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Bridging Past and Present: Exploring Native American Cultural Heritage Series Kicks Off

OSHKOSH, Wis., February 4, 2025 – The public is invited to the inaugural event of a compelling new series dedicated to understanding the region's Indigenous communities both past and present. The free program on **Sunday, February 23rd, 2:00 p.m.** at the **Oshkosh Convention Center**, is the first in a series that will provide opportunities to explore the Native American Cultural Heritage through the findings of the early historic Native American Village in Menominee Park and through the art of contemporary Native American Artists.

Some key highlights include:

Discover the Essence of Native American Cultural Heritage: Ongoing archaeological endeavors at Menominee Park revealed a significant historical site dating back to 900-1600 CE, shedding light on early Native American life. These findings have drawn attention from the local community and national audiences, further fueled by efforts to preserve the cultural heritage site. During the opening program's panel presentation featuring Jennifer Haas (Cultural Resource Management Program, UWM), David Grignon (Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin), and William Quackenbush (Ho-Chunk Nation), they will share their involvement and perspectives on the archaeological work and cultural significance.

Explore the cultural vibrancy of the indigenous peoples through contemporary Native American Artists: Following the panel discussion, the public will be able to register for workshops, lectures, and hands-on opportunities that celebrate the enduring vibrancy of Tribal Nations through art.

Sign language interpreters will be on site for the February 23 event.

The Bridging Past and Present Series is funded by a Wisconsin Arts Board Grant from the National Endowment of Arts. It results from a partnership with the Friends of the Oshkosh Seniors Center and Oshkosh Public Museum, and support from Discover Oshkosh.

Register now for the opening program on February 23rd by visiting this [Registration Link](#). Watch for the full series registration details, available at [Full Series Registration](#). For more information, contact Anne Schaefer, Marketing and Fund Development Coordinator, at (920) 232-5080 or email: aschaefer@oshkoshwi.gov.

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