0071.

### 22 | Music @ the Library

Symphonic Romance featuring Quartette Affettuoso. Co-sponsored by the Fox Valley Symphony. Families welcome. 2-3pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 22 | The ARTgarage Performers Spotlight

Performer Pamela Wagner-McMullen returns to join Patt Bray and Dick Crayer for more Ladies of Song. 2:30-4:30pm. The ARTgarage Community Stage, Green Bay. 448-6800.



Len Nelson, WAPL radio morning host. Photo courtesy of NewVoices Choir

## NewVoices performs love songs for Valentine's Day

What better way to celebrate Valentine's day than with an entertaining night out, complete with love songs, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and a live auction?

NewVoices' event, "Northeast

Wisconsin's got newTalent," features the region's top singers paired with local celebrities competing to raise money for the organization. It will take place Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center.

"It's a little like a talent show, but it's more fun," says Mary Schmidt, board president and singer.

For several years, newVoices, a choir of semi-professional musicians, has held fundraisers in February in a cabaret format. Popular songs, jazz standards and selections from musical theater were sung by featured soloists, as well as the entire choir.

"This year, we decided to expand it and are changing the event. We have invited a couple of area celebrities, or community volunteers, to join us on stage," says Schmidt. "A couple of them are going to sing, one is going to play an instrument and one of them is going to conduct the choir."

The performers will be competing to raise the most money. One act will win the "People's Choice" based on donations the night of the performance, while another act will win the "Critic's Choice" by raising the most generated funds prior to the event. The raised money will benefit newVoices.

"All of the funds are raised to support the operating of newVoices. NewVoices has been in existence since 1978 and we call ourselves a semi-professional organization," says Schmidt. "The singers are not paid, but more than half of the singers are professional musicians. They are either teachers in a school district, church musicians or private teachers."

When choosing the celebrities, newVoices "looked for people who have musical background and talent, and also people who were willing to get up there," says

Schmidt. "They say that the scariest thing in the world is to sing in public, so these people have got guts as well as talent."

The selected celebrities include Len Nelson, WAPL radio morning host; Mark Scheffler, founder of The Appleton Group; Sharon Hulce, owner of Employee Resource Group; and Ron Altenburg, an accountant from Schenck. A multitude of talents will be demonstrated by these performers, including music on the accordion, conducting the newVoices choir to one of their own compositions and singing.

Attendees have the option of table or theater seating, or purchasing the romance package, which "includes balcony seating with a bottle of wine, treats and table service," says Schmidt.

The Northeast Wisconsin's got newTalent event is perfect for those seeking an outing to celebrate Valentine's Day. If you would like to attend the show, tickets can be purchased by calling 832-9700. For more information, visit [newvoiceschoir.org](http://newvoiceschoir.org).

— Jessica Morgan





Green Gecko's Chocolate Revel Bar.  
Photo courtesy of Green Gecko

## ADI to offer dessert-lover's paradise

Dark, white, milk and more. Chocolate comes in many varieties and Appleton Downtown, Inc.'s Death By Chocolate intends to make use of them all.

Sixteen restaurants will participate in the Feb. 14 event where attendees can indulge in offerings at each location from 1-4:30 p.m. and vote for their favorite selections at the end.

"It just started one day," explains Anne Wiegman, ADI marketing director, of the event. "Some of the restaurants said, 'We should do something for Valentine's Day.'"

Tickets are on sale now for \$20 each through calling or stopping in at ADI, and online at [appletondowntown.org](http://appletondowntown.org). Only 450 tickets are available and typically sell out, according to Wiegman. Each ticket includes an offering at each location for the ticket holder.

"By the time you're done, it's been plenty," says Wiegman of the experience, which is always held on Valentine's Day. This is the 12th year for the annual promotion.

Previous sweet selections have included chocolate drinks, bites, gelato, cupcakes, cannolis, dark chocolate java drops and cronuts.

"It's a great opportunity for people to see the inside of a variety of restaurants," shares Wiegman.

"There's all kinds of folks who come out for it," adds Robert Wall, owner of Green Gecko Grocer & Deli. His business has won previously for its Chocolate Revel Bar. This will be Green Gecko's fifth year participating.

Wiegman has seen crowds and couples walking together up and down College Avenue during the event.

"It's a combination of that many chocolate lovers in the area and it's just something different to do," she says.

Don't miss your chance to satisfy your sweet tooth!

— By Amy Hanson

### 25 | **Over the Rainbow: A Musical Tribute to the Artistry of Judy Garland featuring Hilary Kole**

Featuring "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "The Trolley Song," "As Long As He Needs Me" and other great songs. 7:30-10pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. (800) 895-0071.

### 26-28 | **UWFox Theatre Presents: Dream Role 4 - Radio Active!**

Ninety minutes of show-stopping hits from radio, movies and Broadway! The area's best talent will come together again to bring the house down with their favorite songs. 7pm. Perry Hall, Menasha. 832-2889.

### 27 | **Kohler Foundation Distinguished Guests Series — Audra McDonald**

The Distinguished Guest Series features internationally recognized performers in theatre, dance and music, and is intended to provide world-class entertainment at reasonable prices. 8pm. Kohler Memorial Theatre, Kohler. 458-1972.

### 27 | **Peter Yarrow**

Member of the legendary trio Peter, Paul & Mary, responsible for songs such as "Puff, the Magic Dragon" and "Blowin' in the Wind" will take the stage to feature his song-writing talents and solo performances. Tickets are \$35. 7:30pm. Thrasher Opera House, Green Lake. 294-4279.

### 28 | **Coffee House Concert Series: Words on Fire**

Event includes poetry and music. 7pm. Door Community Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.

## OPENING EXHIBITS

### 3 | **Through the Eyes of Autism**

Thru Feb. 28. Music, photography, painting, sculpture, drawing and poetry created by artists on the autism spectrum. ARTgarage, Green Bay. 448-6800.

### 14 | **Abstraction**

Thru Mar 21. A juried exhibition featuring Wisconsin Visual Artists (WVA) members from throughout the state. The work was selected through WVA's first online juried process. Frank Juarez Gallery, Sheboygan. 559-7181.

### 14 | **Winslow Homer in America**

Thru May 31. Featuring 85 wood engravings by one of America's most beloved artists. Homer created dozens of images depicting politics, war and everyday life in America from the late 1850s through the mid-1870s. Paine Art Center & Gardens, Oshkosh. 235-6903.

## COMMUNITY & CULTURAL EVENTS

### 9 | **Potluck**

Bring a dish to share and enjoy the entertainment. Noon-2pm. Thompson Community Center, Appleton. 225-1700.

### 13 | **Soup with Substance**

Hike, snowshoe or blaze your own ski trail, then come indoors to enjoy homemade soup, bread and dessert, along with a garden-related presentation. 5:30-8pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

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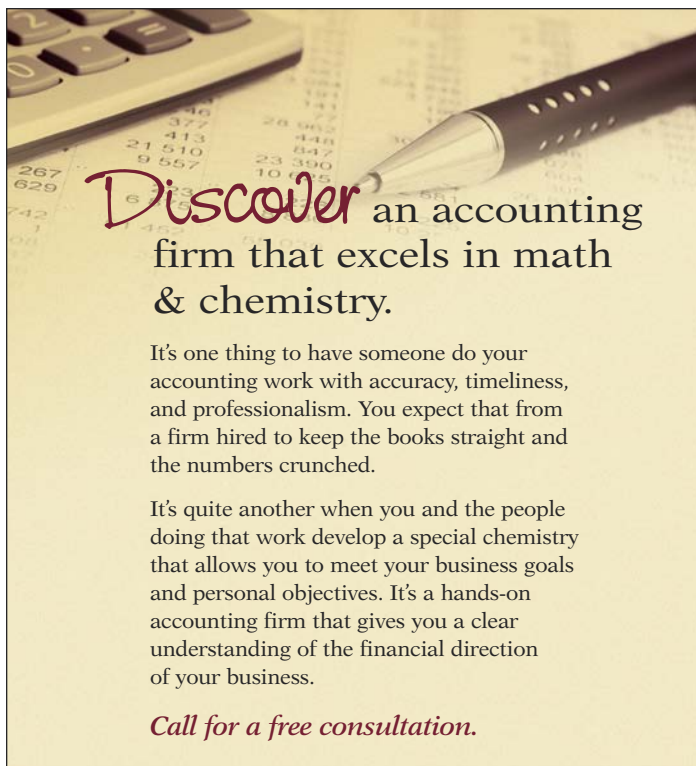



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**14 | Death by Chocolate**

Downtown Appleton becomes a dessert-lovers' paradise as local restaurants feature their tasty chocolate treats. Tickets are just \$20 per person, but quantities are limited! Tickets on sale at appletondowntown.org. 954-9112.

**14 | Valentine Candle Light Dinner**

A five-course meal with your loved one or a friend. 6:30pm. The Bridge-Between Retreat Center, Denmark. 864-7230.

**16 | Memory Cafe: "Poetry at Play"**

Join "Joelin" from Valley VNA Senior Services as she brings a smile to your face through a create process of poem reading. 1:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

**OUTDOORS**

**1, 8, 15, 22 | Guided Snowshoe Hikes**

Don't just walk in snowshoes, run! Track wildlife, kiss the snow, go sledding on snowshoes, and race on snowshoes! It's not as hard as you may think. 1pm. Ledge View Nature Center, Chilton. 849-7094.

**6 | Dog Sledding**

Join Jim Feyen and his dogs from Siberian Outpost for a dog sled ride. There will be two sessions offered per day (10am and 12:30pm). Refreshments will be included. Children under 8 must ride with an adult. Pre-registration required, \$25 per rider or \$10 per observer. 10am-2:30pm. Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, Appleton. 731-6041.

**6 | Figure Skating Exhibition — Riverfront Light Display Closing Event**

Watch free exhibition performances by members of the Valley Figure Skating Club, including a group number with wearable LEDs. 6:30-8:30pm. Jones Park, Appleton. 850-9357.

**6 | Moonlight Ski**

Enjoy the preserve's 1-mile snowshoe or 1.5 mile ski trail illuminated by candles and moonlight. Normal trail and rental fees apply. 5-8pm. Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, Appleton. 731-6041.

**7 | Torchlight Snowshoe Walk**

Enjoy a self-led excursion through the nature center's lowland forest lighted by tiki torches. Refreshments served and all equipment provided. 6:30-9pm. Mosquito Hill Nature Center, New London. 779-6433.

**14 | An Evening for Sweethearts**

Celebrate Valentine's Day with your sweetheart and be treated to an evening

complete with appetizers, beverages and soft music. Enjoy a quiet snowshoe walk and campfire. 7-10pm. Mosquito Hill Nature Center, New London. 779-6433.

**14 | Snowsnakes & Snowshoes — Open House**

Includes snow games such as snowsnake, outdoor shelter building, arts and crafts, board game room, skiing, sledding snow person contest and winter geocaching. Also includes a chili dump luncheon and a naturalist-guided snowshoe hike in search of porcupines and other wildlife on snowshoes. 9am-1pm. Navarino Nature Center, Shiocton. (715) 758-6999.

**LECTURES, READINGS, PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS**

**2 | Adult Afternoon Program: You Must Answer This**

Gary Beyer wants to inspire others by sharing his life story, including being diagnosed with inclusion body myositis. 2pm. Shattuck Room, Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

**2 | Ageless Grace**

Introduction to Ageless Grace with Stacy Parish, one of the library's embracing wellness programs. 6:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

**5 | Great Lakes/Great Books Club**

The Door County Maritime Museum and Write On, Door County partner to present a monthly book club that features books with a Great Lakes focus including books of fiction, nonfiction and poetry will be discussed with a facilitator from Write On. The group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Door County Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay. 743-5958.

**5 | Maritime Speaker Series**

Former Executive Director Bob Desh will discuss the Coast Guard Lighthouse Property Divestiture Program, both in regards to his own dealings, as well as local projects like Cana Island and the Pier Head Light at the Coast Guard Station in Sturgeon Bay. 7pm. Door County Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay. 743-5958.

**7 | Staying Healthy this Winter**

Herbs will be explored from a whole food perspective, rather than supplementing with a pill or capsules. 10am-1pm. The Bridge-Between Retreat Center, Denmark. 864-7230.

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## Donations expand museum's glass collection



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The Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass acquired several significant donations last year, adding to their collection of Wisconsin glass artists and rare glass masterpieces.

"This type of generosity is how we build museums and resources

over time," says Jan Smith, Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass executive director. "Museums can't always afford to purchase pieces, but donations help us preserve items, make them more accessible to the public and enrich opportunities."

The donations included works by René Lalique, Louis Comfort Tiffany, David Huchthausen, and Harvey Littleton, as well as a piece produced by Cristalleries de Pantin near Paris.

Anonymous donors and contributions from Tom Boldt of Boldt Construction and Pennsylvania College Station professor Donald Henderson helped expand the current "ImplosionSequence" featuring work by Seattle artist David Huchthausen who was a student of Wisconsin artist Harvey Littleton.

"The pieces represent a Wisconsin artist who has a long history in studio glass and one of his students' work," Smith says.

Bergstrom-Mahler is working to further its Littleton collection because of his significant contributions to the world of glass.

"It was here in Wisconsin where the Contemporary Studio Glass Movement took shape in 1963 through the efforts of Professor Harvey Littleton," a press release from the museum states.

Thanks to a donation by Donald and Carol Wiiken, the museum acquired another Littleton piece last year.

Another notable donation was made by Gary McClanahan who gave the museum a rare glass paperweight that has never been seen by the public eye. It was produced in France by Cristalleries de Pantin around 1870.

"The factory made very few objects of this type," the press release notes. "Rarity alone, places objects by this factory in high demand and notably of high significance."

The paperweight will remain on display in the Mabel R. McClanahan Memorial Study Gallery.

"Those two pieces are important to add and put in the public realm," Smith says. "Museums tend to be a great point of reference for the public who can go see things they would never get a chance to learn about otherwise."

These pieces will not only help enhance the museum's growing collection, but also add to its opportunities to educate the public on human creativity.

—By Haley Walters

### 14 | Find your Ancestors

Presented by Randy Bixby, Board of Commissioners to Land Records in Madison, who will explore researching Land Records in Wisconsin. 1-2:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 17, 19 | Secrets to Business Financing

Presenter Patrick Kotowski of SLK Finance will teach participants about several alternatives to bank financing, how to value the collateral these alternatives lend against and how to structure financing that grows along with one's growing business. Register online. Noon, 1pm. Online. 465-2626.

### 18 | Downtown Book Club

Book club led by Howard Porter covering the book, "Pat and Dick: The Nixons, an Intimate Portrait of a Marriage," by Will Swift. Noon-1pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 21 | Buddhism in Sri Lanka: A Philosophical and Cultural Tour

This lecture will explore the Buddhist tradition as it is practiced in Sri Lanka. 9am. Door Community Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.

### 23 | Understanding Classical Music

A program presented by Ernestine Whitman, Lawrence University Conservatory of Music professor. 4-5pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 28 | St. Norbert College Distinguished Lecture Series — Dr. Gratzia Villarreal

Dr. Gratzia Villarreal will give a lecture on, "Bolivia's Economic Miracle under Evo Morales: Indigenous Identity and 21st Century Caudillismo." 9-11am. Door Community Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.

### 28 | Northern Ecuador: A Travelogue

Starting in the capital of Quito and ending the two-week journey in the Yasuni National Park (in the Amazon Rain Forest), Attendees will be introduced to Ecuador's history and culture. 1-3pm. Mosquito Hill Nature Center, New London. 779-6433.



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## FILMS

### 5 | Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies

Featuring West Side Story. Starring George Chakiris, Rita Moreno and Natalie Wood. Gang rivals and ethnic tension arise in the midst of love on New York's West Side. Co-sponsored by the Fox Valley Symphony. Refreshments served. 4-6pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 6 | Movies at the Door — Feed the Fish

Joe Peterson is a burned-out children's book writer who, on the brink of a mid-life crisis, leaves town with his best friend to do the Polar Bear Plunge in the dead of winter in Northern Wisconsin. 7-9pm. Door Community Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.

### 12 | Thursday Night @ the Movies

Featuring The Skeleton Twins. Starring Kristen Wiig and Bill Hader. Maggie and Milo are estranged twins who are reunited after 10 years of being apart. Rated R. Runs 93 mins. Refreshments served. 6-8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 19 | Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies

Featuring Nightcrawler. Starring Jake Gyllenhaal, Rene Russo and Bill Paxton. A young crime journalist becomes too close to the stories he's following, becoming a participant and a star in his own writing. Rated R. Runs 117 mins. Refreshments served. 4-6pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 27 | Movies at the Door — The World Premiere of The Emissary

Door County's own sci-fi adventure! Shot on location in beautiful Door County, this is the world premiere of the film! 7-9pm. Door Community Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.

☎ = Reservation required.

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### 4, 11, 18, 25 | Abstract Expressionism

Develop one to two paintings that rely on composition, color and form to abstractly portray an idea without having to rely on any distinct visual cue. 6-8pm. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

### 5 | Wine and Cheese (Wine bottle Slumping)

Do you have a glass bottle that you would like to preserve in a unique way? Come learn about glass bottles, glass fusing and slumping, while enjoying an evening of wine and cheese at the museum. 6-8pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.

### 9-April 6 | Aviation and Aerodynamics for Private and Sport Pilots

Community members ages 16 and older can explore the world of flight with a weekly UW-Green Bay Education Outreach course. The nine-week class will prepare students to take the Federal Aviation Administration Private Pilot or Sport Pilot written exam. 1-2:30pm. CAVU Flight Center at Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport. 465-2526.

### 12, 26 | Creative Writing @ APL

Take part in creative writing activities at the library! On Feb. 12, attendees can share what they have written and on Feb. 26 take part in one-line prompts. 10am-12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 14 | Life of Birds

Join the Aves Wildlife Alliance and their live birds for a journey through the life of a bird. 1-2pm Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha. 720-9349.

### 17, 24 | Continuing to Paint Watercolor

Dive right into painting with guidance and suggestions to help you

continue to improve control in this medium. Classes are held every Tuesday starting Feb. 17 through March 10. 6-8pm. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

### 21 | "small problems, BIG TROUBLE"

A painting demonstration by Judith Waller, Professor of Art, UW-Fox Valley. 10am-2pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 21 | Special Diet Cooking

Do you or someone you cook for have food allergies or an intolerance for certain types of food? This is a class to help you see how easy and delicious food can be when you are cooking for yourself or loved one with a special diet. We will create some dishes to share together at lunch. 9am-1pm. The Bridge-Between Retreat Center, Denmark. 864-7230.

### 27 | Kinetic Robots

Make a kinetic glass and metal robot! Your robot will bounce and wiggle with the slightest breeze. You will choose the color of your robot and learn how to cut out all of the different shapes to make your creation. 10am-noon. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.

### 28 | Handcrafted, Homemade Soap

In this beginner class, you will learn how easy it is to make cold-processed soap and how a variety of ingredients can be used to personalize your soaps for different skin types. You will get to take a few personalized bars home with facilitator Dayna Kennedy. 9:30-noon. The Bridge-Between Retreat Center, Denmark. 864-7230.

### 28 | Metal Clay and Fused Glass Pendant

Create a beautiful pendant combining silver, metal clay and glass! The basics of working with precious metal clay will be introduced, including shaping, texturing, drying, kiln firing and finishing. 10am-1pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.

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### 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28 | Swimtastic Swim School's Family Swim

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### 4, 11, 18 | Family & Teen Open Gym

Open gyms will be held on Wednesday evenings for teens and their families (14 and under must be accompanied by an adult). The gym will be supervised, a volleyball net and balls will be provided, but attendees should bring their own basketballs. In case of a weather cancellation call the Parks & Recreation Department. 6:30-8:30pm. Shattuck Middle School, Neenah. 866-6060.

### 7 | Pulp & Paper Merit Badge Program: Boy Scouts

Participants will complete all requirements for the merit badge. Scouts should bring a brown bag lunch. 8:30am-1:30pm. Paper Discovery Center, Appleton. 380-7491.

### 7 | Take Your Child to the Library Day: Frozen Party

Dress up as your favorite Frozen character for a morning of celebrating the library and marking the conclusion of our Frozen winter reading program with a story, songs and activity stations. 10:30-11:30am. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

### 7 | Valentine's Family Festival

A free community event geared toward children and their parents that includes games, arts and crafts, cookie decorating and a photo booth. 9:30am-12:30pm. Maplewood Middle School, Menasha. 968-8384.

### 7 | Winter Family Festival

Don't let the weather keep you in. Celebrate the season at this free winter event featuring games and activities of the winter season. Visit [www.gbbg.org/WinterFamilyFestival](http://www.gbbg.org/WinterFamilyFestival) to register. 10am-2pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

### 8 | Miles of Smiles Free Admission Day

Free admission. Explore how a healthy mouth is part of a healthy body during this daylong festival spotlighting how to get

moving, eat healthy and take care of your teeth. Noon-5pm. The Building for Kids, Appleton. 734-3226.

### 10 | Tech Talk Tuesday: Choosing Good Kid's Apps

Join the Neenah Public Library for Tech Talk Tuesday to learn how to choose good applications for kids. 1:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

### 11, 18, 25 | Family Story Time

Early literacy is the focus as we enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, learning games and have loads of fun in the process! Perfect for preschoolers and their parents or caregivers to enjoy together. 10:15-10:45am. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

### 17, 24 | Pre-School Painters (Ages 3-6)

Students will learn beginning art and painting skills while having fun. 11am-noon. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

### 19 | Stage Doors Education Series: Freedom Bound

An original play that tells the tale of the most important incident in the history of the Underground Railroad in Ohio. 10am & 12:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-5101.

### 20 | Stage Doors Education Series: Sid the Science Kid Live!

Sid, Gabriela, Gerald and May invite you and your family to join them as they take an incredible journey through the five senses: sight, sound, taste, smell and touch, and discover that there's a very special super duper sixth sense! 10am & noon. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-5101.

### 21, 28 | Art Immersion: France (Ages 12-16)

Immerse yourself in the art of France! Explore the history of French art; investigate works from the Trout collection. Class continues to March 7. 9am-noon. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

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Photo courtesy of Nathan Sawaya

## What can you do with 15,000 LEGO bricks?

At first glance, New York-based artist Nathan Sawaya's sculptures appear pixelated, even digital. Upon closer inspection, the reason for this becomes apparent — the works of art are entirely made of LEGO bricks. Sawaya reinvents the use of this childhood toy to create surreal works of art.

The New York-based independent, "brick artist" has been creating his three-dimensional pieces for several years. His exhibition, "The Art of the Brick" has been viewed by millions worldwide. This spring, the exhibit will make its way to Oshkosh.

"We will be transitioning the gallery space to prepare for 'The Art of the Brick' by repainting the area, as well as creating custom mounting stands for each piece," says Karla Szekeres, marketing and membership coordinator for the Oshkosh Public Museum.

Pieces from the exhibit will be arriving nearly a month early, to allow the Museum to accommodate the unique nature of the works. A life-size human form can require anywhere from 15,000 to 25,000 bricks to create. The pieces are glued together.

Subject matter varies, and there is sure to be pieces that speak to all viewers, regardless of age. From surrealist depictions of human emotions to animals, to even recreations of famous works of art, Sawaya gathers inspiration from all aspects of life. The result is an astounding re-imagining of a beloved childhood toy into sculptures.

Most people would not typically associate LEGO bricks with art, but local residents are already taking notice of the exhibition's arrival and generating excitement.

"We've already had several fieldtrip requests come in from schools and other groups," Szekeres says. "We've also been talking with local LEGO groups about putting together special programs surrounding the exhibit," she says.

Szekeres says the Oshkosh Public Museum is currently in the process of organizing exciting activities to offer guests visiting the exhibit. These could include a building station where guests can try their hand at recreating works of art from LEGO bricks right in the gallery. Another feature of the exhibit is a taped interview with Sawaya that guests can watch, where he discusses how he began working with the bricks.

"The Art of the Brick" will be on display Feb. 28 to June 14 at the Oshkosh Public Museum. More information can be found at [oshkoshmuseum.org](http://oshkoshmuseum.org).

— By Mia Sato

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# WINTER *wonderland*

By Anny Hanson

*Recreation clubs make the most of the cold*

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Whether it's the trails or slopes that catch your fancy this time of year, winter offers a host of seasonal pastimes to get you out and moving. Four area clubs reveal what makes this the "most wonderful time of the year" for them.

## HITTING THE SLOPES

"We ski the world," says Deb Bramschreiber of the Sly Fox Ski & Snowboard Club. The club travels around the state, country and world, going to such destinations as Telluride, Vail, Aspen, New Zealand, France, Italy and Austria. "There's always someone to ski with and hang out with."

An international trip is planned every other year. Last month, the club went to Switzerland. "There's just a multitude of places we've been to. The list is long," adds the advisor and past president. Non-skiers also attend the trips on occasion and you can tailor what you'd like to do to a degree.

"Skiing Europe is really different. A lot of it is above the tree line," Bramschreiber shares of the experiences, which include taking in galleries, museums, casinos, shopping, food and more. "Prague is absolutely breathtaking. Everyone should visit there. ... They're all equally fabulous. Each one has a bright spot."

There are 150 members, from beginner to advanced levels, in the Sly Fox Ski & Snowboard Club, which gather year round. The minimum age

to join is 21 and the oldest current member is 85. Members are able to participate in the trips that are fully arranged for them. Depending on the trip, typically 40-80 individuals participate. The club is made up of downhill skiers and snowboarders.

"Sometimes it's not much fun to go skiing by yourself," says Bramschreiber. "We are finding that we're getting younger members and retaining our older members."

For those who are new to skiing, most hills offer lessons and reduced rates to beginners. Rentals or the opportunity to try out different skis also may be available.

"Every place we go, we make sure lessons are

available," Bramschreiber notes. "If you need some help, all you have to do is ask. ... You don't have to be an expert skier to join. The only way you get better is if you ski."

## MAKING TRAILS

For 41 years, the Fremont Invaders Snowmobile Club has been taking to the trails. Given their name due to the black, one-piece snowsuits members wear, they often venture out on trips, whether it's a short ride or backpacking around the state to a routed or non-routed destination. As Treasurer Debi Bartel explains, you go where there's snow and you stop along the way to explore.

"It's something where you can take an afternoon or evening and go out to dinner, or you can take a weekend," says Bartel. "You can really enjoy nature as you're flying by at 70 mph."

"It's not the crazy outdoor junky. It's someone who likes something a little more eclectic," adds Michael Merbach, president of the Apple Creek Snow Ryders.

The Fremont Invaders have about 79 members ranging in age from 16-70, says Bartel. She recalls bringing her daughter out on the



*Photo courtesy of Sly Fox Ski & Snowboard Club*



trails for the first time with her when she was 3 months old. Bartel put her in a baby carrier zipped up under her coat and took off in search of white fluff.

"Snowmobiling is just something a family can do together," shares Bartel. "It's one of those things you can do your entire life."

Pat Hanagan, trail chairman, groomer and snow patrol with the Green Knights Snowmobile Club, has been snowmobiling for a decade.

"The sport is a lot of fun," Hanagan says. "You grab a group of people and you take off. ... It's a rush on the snowmobile. It's great when you can just take off." The Greenville-based group used to plan formal rides, but now opts to gather groups as time and weather permits, primarily for weekend rides.

"The snowmobiler's thrill is there's no shifting, there's wind," shares Merbach. "There's no wasted time. The time that it takes to get to 55 (mph) is no time at all."

With that said, most clubs offer safety training or can point individuals in the right direction to get them started. Each of the three clubs are willing to introduce individuals interested in snowmobiling to the sport as well.

The Green Knights formed in 1969 and today, have 34 members on their roster, ages 20-75 years of age. The Apple Creek Snow Ryders have about 80 members, with the oldest being in their 80s or 90s.

"It's not a cheap sport, you have to maintain gas and insurance and fuel," explains Merbach. There's also the maintenance aspect, which involves grooming the trails, sign making and clearing trees to list a few of the jobs linked to the sport.

"I'm always busy grooming or marking," says Merbach who doesn't snowmobile much these days, but rather prefers to be on the groomer. He landed the job by accident when the club's groomer at the time broke down in front of his home. While the gentleman was on the phone, Merbach managed to fix his flat tire.

"For the next 10 years, I wanted to drive that darn thing!" remembers Merbach. "If that hadn't broken down in my driveway, I don't know if I ever would have gone to a meeting."

Photo courtesy of the Fremont Invades Snowmobile Club



He grew up snowmobiling with family and always enjoyed watching out for the groomer.

"You were so happy to find it on the trail. It was like a treasure hunt," he says with a chuckle.

Community involvement including parades, open houses, chili dumps, picnics, providing scholarships and becoming involved community members are just some of the duties that go into these clubs, in addition to snowmobiling.

"We're trying to get younger kids out so they can take over things," says Hanagan.

That is, however, a challenge, according to these area clubs.

"You can't text an easement to an 85-year-old landowner," notes Merbach of the process to obtain written permission from property

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owners to use their land. “The kids who do it, grew up in a family that did it.” It’s been difficult to get new children who aren’t familiar with what all goes into getting the trails ready for use involved in the behind-the-scenes work of snowmobiling, he adds.

The Wisconsin Trail System is funded by the Department of Natural Resources and clubs can apply for grants to get reimbursed for their efforts. A trail pass is now required to be on it. Despite the pass, snowmobilers still must respect the property, in most cases made available by private landowners, and obey the 55 mph speed limit from dusk to dawn.

“Somebody owns the land that they’re snowmobiling on. It’s not their open playground,” reminds Bartel. “It’s a privilege, not a right.”

“The reality is the trail isn’t going to be there if everyone isn’t in the mix,” reminds Merbach.

In addition to being mindful of property, Hanagan also keeps the trails safe as an active snow patrol member for the last five years. He assists the game warden and Outagamie

County Sheriff’s Department with ensuring that snowmobilers aren’t trespassing, way off the trail system or in need of help.

“Our vests stick out so far ahead when they see that lime green coming,” says Hanagan. “Our colors get out and make sure

they’re not goofing around.”

At the end of the day, the allure of the snow is what tempts snowmobilers to continue to hit the trails.

“It’s all that beautiful white begging you to snowmobile,” Bartel shares.

“Winter sports aren’t for everyone, but it’s nice to be able to get out,” adds Merbach.

So, the next time you’re considering venturing out into colder temperatures, be adventurous and try something new. There’s plenty to do in the Fox Cities.



## GET INVOLVED

For more information on each of the clubs, their meeting times, membership fees and upcoming events, visit them online:

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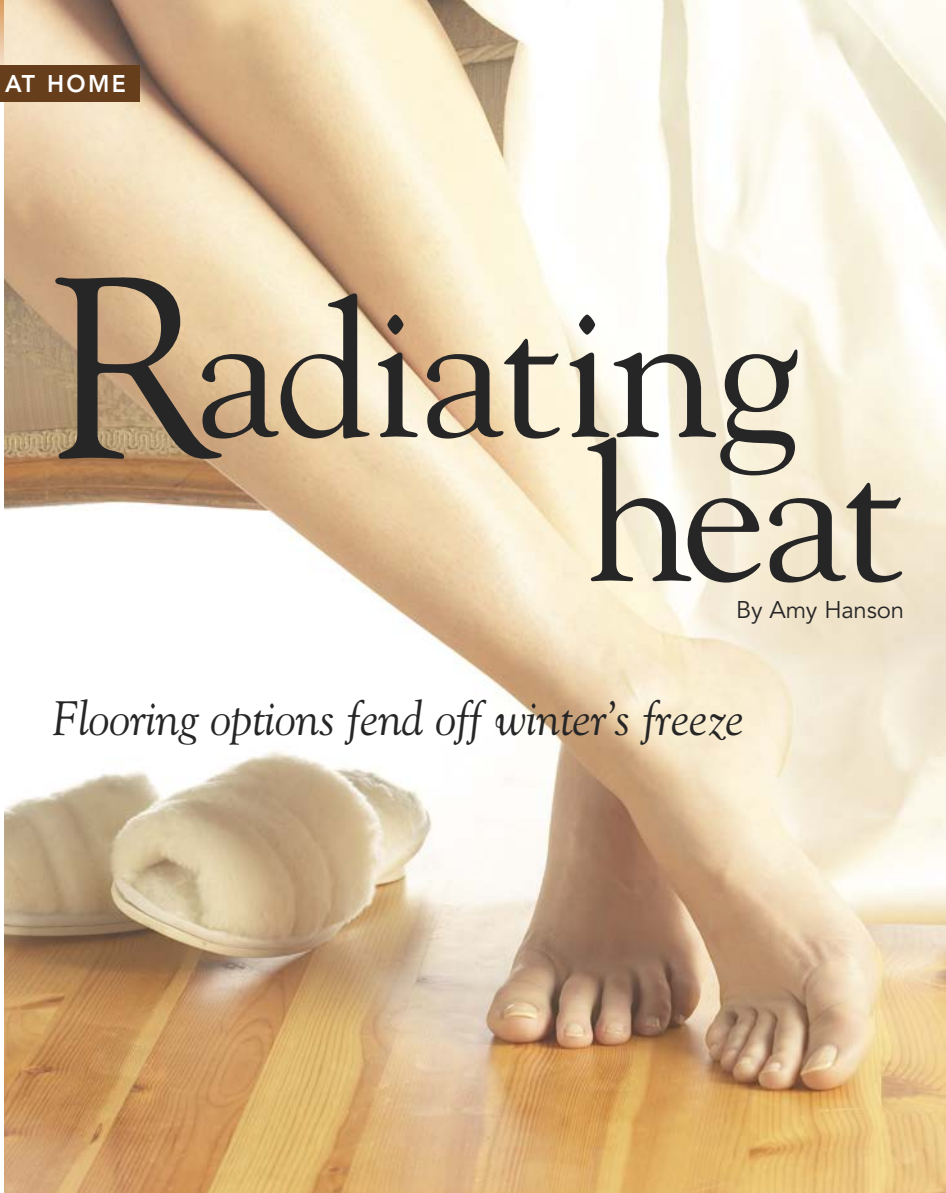
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# Radiating heat

By Amy Hanson

*Flooring options fend off winter's freeze*



The jolt of bare toes making contact with a chilly floor can be a rude awakening on cold Wisconsin mornings. Whether it's wood, tile or laminate flooring, these options are seemingly always cool to the touch, especially in frigid climates. Radiant or in-floor heating, however, can change that and warm your feet in the process.

"It's something that's gaining popularity," says Janet Gunderson, design director at Home Interiors Flooring in Appleton. "We live in a very cold climate, of course, and people like the luxury of in-floor heating."

Gunderson notes that more customers are starting to notice radiant heat in their friends' homes or Parade of Homes events.

"Once you have it, you like it and are familiar with it, and

want more of it," Gunderson adds of the products that help in creating overall comfort in a home. "It doesn't seem like much, but when you're stepping from a cold floor to a warm floor, you can definitely feel the difference."

Areas of the home being targeted for radiant heat are master and basement baths, four-seasons rooms, kitchens, garages and workshop spaces. John Kramer, co-owner of Kramer Peterson Heating & Cooling Inc. in Appleton, also recommends the flooring option for homes on concrete slabs, condos, residences without a basement and assisted living facilities.

"Older people like it because it's a constant heat and warmer heat," Kramer notes. "It's nice to have the warmer heat on the floors."

In-floor heating is typically used under ceramic tile and other hard surfaces. While some products can be used under carpet, it is seldom done since carpet is usually warm enough on its own and there are concerns with trapping heat under a dense

pad, which can create a fire hazard. In-floor heating also cannot have heavy, big rugs over the top of it or be installed under cabinets, explains Barb Skubal, interior design at Total Floor Covering in Appleton. Some adhesives can be a concern as well. The flooring products can, however, be installed pretty much anywhere.

"Some people will do it throughout the whole house," says Kramer. "Once it heats up, it stays warm all the time."

Kramer has installed a hot water coil system in his revamped Appleton business workspace that heats the whole shop and combats the concrete floor. He sets the boiler between 58 and 60 degrees.

"Once it stays hot, it radiates out so it may go up a few degrees," he notes.

There are different types of in-floor heating options available — hot water coil, electric coil and electric mat. The mat systems are designed for smaller, exact square or rectangular spaces, says Skubal. The mats come in predetermined sizes whereas the coil systems are more flexible. Because of the restrictive sizes of the mats, they may not be the most efficient option for a space.

Flooring options come with a programmable thermostat that connects to a probe under the surface. An electrician is needed to put in the thermostat and install the flooring properly.

"Most people set them once and then forget about them," says Gunderson.

"It can go on at 5 in the morning, stay on for a couple of hours and then turn off," adds Skubal.

It is important, however, to make sure that the temperature is set within a proper range.

Concrete can turn to powder if the water is too hot in a hot water coil system, says Kramer. "Different floor sources need different temperatures," he notes.

This is not a project for do-it-yourself homeowners.

"You could have a very expensive mistake on your hands," shares Gunderson.

"The ordinary person can't just hook this up," echoes Kramer. In a hot water coil system, the tubes are laid closer together toward the outside wall to prevent heat loss and spaced out near the



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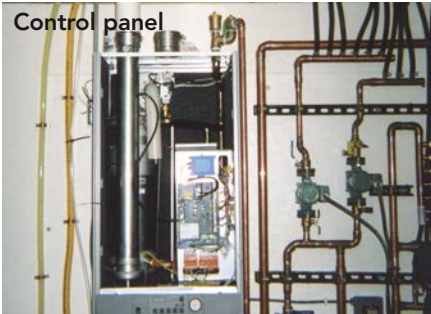


Master baths are popular rooms for radiant heat like this project by Total Floor Covering. Photo courtesy of Steckling Builders LLC





Installation



Control panel

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interior of the room. The tubes also are run through a pressure test to check for air leaks and temperature changes, shares Kramer.

“If it stops working, the whole floor has to come out,” stresses Skubal. “It really is important to have a professional installer and electrician involved. ... There’s a lot of do-it-yourselfers, bless their hearts for trying it, but it’s not easily coming back out.”

In addition to testing the system prior to covering it with concrete, it also needs to be insulated properly. And, because there is water in the tubes with a hot water coil or boiler system, glycol or

antifreeze needs to be injected to keep the tubes from freezing. Once concrete is poured, expansion cuts also need to be made in it to prevent cracking over time. The heat source, burners and pumps for radiant heat should receive a cleaning and tune-up annually as you would do with a furnace. Most systems have a 20-year or lifetime warranty, Kramer notes.

“They can only guarantee the product if it’s installed correctly,” Skubal adds.

Radiant heat also can be used as an auxiliary heat source with traditional heat, Gunderson says. She encourages clients to do their homework when considering radiant heat for their home since not all products are created equal.

“Sometimes people get sticker shock when they look at the price of this product, but it is a long-term investment,” she says. Different pricing and flooring options are available with each seller.



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# Sweets for sweethearts

By Amy Hanson

*Candy bars bring confections to wedding receptions*

Lyrics to James Taylor's "How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved By You)" can often be heard at wedding receptions. Now, another sweet moment is appearing at nuptial gatherings — candy bars. Spreads of candies in every flavor, shape and color that a bride and groom can conjure up, often displayed in varying sized fancy glass jars, are bringing guests back to their childhood with sugary indulgences. Fox Cities chocolatiers and candy shops are contributing to this personalized trend with their own twist.

## Around the world

Paul and Kristin Zaal, co-owners of Sweet Confectionary in the Fox River Mall, sell 52 different kinds of sweets from European and continental candy makers, including Germany, Spain and Holland. What people gravitate to "really depends on what the occasion is," says Paul.

He's found chocolates and gummies, especially the bears, to be his most popular items. "They're coming up with new shaped gummies all the time," he adds. Milk chocolate peanuts, Brazil nuts and brittle also

are sought-after items. Sweet Confectionary only sells bulk, non-wrapped candy.

"It depends on what the colors of their weddings are and we can match it," he adds. White gummy grapefruit and yogurt pretzel balls have been recent inquiries for receptions.

If Sweet Confectionary doesn't have the item available at the kiosk, the shop can likely order it with proper notice depending on the item and quantity needed; most candies require a minimum order of 3 to 5 pounds.

"It's a happy item that makes people happy," says Paul of the candies he sells.

## Chocolate creations

"We do sell candy for candy bars all the time," says Liz Garvey, promotions for Wilmar Chocolates, who notes that the appeal of having a bar or buffet is likely "the idea of so much candy in one spot." "When you come in here, what we want to find out is if you're going with a specific color," she adds.

"Often, the candy bar is an extension of the bride and groom," shares Lisa Garvey, Wilmar Chocolates' retail manager. She notes that the discussion with couples often also includes budget, number of guests, venue, timing, adults versus children attending, food concerns and special interests.

"Food tends to be a part of the celebration, part of the tradition so it's fun to incorporate," Lisa adds. A candy bar could feature a traditional family favorite in addition to the likes of the couple, or chocolates with a personalized label. Wilmar offers the opportunity to "Build Your Bar." The speciality chocolate bars contain ingredients that are made to order and one of a kind.

The chocolatier has worked with couples who opt to do buffets of just chocolate or dessert platters, including Wilmarvels — handmade





vanilla caramels over freshly roasted cashews — instead of having different types of candies. Foil-wrapped chocolate shapes like Christmas stars, leaves and hearts also can be popular with seasonal ceremonies.

“If they’re looking to do a candy bar, it does require as much planning as the cake,” notes Lisa. “The more time we have, the more detail and personality we can do. ... You don’t have to follow the rules. You can do it your own way.”

From white on white treats to loads of color, options abound. Lisa recently worked with a couple who chose to use baskets for their candy to enhance the country, woody feel of the big day.

“It added to the whole theme,” she shares. “This really can extend the whole feeling.”

### Candy colors

Mary Kelley is crazy about candy and beginning to venture into the world of weddings with her College Avenue shop, Crazy Sweet.

“What we’re planning on doing in the corner is having samples of bits of color,” the shop owner explains.

Jelly Belly jelly beans, which is one of the candies Kelley sells, come in an array of colors, but she is now working with a candy company that can match colors in the Pantone color palette to provide colored malt balls, among other treats.



“You can match someone’s dress!” she notes. “We’re excited about doing weddings. That will be fun. Who doesn’t love to dress up a table!?”

Around her shop she has a variety of candy ranging from bulk options in bins to nostalgic to newfound sweets.

“People ask for all kinds of things,” Kelley says.

“Some people want the experience of the candy, not just the color.” Candy corn, no matter the time of year, remains a top seller. And, whether it’s the fizz of a Zotz or the sour notes of Cry Baby Tears, everyone has a favorite pick. If you don’t see yours, Kelley can likely get it with proper notice.

“Some parents are so fun with their kids and explaining the thrill they had with the candy when they were a kid,” Kelley shares.

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"It's nice to have four weeks to work with people. It's usually the packaging that throws a wrench into the system," says Vande Walle. "They (couples) like the chocolates because there are papers around them. It's kind of like their own little carriers. They want to have that little something extra, that little special thank you to their guests." Some orders may require minimums.

"The bride says, 'Oh, I love this candy so we have to have this.' But, the groom says, 'I like this,'" says Vande Walle of the selection process.

"You give them a little bit of direction and then the lightbulb goes on."

He typically begins by asking the couple what their favorite candies are and to imagine if they were a guest what type of candy they'd like to see on the candy bar.

"They're all bubbling with enthusiasm. It's fun to work with them," shares Vande Walle.

## Designing a display

While these businesses don't offer the jars or containers for the buffets, most craft and department stores, along with online specialty shops have them available for sale or rent.

"That would be our advice to anyone," says Liz. "You can get all shapes and sizes."

Whatever your selection, area candy and chocolate connoisseurs agree, sweets will always be a part of weddings.

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By Reid Trier

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"It's a big push for quality. People try it and they realize, wow, there is a lot of flavor," says Steve Lonsway, owner and brewmaster of Appleton's Stone Arch Brew House. People are relishing the new, dynamic tastes found in India Pale Ale, barrel-aged beers, sours and more.

The recent spike in consumer interest has brought on the resurgence of local breweries. The Fox Valley, in particular, was once a booming center for beer production.

"Back then, the brewery was pretty much self sufficient. In the late 1800s, the beer probably had an Amber hue. It became lighter and lighter over time," says Kevin Bowen, brewmaster at Fox River Brewing Company in Oshkosh.

Bowen cites Oshkosh Brewing Company's Chief Oshkosh Beer as a leading seller in the Fox Valley during the early stages of production. As time moved on, however, several important factors — national brand consolidation and prohibition — hindered the opportunities to create quality, darker beer.

Fast forward to the late 1970s and home brewing became legal. People began to get creative, which Bowen attributes to abundant local resources. "All of the ingredients for beer were prime and indigenous to Wisconsin (i.e. barley and wheat). Today's craft beer scene has definitely taken a step back in history to embrace the beer," Bowen says.

Brewers also are crafting their product with care, another reason for increased public interest. The process from simple water and grain, to alcohol and carbon dioxide, involves timing, precision and often experimentation.



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Stone Arch Brew House

"The possibilities are endless. It's a whole new flavor profile — something new is going to be put in front of you," adds Bowen. This is what excites so many about craft beer and unites producer and consumer.

### BUY, EAT, DRINK LOCAL

Along with drinking a handcrafted product, consumers support their local economy. Similar to the local bread, cheese and coffee industries, craft beer is where people turn to for the best flavor, according to Joe Karls, brewmaster at Hinterland Brewery in Green Bay.

"These industries just keep growing and people are seeking them out," says Karls. "Beer is doing the same thing. People want the flavor of craft beer."

Hinterland prides themselves on a variety of flavors, which earned them the Wisconsin Brewery of the Year award at the 2013 New York International Beer Competition. Their year-round bottled beer includes an Amber Ale, IPA, Luna Coffee Stout, Pale Ale, Pub Draught and White Cap, characterized by its high level of hops.

This variety allows people to discover their favorite styles, or try something completely new. Craft breweries experiment with different flavors from lemon peel to black pepper in hopes that





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someone will find a taste in their product. This is an exciting and often unpredictable process for beer brewers and drinkers alike.

“The consumer becomes part of the tasting pattern and I think that draws them to feel a part of what we do as brewers,” says Andrew Fabry, president and founder of Green Bay’s Badger State Brewing Company. With a product directly tailored to the consumer, it is no wonder why local craft breweries are trending.

Those who have never visited a craft brewery — or experienced craft beer at all — can expect an authentic selection. This is all part of the local movement that has many excited for what’s on tap next.



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## IPAs TAP MARKET

India Pale Ale, or IPA, is a trend that has swept across the market. Traditional IPAs — typically containing between 6 and 8 percent alcohol — are regarded for their intense hoppy flavor. Hops enthusiasts everywhere cannot get enough, while those new to the product must acquire the taste for such intense flavor.

Those in the craft beer industry cannot speak enough of IPA’s recent impact. “The most popular craft beer right now is IPA. Hops are popular and hops are flavorful,” says Bowen. “IPAs first and foremost continue to be the top-selling beer across the country,” adds Fabry.

Most craft breweries either have an IPA

available on tap or in bottles year-round. If customers continue to praise the product, this could just be the beginning of the trend.

The newest trend in craft beer, however, is the Session IPA. “Sessionable IPAs are coming out right now — 4 percent IPAs that are equally flavorful,” says Krystina Engebos, beer ambassador at Tiletown Brewery in Green Bay. “People loved IPAs, but didn’t want 8 percent alcohol.”

Session IPAs — earning their name for a more sessionable alcohol by volume content — are making an impact on IPA sales. People can now enjoy more than just one or two at a time, since alcohol content is almost cut in half.

Session IPAs also are beginning to sell more, as people keep coming back for the same hoppy flavor. Last year was the biggest year on record for session IPA sales and much like traditional IPAs, the trend should continue into the foreseeable future.

## ROLL OUT THE BARREL

Along with IPAs, barrel-aged beers are the largest industry trend. The old bourbon and whiskey barrels that gardeners sweep up for planting uses are now finding themselves in the hands of local brewers.

There are great opportunities for flavor with barrel-aged beers, as brewers are leaving their recent produced beer in these barrels for months at a time. The result is a craft beer infused with the rich flavors left in the wood. Bourbon barrels are often used in this process, but craft brewers also realize the room for creativity.

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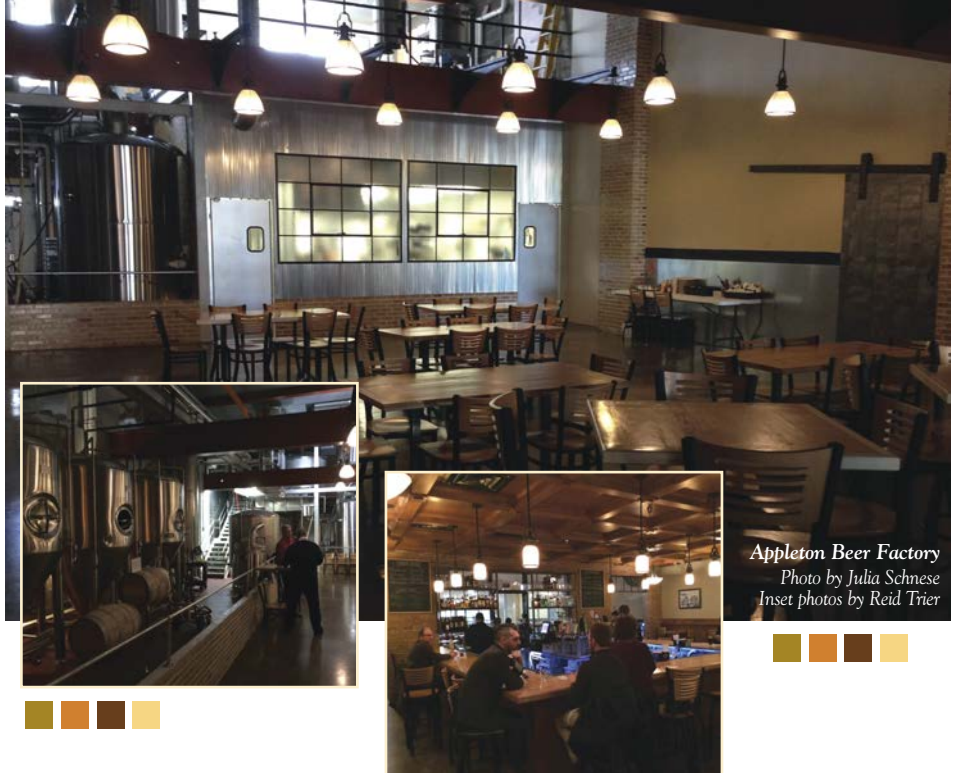
**Q.** Chef Jeff, I love to cook for my family! I watch shows like "Top Chef" and more often than I would like to admit I've heard them say that the measure of a cook is in the way they prepare an egg. I can cook an OK scrambled egg (who can't, right?), but am horrible at any other eggs. I thought maybe getting a gas stove would transform me, but that didn't happen. How do I cook a perfect over-easy egg? Does my failure to cook a decent egg say something deeper about problem spots in my cooking techniques? — Sherri Beausoleil

**A.** Sherri, I appreciate your question. Even scrambled eggs have their tricks to make them light and fluffy, including the use of a little steam and constant movement while cooking them over medium-high heat. The three keys to making perfect over-easy eggs is in the heat, the lubrication and the flip. First, your heat cannot be too high. If your heat is too high, the egg will set too quickly and possibly even brown without thoroughly



setting the egg white, which is needed for structure. Medium/moderate heat is best. Second, using enough lubricant in your pan, whether it be pan spray, butter or oil, is very important so there is little resistance. Flipping the eggs properly without breaking the yolks is of course, the third key to an over-easy egg so you can maintain the desired runny egg yolk. On the flip, the egg must roll completely over all at one time. I find the best technique is by flipping with a small sauté pan. Slide the eggs aggressively away from you and flip them back toward you when they hit the far edge of the pan. It takes a little practice, but can be mastered quickly. A spatula in a larger pan can work just as well. I hope this helps you, Sherri. Happy flipping!

Chef Jeffrey Igel is the chair of the Culinary Arts & Hospitality Department at Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton. "Chef Jeff" has spent his entire career in the restaurant and hospitality industry, serving in many capacities.



Appleton Beer Factory  
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from Trout Springs Winery in Greenleaf in hopes of bringing the wine flavors back out. Other brewers are experimenting with Chardonnay, Cabernet, Merlot and more.

As Bowen states, cherry barrels are beginning to trend for additional flavor. This adds an undertone of sweetness and tart tastes to the beer, which can appeal to beer drinkers new and old. Plain and simple, brewers are utilizing abundant resources to enhance the quality of craft beer.

"Barrel aging is a huge trend right now that I don't think will stop," says Lonsway. "We have the next generation in barrels now. Local brewers are looking to get barrels in their industry."

Many believe barrel aging is the most exciting industry trend, as any liquid infused in the wood can be infused in one's beer.

The possibilities are endless and brewers have just scratched the surface.

## SOUR HOUR

Sour beers have found their niche on the coasts and are just beginning to pop up in Wisconsin. "We see a trend with sours, and I think it will be slow to come here. You see them seldom," says Jeff Fogle, president and brewer at Appleton Beer Factory.

As Fogle explains, Wisconsin has been more traditional in their beer styles. While those on the coasts tend to emphasize lighter summer beers, Wisconsin's distinct seasons prevent these from being a main focus. Fall and winter seasonal beers have instead been a hallmark of craft brewing in the state.

Sours may be a divergence from the norm, but this does not mean brewers are not interested. Hinterland bottles a summer seasonal called, Cherry Wheat. The beer is described as light in the body with notes of sour cherry.

Brewers also are prepared to alter their typical brewing methods for sours. "Sour beers are definitely a historical style, largely attributed to open

fermentation," says Bowen. "Open fermentation is one method of getting yeast into beer."

"You are basically using bacteria to ferment your product. The bacteria you use makes generally, a lactic acid, and that is sour," Bowen adds. The process can take longer than barrel-aging, but the final product is well worth the wait for many consumers.

"What is really great about sour beers is that they have an incredibly refreshing tartness," says Engebos. If sour and tart are one's preference for wines, sour beers incorporate much of the same flavor and should trickle into Wisconsin in the coming months.

## INTERCONNECTED INDUSTRY

Craft breweries are not only successful because of the product they create, but also the support within the entire industry. "Part of the industry is that you love to see others' success. The positive vibe throughout the community is contagious," comments Engebos.

Whether two breweries bounce ideas off one another or exchange samples of their product, a positive impact is being made in the craft beer community. In a growing industry, these relationships are necessary for continued success.

"We are fortunate to be a part of an industry where people are really willing to help each other out and be friendly," says Fabry. "It's nice that we can lean on each other. I don't know of another industry that does that," adds Lonsway.

And these relations would not be possible without a passion for their product. Have a conversation with a brewmaster and after one hour (give or take), this becomes clear.

"I know a lot of brewers, and I don't know any that don't love what they do. It (craft brewing) envelops you," says Lonsway.

This sense of satisfaction pervades the craft brewing industry and extends to all of those willing to try a local product, handcrafted with care.





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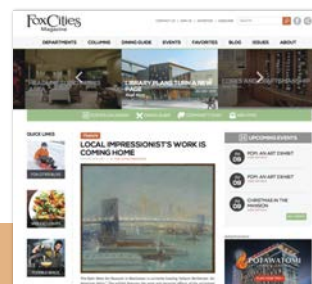
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