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**RAISE A GLASS TO WADE HOUSE'S PAST**

Wade House Historic Site will present a "Bottoms Up" Book Party on Saturday, April 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. featuring Jim Draeger, author of "Bottoms Up: A Toast to Wisconsin’s Historic Bars and Breweries."

The award-winning book showcases the architecture and history of 70 Wisconsin breweries and bars, including a segment about the Wade House taproom. The book party will begin with an author talk and book signing at the new Wade House Visitor Center and conclude with a beer tasting experience in the Wade House taproom.

During the event, participants will discover Wisconsin's bar and brewing history. Starting with the first stagecoach taverns, author Jim Draeger will describe the evolution of the saloon, the growth of big brewing, the effects of Prohibition and the rise of theme bars and craft brewers.

In a lively presentation accompanied by many photographs, Draeger will point out how the 70 featured taverns and breweries in his book all represent diverse architectural styles, from the 1850s Wade House taproom, the Bavarian-inspired Empire Tavern (Legend Larry's) in Sheboygan and the Art Deco inspired Diedrich's Tavern in Chilton to the Queen Anne-style Klawun's Saloon (Chasers) in Oshkosh and the well-known Wolski's Tavern in Milwaukee.

Guests will see images of bars in barns and basements, and brewpubs in former ice cream factories and railroad depots, as well as hear about ice harvesting, barrel making, bar games, bar fixtures and the queen of the bootleggers.

The author’s talk will be followed by a book signing with the author.

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Once the book signing concludes, registered guests will travel to the historic taproom of the 1850 Wade House stagecoach hotel to sample local craft beer.

The cost is $8 for adults and $6 for seniors (65 plus). Reservations are highly recommended. Go to wadehouse.org for further information or call our the society’s box office at 608-264-4848.

Wade House’s final Timeless Tales Talk of the season will be on Sunday, May 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will feature Jane Conway and Randi Julia, co-authors of Extra! Extra! Eat All About It! Recipes and Culinary Curiosities from Historic Wisconsin Newspapers. This event will include a chance to sample some of the breakfast party recipes featured in the book.

Wade House is one of the Wisconsin Historical Society’s 12 historic sites and museums, located in Greenbush, Wis. The site includes an 1850s stagecoach inn that was built to serve traffic along a plank road connecting Fond du Lac and Sheboygan. Wade House is also home to a blacksmith shop, sawmill and the Wesley W. Jung Carriage Museum, which houses the state’s largest collection of antique carriages and working wagons.

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