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**Iola Historical Society presentation looks at the history**

**of Wisconsin’s military and civilian medals**

Iola, WI: Fred Borgmann, a longtime collector of military memorabilia and former Krause Publications price guide cataloger, is the author of *Wisconsin’s Military & Civil Medals & Decorations (1987)* and *Wisconsin Military & Civil Medals (2013)*.

He will be using his books as a foundation for his PowerPoint presentation on the history of Wisconsin medals from the 1850s to 2013, medal terminology, the different types of medals bestowed upon military personnel and citizens, and a visual “tour” of Wisconsin’s state and local medals.

The presentation takes place Monday, Feb. 27, at 7:00 p.m., just after the regular monthly meeting of the Iola Historical Society, at the society’s Machine Shed at 222 Depot Street in Iola. The presentation is free of charge, although goodwill donations are always accepted.

“I made my first Wisconsin medals purchase at a Milwaukee MNS coin show in 1965 and have been collecting Wisconsin medals ever since, said Borgmann. “After nearly 31 years with Krause Publications (in Iola), I figured that I had learned enough to publish my own book and to do it my way. The only thing I didn't know is how expensive it would be. Fortunately I have a tolerant wife who shared my enthusiasm for the project and I am still happily married.”

Free copies of his first book, *Wisconsin’s Military & Civil Medals & Decorations (1987)*,will be available to those interested in learning more about the subject.

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