

Happenings at the Hatchery!



Friends of the R.D. Pike Building, Inc.

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**Picnic, Petals & Paintings
at the Pike**

**Sat. Aug. 9
11 am - 2:30 pm**

Heritage Flower Tours: 12 noon, 1 & 2 p.m.
Bring a Picnic Lunch
Plein Air Paintings in Progress
Vintage Games for Kids

Hosted by the Friends of the R.D. Pike Building
www.friendsofrdpike.org

Come help us re-create the classic Picnics at the Pike!

Greetings!

Who doesn't like a picnic?! Please join us August 9th from 11a.m. to 2:30 p.m., as we continue our summer activities with a traditional hatchery picnic, garden tours and a glimpse of future plans. Local artists will be painting and sketching, and there will be old time games for the kids! We hope to recreate those great picnics carried out on these grounds over a century ago! Details can be found in the link below, and we hope you will come join us for a few hours as we Re-Awaken History. This is going to be a very fun day!

<https://www.friendsofrdpike.org/event-list>

Northern News Now KBJR visits the hatchery!



We talked in our last issue about the wonderful capital improvements coming to the Bayfield Hatchery in 2026. Recently, KBJR Northern News Now from Duluth Minnesota came to the hatchery to get an update. They captured a lot of video, asked great questions and we are honored that they paid a visit! You can watch the video clip here:
<https://www.northernnewsnow.com/2025/07/10/wisconsin-invests-16-million-preserve-historic-hatchery-with-trout/>

We need your help bringing back the Grand Porch in 2026!



When the hatchery was built in 1897, the building was adorned with a grand veranda on the front (east side of the building). Wonderful columns supported the porch and the State Crest was proudly displayed on top of the entrance for all visitors to enjoy with flower beds surrounding the outside perimeter. The porch fell into disrepair more than seven decades ago and was sadly removed. That incredible veranda was the "visual centerpiece" of this grand historic building and The Friends are determined to see it restored to its grandeur! We have detailed in previous issues of "Happenings" the work being done by UWM-SARUP to re-create the crest and provide us with a new one for the building and we are so grateful. Now, with the improvements planned by the State of Wisconsin for 2026, we are actively fundraising to raise the capital necessary to take advantage of the economy of scale and add the foundation for the porch and the roof-line attachments while the historical contractors are on-site so that the grand veranda can once again welcome visitors from all over the world. Will you help us reach our goal of \$400,000? If you are interested in helping and wish to discuss a structured donation or have questions about this phase of the restoration, please send an email to us by clicking below and we will respond promptly:

[I want to help get the porch rebuilt!](#)

There are two ways you can donate to this vital effort. You can make a secure donation via our PayPal link here:

[Let's Restore the Grand Porch!](#)

You may also send your fully tax-deductible contributions to: The Friends of the R.D. Pike Building, Inc., P.O. Box 511, Washburn, WI 54891. * Please mark donations for this project as "Porch Restoration". Thank you so much for your kindness, your shared vision and your contributions big or small, as we work hard to provide a wonderful historic and educational space for visitors, both now and into the future!

Meet "Leo" the Super-Scanner of the 21st Century!



"The times, they are a-changin'" Bob Dylan said. The University of Wisconsin Milwaukee's school of architecture and urban planning are actively working to recreate the Wisconsin State Crest that originally adorned the front of the building. This amazing hand-held 3D scanning technology allows for incredibly detailed reproduction and interpretation of nearly any object, and they are utilizing it to recreate the awesome piece on our behalf. There's a lot to tell on this story and we are developing an article for the website that will go into great detail about this technology and what it may mean for all of us in the future. For now, our warmest thank you to UWM-SARUP for spearheading this amazing part of the R.D. Pike Building restoration!

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