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AUGUST 10, 2024

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CELEBRATING A NEW VISION FOR

BLACK HISTORY

AT OLD WORLD WISCONSIN

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Old World Wisconsin opened in 1976 as a living history museum that shared stories of settlers who came to Wisconsin. There are many culturally diverse stories to be told. Old World Wisconsin is now revisiting an initial vision by historian Zachary Cooper to share experiences of Black settlers who lived in Wisconsin, including the Pleasant Ridge community in Grant County's Beetown Township. This rural community is well-documented thanks to Olive Greene Lewis who preserved their history.

A reproduction of the United Brethren Church along with a cemetery chapel from Pleasant Ridge are located at Old World Wisconsin. With financial support, OWW will enhance this experience into a dynamic attraction and celebrate the many stories of the rural Black families whose bounty, labor, and livelihood made this place home.

SATURDAY



SAVE THE DATE

(AUG. 11 IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER)

YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT THIS PROGRAM NOW!

The Chair of the OWW Board of Trustees has issued a challenge to raise \$40,000 by **August 2, 2024** to enhance the story of Pleasant Ridge and Black History at Old World Wisconsin.

A donation of any amount is gratefully appreciated, but a donation of \$250 or more will secure your invitation to an exclusive evening at Old World Wisconsin.



**THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR SUPPORTERS, ALL
DONATIONS UP TO \$5500 WILL BE MATCHED!**

\$250 donation = Invitation for 2 to enjoy beverages, food trucks, live music and an exciting raffle at Old World Wisconsin.

\$500 donation = All the evening festivities plus a copy of *I Have Walked One Mile After Dark in a Hard Rain* by Sara Jo-Saebø for the Midwest History Project. This book explores a collection of letters from the Shepard family who lived in the community of Pleasant Ridge.

\$1000 donation = An opportunity to bring up to 3 of your friends to Old World Wisconsin (4 total) on August 10.

\$2500 donation = In addition to the benefits listed above, an invitation for 2 people to join us at Old World Wisconsin on September 14 for a special donor reception.

..... **OUR TIMELINE FOR THE EVENING**

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Arrive at Old World Wisconsin (per your confirmation letter)
Check in, have your picture taken, enjoy a drink and board the tram for your ride to the Norwegian Picnic Pavilion where the evening festivities will take place.

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

with your donation of \$250 or more, enjoy:

- Food & desserts from 4 different food trucks --**
- Tram Rides to the United Brethren Church / Pleasant Ridge --**
(for a short presentation)
- Wine, Beer, Mocktails and Specialty Sodas --**
- Live Music & an Exciting Raffle --**

Mingle with Old World Foundation Trustees, Old World Wisconsin Staff and other guests, sit or dance to live music by Van Whalen ('50s-70's hits) while savoring a variety of food and beverage options.

Try your luck at winning an exciting RAFFLE PRIZE.

TICKETS: 1 for \$20 or 6 for \$100 (cash or check)

PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION TODAY TO ENHANCE PROGRAMMING RELATED TO BLACK HISTORY AT OLD WORLD WISCONSIN!

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Send in the enclosed reply card, scan the QR code, visit the Old World Foundation website at oldworldfoundation.org or call (262) 594-2922 today. You will receive a detailed confirmation letter prior to the event. **THANK YOU!**



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an enchanted evening celebrating a new vision for Black History at Old World Wisconsin

- ☐ YES, I / We would like to enhance the story of Pleasant Ridge and Black History at OWW with a donation.
- ☐ I / We understand that all donations are appreciated and will have a positive impact on this program, but with a donation of **\$250 or more**, I/we will receive an invitation for 2 people to attend the exclusive evening at OWW on August 10 (August 11, severe weather date).
- ☐ A **\$500 donation**...A copy of the book showcasing letters from the residents of Pleasant Ridge in addition to the evening festivities.
- ☐ A **\$1000 donation**...4 tickets to the evening festivities in addition to the book.
- ☐ A **\$2500 donation**...4 tickets for Aug. 10 PLUS 2 tickets to a donor reception on Sept. 14.
- ☐ I wish for this gift to be anonymous.
- ☐ My check, made payable to Old World Foundation is enclosed. OR please charge my credit card.

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Credit Card #: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____ Expiration Date: ____ / ____

CVC Code: _____

Signature: _____

or Scan the Code Below



To receive an invitation to the evening celebration on **August 10**, donations must be received no later than **August 2**.

WHETHER YOU'RE ENCLOSING A CHECK OR USING A CREDIT CARD, PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

All information is required for credit card processing.
donations must be received no later than **August 2**.

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

THANK YOU!