



OUR MISSION: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy*

June 1, 2024



A Note from Outgoing Program Chair Vicki Harmon

As most of you know I have stepped down from my position as Chair of the Program Committee.

What does this mean for the program committee?

It has become clear to the Leadership Team that members are more hesitant to commit to long term roles as Committee “chairs”. The Program chair vacancy has provided the opportunity to test out moving forward as a League into the model of “project leads”. As the League takes on the collaborations being rolled out by both the LWV US and LWV WI prior to the election, League members will have many opportunities to volunteer to participate in projects that appeal to their interest. I hope all League members will consider putting time into our #1 mission - *educating voters and getting out the vote*. In that sense, our entire membership has now become a cohesive team moving in the same direction toward the same goal.

The LWVWI is coming out with new promotional material relevant to state issues that we can tap into as a League for educational purposes. Our chapter's leadership team is already putting these opportunities into the calendar to roll out as they become available.

I thank you all for the honor of working with you in the position of Program Chair for the last 4 years and look forward to working with many of you on this next project.

My focus this next year will be to take the lead on The Readers Theater production slated for October, 2025. This production will serve a multitude of purposes. My hope is that it will shed light on the history of the league, and broaden the awareness of what the league is and what we do. I am also hopeful that this will be a fundraiser for the League. And, of course, that it will be FUN!! I also think that after the election year ahead of us this may be just the outlet we all need- no matter what the outcome is.

All members will learn more about the Reader's Theater production in upcoming newsletters.

If you have questions about the Readers Theater Production please direct them to me.

A Special Note to all League Members:

Please engage in anything that interests you as brought forth by the LWVSCV and watch the newsletter for all the opportunities available. Ideas, questions, concerns? Please contact Irene, Beth, or Kris. Rest assured that we are here to support you as you support the League.



A Note from Leadership:

Thank you, Vicki, for your creative and inclusive leadership as Program Chair. Wonderful things have been accomplished and offered to our members through your efforts.

The Readers Theater is something affirming to look forward to and to help us celebrate the tenth anniversary of our League in 2025!

Forward Together.
Beth, Irene, and Kris



FROM the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

LWV-SCV Personal Information Survey:

Earlier this month, members were asked whether they were comfortable having their personal information accessible to other League members. Most members responded 'yes'! They know that it facilitates our activities if members can contact each other directly and in a timely manner.

After June 10, we will share a document with all our members which will include an up-to-date member list that will include email and phone number.

Please contact Kathy Streitz (612-916-8856) or Irene Bugge **before** June 10 if you do **NOT** want your information shared.

Thank you for your help with this.

Kathy Streitz

Irene Bugge



FAIR MAPS: CELEBRATE & LEARN
Members should take advantage of this learning opportunity organized through collaboration between
LWV-Chippewa Valley,
LWV-St Croix Valley,
Wisconsin Public Education Network
and Grassroots Organizing of Western Wisconsin (GROWW)

You are invited to **Fair Maps! Celebrate and Learn!**

When: Thursday, June 13, 2024 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

Where: Menomonie Judicial Center, 615 Stokke Pkwy, Menomonie, WI 54751

Thanks to our organizing work, for the first time in over a decade, in November we get to vote with Fair Maps! Let's come together to celebrate, learn about our new W Senate and Assembly maps and explore how we can share this information with our communities!

Gather for snacks and social time, and learn about our new maps. Hear from guest speaker Nick Ramos from WI Democracy Campaign.

Fair Maps! Celebrate and Learn! is organized by the League of Women Voters Greater Chippewa Valley, Chippewa Valley Votes, the League of Women Voters St Croix Valley, WI Public Education Network and GROWW.

REGISTER now to let us know you will be coming!

Use this link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/fairmapsducelebrate>
Or go to [GRO-WW.org](https://www.gro-ww.org) Frontpage.

Join Our Second Year Supporting Hudson Pride!



The League of Women Voters St Croix Valley is proud to participate again this year during the second annual Valley Wide Pride Event.

Join us in Hudson, WI at
Lakefront Park
Saturday, June 22,
from 10AM to 4PM.



The LWV-SCV will be attending the
St. Croix Casino Powwow
in Turtle Lake, WI on
Sunday, June 23.

Members who wish to help should contact Barb Katt at
 715-566-0356

Summer Calendar:

June	1	Newsletter
	6	Rush River Brewery (Edna & Janet I.)
	8	SCF Farmer's Market (Nanette & Kris) New Richmond Heritage Center (Vicki & Susan B.)
	9	New Richmond-45th Parallel (Peg W. & Jarell)
	13	Fair Maps: Celebrate and Learn, Judicial Center, Menomonie, 4:00-7:00 Rush River Brewery (Janet E. & Miriam L.)
	15	Newsletter
	18	Board/Comm. Chairs Mtg., zoom, 4:00-5:00
	20	River Falls: Rush River Brewery (Karen M. & Katrina) Somerset American Legion (LeAnn & Susan B.)
	22	Valley Wide Pride Fest, Hudson, 10am - 4pm Everyone Welcome
	23	St Croix Casino Powwow Turtle Lake, WI Everyone Welcome!
		<i>LWVUS/National Convention, even-numbered years.</i>
July	1	Newsletter
	10	LWVWI Webinar on the proposed Constitutional Amendments for the August Ballot, 7:00-8:30
	6	SCF Farmers Market (Nanette and Kay)
	7	New Richmond-45th Parallel (Peg & Susan B.)

	13	Hudson Carmichael Farmers Market (Judy G. and Kathy S.) New Richmond-Heritage Center (Vicki & Jarell)
	14	Fun Fest Parade, New Richmond
	15	Newsletter
	16	Board/Committee Chairs Meeting, 4-5pm
	18	Somerset-Apple R Liquor (LeAnn & ?)
	19-21	<i>Wannigan Days SCF</i>
	19-21	<i>Lucky Days, Classic Car Show, Bed Races, Parade and More</i>
	24	Last Day for Online Voter Registration (August Election)
	30	Last day (suggested) to request Absentee Ballot for August 13 Election
August	1	Newsletter
	13	August Election - Partisan Primary
	15	Newsletter
	17/24	<i>Pow Wow, Siren, WI</i>
	TBD	<i>Arts Festival Frederic</i>
	TBD	<i>National Night Out, Burnett County Locations</i>
	26	National Women's Equality Day
	27	Summer Social Picnic, Grantsburg, 4pm



From Voters Service

Sunflowers and Busy Bees! It's official! Summertime has begun.

We are grateful to our volunteers who have already signed up to work summer events. There are Farmers Markets in St Croix Falls, Amery, Balsam Lake, Hudson, New Richmond, River Falls, Osceola and Somerset that are open for LWVSCV to spin some of our magical charms. There are lots of days and times available to choose from. If you're interested in joining a team to exhibit a voter information table, contact Kay Brooks kaybrooks48@gmail.com

Introducing a [Catalog of Resources](#) for LWVSCV members.

Our membership will be able to access documents and materials that are available to use to help with our events. This catalog will be continually updated to reflect our resource list.

Have a look

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VnJhC71QQHvSVoFSeFpviVfzoIWgMW_EiLosWAw79Y6E/edit?usp=sharing



Canopies Coming Our Way

We are waiting for the delivery of two new canopies to add to our Farmer's Markets and Festival inventory. The additional canopies will enable us to "cover" three events at the same time. These are scheduled to arrive on Thursday, June 6. If you want to reserve one for your event contact Kay Brooks kaybrooks48@gmail.com

Another chance for LWVSCV to engage with voters will be at the Valley Wide Pride Fest in Hudson WI. This will be the second year of the event and our second year of having a tent there. Barb Katt barbkatt@hotmail.com is the lead on this event. Let her know if you're interested in helping or feel free to visit the festival on June 22 to say hello.

The first parade for LWVSCV will be at Fun Fest in New Richmond on Sunday, July 14. This is one of the region's most popular summer festivals. Fun Fest attracts thousands of people each July who are drawn to great music, great food and one of the best carnivals in the state. The parade starts at noon and ends at 1:30. We have a convertible, candy, signs and a meeting place. The only other thing we need is YOU. More information to come in future newsletters. Contact Patty Van Nevel pattyvannevel@gmail.com if you're willing to march in the parade. Looking for 10 people to join us! Family and friends are welcome to join in.

It's a beautiful time of year to be outside and there are many localities that make the most of it. Do you know of someplace LWVSCV may be able to share our voter information? We are looking to our members to enlighten us. Contact Rita Kearns ritakearns54@gmail.com with information to share.

Still Time to Sign Up For Events/Farmers Markets!

You and a partner of your choice (or we can find you one) can sign up for shifts in the following locations. Choose a market convenient to you. Not sure what to do? Call Kay Brooks 715-381-8879

Can't commit to a time slot? Another way to show your support is to attend a farmers market and say 'hi' to the members working!

ST. CROIX COUNTY

Hudson	Carmichael Road	Saturday mornings 8-12
River Falls	Rush River Brewery	Thursday evenings 5-8

Sign up with this link for June: <https://tinyurl.com/fmstcrxjuneso>

Sign up with this link for July: <https://tinyurl.com/fmstcrjulyso>

New Richmond	Heritage Center 45th Parallel Westfields Hospital/Clinic	Saturdays 8-1 Sunday 10-2 Tuesdays 2-6
Somerset	Apple River Liquor Store	Thursdays 2-6

Sign up with this link for June: <https://tinyurl.com/fmstcrxnorthjune>

Sign up with this link for July: <https://tinyurl.com/fmstcrxjuly>

POLK COUNTY (also where BURNETT CO. members can help)

Amery	Soo Line Pavilion	Mondays 3-6, Saturdays 9-12
Balsam Lake	Catholic Church	Fridays 3-5:30
Osceola	United Methodist Church	Fridays 2-6
St. Croix Falls	Library	Saturdays 10-1

Sign up with this link for June: <https://tinyurl.com/fmjuneplkco>

Sign up with this link for July: <https://tinyurl.com/fmpolkcojuly>



Farmers' Market Demo Coffee

On Tuesday, May 28, an enthusiastic group of Farmers' Market volunteers braved a threat of rain to practice their promotional skills to get voter information out to the public. They had a chance to discuss just how it might go and to see how spinning the wheel is done. There will be questions geared to each individual that stops by and each person will be able to choose from a variety of small prizes. There also are a number of informational materials available to hand out. Interacting with the public in this way will give us a chance to encourage voter registration, answer questions about voting and elections, and put a face on the League of Women Voters.

Additionally, volunteers had a chance to observe the setup of the canopy. This should help both with rain and sun. After a collaboration of expertise and a lot of laughs, we managed to get it in place. After one practice, we think we are good to go and we also have located a perfect video that we wish we had watched first. Due to the popularity of the canopy, two more have been ordered.

We have 7 markets who have opened their doors to us, with 12 different time slots for the months of June and July. There are 16 members who have volunteered to help. All slots have been filled except a partner for Nanette DelMonico in St. Croix Falls. She has experience, so just needs someone with any amount (or no) experience to join her at the SCF Library on July 6 from 10-1. Please contact Kay Brooks (715-381-8879, kaybrooks48@gmail.com) if you can help.

A Memo From the State Office

A memo from the State Office regarding nonpartisanship:

In these hyper partisan times, the League of Women Voters stands out because of its long history of nonpartisanship. It behooves us all to take extra care this election season to maintain that stance. League leaders have a special responsibility to refrain from appearing with candidates and political parties. This does not, of course, absolve us from participating in the democratic process, which is the mission of the League. Simply put, if you have a leadership role in the League, be it local, state or national, you cannot accept a leadership role in a political group. The grassroots structure of the League means there are both formal (board and officers) and informal leaders



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