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**Native American Heritage Day to be held at Iola Historical Society on Saturday, Aug. 10**

On August 10, the Iola Historical Society will hold their Native American Heritage Day. The event will feature a presentation by Ray Reser, former University of Wisconsin Stevens Point archaeologist, telling visitors about the culture and history of the Native Americans who lived here in Central Wisconsin.

Dr. Reser’s program will create an atmosphere for the Towne Family Artifact dedication which follows. The eight-case display, containing numerous Native American artifacts donated by the Towne Family, is one of the more educational museum displays on this subject in Wisconsin.

In addition, Robert Ahlrich, anthropologist at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee will be giving a knapping demonstration. Knapping is the skill Native American craftsmen had for creating projectile points from flint and other raw materials.

Local artisan Barb Johnson will be giving a basket weaving demonstration, and has woven a rice-gathering basket patterned in Native American style.

A children’s area will allow the youngsters to play Native American games, and can also be archaeologists when they “excavate” a dig in search of arrowheads and win prizes with their finds.

Event Times:

Noon – 3:00 p.m. Vintage buildings and museums open for viewing.

1:30 Native Ameican History Presentation. Native American Artifact Display Dedication will take place immediately following the presentation.

1:00 to 3:00 Knapping Demonstration

Admissionto the event is free, although goodwill donations are always accepted. The Iola Historical Society is open on Saturdays, Noon to 3:00 p.m., June through August. For more information, go to its website at [www.iolahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.iolahistoricalsociety.org).

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