

Program Sponsorship OPPORTUNITIES

THINK & DRINK SPEAKER SERIES

\$300 Monthly Sponsorship

Attendance: 60+ attendees per program

Our Thursday Think & Drink programs feature a range of historical and maritime experts. It is the first Thursday evening of every month, starting at 6:30 pm. Admission is free in person and online, and there is a limited cash bar that features a specialty cocktail and non-alcoholic alternative related to the theme of the talk. Doors and bar open at 6:00 pm.

Women have always played an important role in Great Lakes and maritime history, yet their stories often go untold. Join the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in celebrating both historical and modern female trailblazers with 2024's Think & Drink theme: Great Women of the Great Lakes & Beyond.

UPCOMING DATES/TOPICS INCLUDE:

January 4, 2024

WAVES and SPARS: Women of the Navy and Coast Guard in WWII

World War II wasn't just a man's war - over 350,000 American women served in the Armed Forces through programs like the Navy's WAVES (Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service) and the Coast Guard's SPARS (Semper Paratus, Always Ready).

February 1, 2024

Keeping Girls Afloat: Black Girls Dive Foundation

Learn how Black Girls Dive Foundation empowers young Black women to explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) through marine science, conservation, and SCUBA diving.

March 7, 2024

Historic Housewives of Manitowoc

Cooking on an open fire, washing clothes by hand, keeping a diligent eye on the kids while also tending to some worn clothes in dire need of a patch job. This was common life for a woman back in pioneer times, and no woman was a stranger to this lifestyle. But our pioneer women also started libraries, classrooms, museums, and so much more. Discover the women movers and shakers in Manitowoc at the turn of the 20th century!

April 4, 2024

Spooky Lake Month: Environmental Education Through Art

Wisconsin-based hobby limnologist (freshwater scientist) and popular TikTok Geo Rutherford is well known for her series Spooky Lake Month where she highlights the spooky history and science behind a specific lake or water feature. Her videos have educated millions of people on the beauty, danger, and power of the waters that cover this planet.

May 2, 2024

Mother Earth Water Walkers

Nokomis (Grandmother) Josephine Biidasige Mandamin dedicated her life to speaking for the Great Lakes and was an influential teacher and advocate for the Earth's water. In 2003 she began Mother Earth Water Walkers, where she along with other Nokomis walked the perimeter of the Great Lakes and Saint Lawrence Seaway.

June 6, 2024

SubPub Think & Drink: Victory at Sea

In 1952-53, NBC brought WWII into America's homes as network TV was in its biggest growth spurt. Victory at Sea's 26 episodes, with their vivid orchestra score and footage sourced from 14 warring nations, took viewers into every theater of the war. Join George Ferencz to hear the behind-the-scenes story of NBC's prize-winning WWII documentary series.

August 1, 2024

SubPub Think & Drink: Dance Styles from the 30s, 40s, 50s

Dancing during WWII was one of the few ways people could escape the pressure of life both on the warfront and at home. Learn about the popular dance styles from the 30s, 40s, and 50s.

September 5, 2024

From the Sea to the Stars: The Life and Death of Laurel Clark

Astronaut Laurel Clark from Racine, WI was an accomplished doctor, U.S. Navy captain, and NASA astronaut who died aboard the space shuttle Columbia in 2003. Before she worked in space, Clark was the medical department head for a submarine squadron and performed numerous dives to evacuate submarines in medical emergencies.

October 3, 2024

Female Pirates

Despite pirates being a perennially popular topic, female swashbucklers are often overlooked. Learn about the women who found their freedom in the sea.

November 7, 2024

Ladies of the Light: Georgia Stebbins and Female Lighthouse Keepers

In 1873, forty-six years before women were allowed to vote in America, a lady by the name of Georgia Green Stebbins managed the North Point Lighthouse in Milwaukee. She became the longest-serving lighthouse keeper in North Point history, never missing a night for 26 years.

December 5, 2024

Women on Submarines

In 2010, the ban on women serving on submarines was lifted. In 2022, two women made history: Lt. Cmdr. Amber Cowan became the first female Executive Officer on a submarine and Master Chief Information Systems Technician (Submarine) Angela Koogler became the first female Chief of the Boat.



ROV PROGRAM

\$1,000 Yearly Sponsorship

Attendance: 750+

During this field trip favorite, learn about the uses of remotely operated vehicles. Groups build and test their own robot in water.

