



Fall 2020 Newsletter

6306 State Road 23 Spring Green, WI 53588



Big and Small Projects

We have been using the down time that the pandemic provided us to clean and improve our facility.

These images show newly painted floors that set for a full month so the paint could cure completely. New carpeting was installed in the East Classroom and greatly dresses up the space.

Additionally, a thorough cleaning is continuing in the building. We removed many items that were outdated or worn out and donated other items that were no longer needed. All interior and exterior windows have been cleaned as well.

New items in the building include four new 60" event tables, which are durable and much easier to move, 20 new event chairs, 80 LED lightbulbs, and new custodial equipment and mats. These items came to us through private donations, and we cannot thank everyone enough.

We look forward to you seeing the improvements!

WVS and the COVID-19 Pandemic

Like so many other businesses and non-profit organizations worldwide, we have been hit hard by the pandemic. With tours and programming coming to a halt, significant revenue has been lost. When health guidelines are eased, and so we can “hit the ground running” when this happens, our goal is to have the school looking its best with proper sanitary measures in place. Some of the sanitary improvements include the addition of automatic soap and paper towel dispensers in the restrooms and kitchen.

A major benefit for WVS is our lawn space. Event rental companies have also been hit hard, and we have been meeting with several to discuss affordable options for promoting our outdoor space for the next Spring/Summer season. With social distancing, tented events may still be a possibility. Still, there is no guarantee that public participation will be sound, and government restrictions may limit social gathering numbers, or discourage them completely.

We have been having discussions with other similar small non-profits so we can share our ideas on how to work within the COVID limitations. These are stressful discussions, but valuable in terms of what is working and what is not.

Networking in our Community

We are happy to announce that we have renewed our membership with the Spring Green Chamber of Commerce, and we are now for the first time a member of the Middleton Chamber of Commerce. We hope to tap into the Middleton/Madison area for future programs and events.



Mailing Address Change

Please note that we have discontinued our P.O. Box. All mail and general deliveries should now be addressed to:

**Wyoming Valley School
6306 State Road 23, Spring Green, WI 53588**

New Logo

We are proud to introduce our new logo to you!

After careful consideration, the Board approved working with Graphic Designer Elizabeth Frozena of Cary, IL to design a new, more current logo for the school. We could not be happier with what Elizabeth designed for us and cannot thank her enough for donating her time to this project.

The new logo is very identifiable, and references both the shape of the school and Wright's love of shapes in general.



Greetings from your New Director

I would like to introduce myself to all of you. My name is Dave Zaleski and I am originally a Middleton native. I recently moved back to the area after an almost 30-year absence, having moved around for educational and work purposes. I spent quite a bit of time in Germany, in addition to several States including Minnesota, Georgia, and Florida. I have almost 20 years of experience in the museum field, working for the Telfair Museum of Art in Savannah, GA, the Racine Art Museum in Racine, WI and the Art & History Museums - Maitland, located in the Orlando, FL area.

After briefly working as Events Manager at Taliesin Preservation, I unfortunately had to move on due to the pandemic. I am unbelievably grateful to have been asked to help lead this organization. My education focused on History, in particular Architectural History, so this position is a perfect fit.

We are working hard to improve the Center and I will be updating our Facebook page more and more as our situation moves forward. We will be continuing to work closely with our friends at Taliesin Preservation to promote our sites and improve tourism in this region, especially during these challenging times.

I look forward to meeting all of you who have supported us so much, and to having a long relationship with the Wyoming Valley School.

Best wishes to you during this holiday season!

Dave



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