

## Vision

To make WHO a recognized resource, known and used for its quality

To enable users to search digital content of cultural institutions across the state

To build a portal to access content regardless of content management system

## Wisconsin Heritage Online Portal

Wisconsin Heritage Online, [wisconsinheritage.org](http://wisconsinheritage.org), has over 30,000 items in it. Records come from six servers, with 23 collections from non-UW locations and more than 32 collections from the State of Wisconsin collection, plus 16 collections in the University of Wisconsin collection.

You can promote usage of WHO to your community:

- Put a link to the site ([wisconsinheritage.org](http://wisconsinheritage.org)) on your web site or digital collections page.
- Download one of the WHO logos from the wiki's front page ([wiheritage.pbwiki.com](http://wiheritage.pbwiki.com)) and put the logo on your web site. Link the logo to the web site.

## WHO Working Group update

### The Future Directions group

This group continues work on the large task of writing and applying for a grant. The group has written an outline of a project proposal. Several members of the group are researching and evaluating Wisconsin corporations which have given grants to Wisconsin applicants in the past. They

expect to apply in the 2008 grant cycle. Cathy Markwiese, Milwaukee Public Library, is the chair of this group and is guiding the work. Kirsten Houtman, WiLS, will be the principal grant writer. Members of the group will be involved with review, and editing of the grant; other members will be working on the project proposal itself. You can check out the details of their work and read the proposal outline on the wiki at [wiheritage.pbwiki.com](http://wiheritage.pbwiki.com), under WHO Working Groups.

## The Museum group

This group has undertaken several tasks. One of them is to survey cultural heritage institutions in Wisconsin about their use of content management or collection management systems. The results of this survey will meet the needs assessment requirement of the grant proposal. The other projects this group is working on are writing Digital Photography Guidelines, and assessing and defining the issues of hierarchically structured museum metadata and how this data might best be harvested for WHO. This group is chaired by Abbie Norderhaug, Wisconsin Veterans Museum.

The survey has been sent out via email and USPS mail to almost 500 cultural heritage institutions. There's been a good return rate so far! If your organization has received a survey, please do fill it out and return it, either via the web link or on paper.

## Planning a Digital Project?

Are you interested in planning and implementing a digital project but need some help? WHO does not offer monetary assistance but we do provide software, a digital collection hosting service, best practices/standards, and consulting. Check out these documents on the Wisconsin Heritage On-



