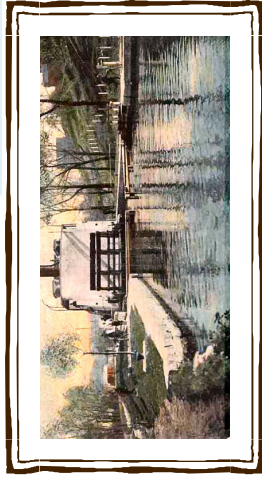


*The Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway is a unique and varied landscape in Wisconsin, consisting of the Fox and Lower Wisconsin Rivers, encompass an assortment of history, inhabitants and folklore that are as diverse as its topography.*

*The proposed linear parkway slices diagonally across Wisconsin through parts of 15 counties following the Fox River from Green Bay to Portage and the Wisconsin River from Portage to the Mississippi River. It marks the route taken in 1673 by explorers Father Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet.*

*"The Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway highlights a key portion of U.S. Senator Herb Kohl said, "The development of the Mississippi and the West was due in part to the work of Marquette and Joliet, and it would be a shame for this piece of history to be lost as the years go on."*



Parkway supporters and organizers believe a National Heritage Area designation would provide the opportunity to protect and enhance the abundant resources and unique history of this area.

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# FOX-WISCONSIN HERITAGE PARKWAY

## Unlock the Memories

*The history of locktending on the Fox River*

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2011  
Time: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

# Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway Presents *Unlock the Memories*

**Locktender Stories oral history project 3:15 p.m.**  
**Ruth Olson**

*Associate Director, Center for the Study of Upper-Midwestern Cultures  
University of Wisconsin, Madison*

**Refreshments and Interviews 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.**

*This time is set aside for those locktenders, family members and descendants who would like to personally speak with Ruth Olson about the Locktender Stories Oral History Project.*

*Others will have an opportunity to learn more about the history of lock tending through photo displays, newspaper articles, and meeting retired and current locktenders, their families and descendants. Others attendees include Fox River Navigational System Authority employees, current and retired U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employees, supporters of the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway and area historical societies.*

**Closing Comments 4:45 p.m.**

*Research on the history of the locktenders will continue on the lower and upper Fox (DePere to Portage). If you have information on locktenders, contact information, photos or other items of interest – please contact Christine Williams at 920-749-0415 or [Williams@heritageparkway.org](mailto:Williams@heritageparkway.org)*

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**Welcome and Introductions 2:15 p.m.**

**Guest Speakers 2:20 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Representative Penny Bernard Schaber**  
*57th Assembly District, State of Wisconsin*

**Harlan Kiesow**  
*Chief Executive Officer, Fox River Navigational System Authority*  
**History of Fox River Lock System**  
**Role of Fox River Navigational System Authority**  
**Restoration of locks and reuse of lock houses**

**Dan Reinhold**  
*Vice-President, Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway*  
**Role of the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway**

**Christine Williams**  
*Director of Historic and Cultural Resources, Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway*  
**Fox River Locktender research project**

**Introductions of Locktender Families 3:00 p.m.**

*A heartfelt thank you to all the individuals who are currently employed as locktenders and those locktenders and their families who have worked in the past so diligently allowing safe river traffic throughout the Fox River lock system.*