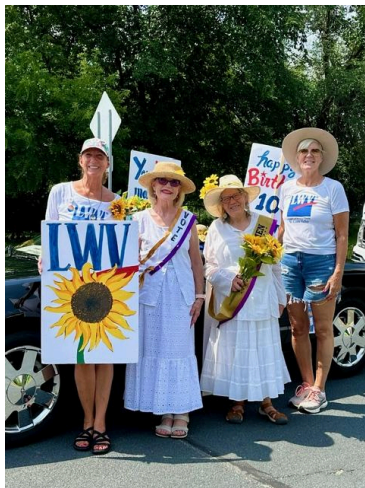
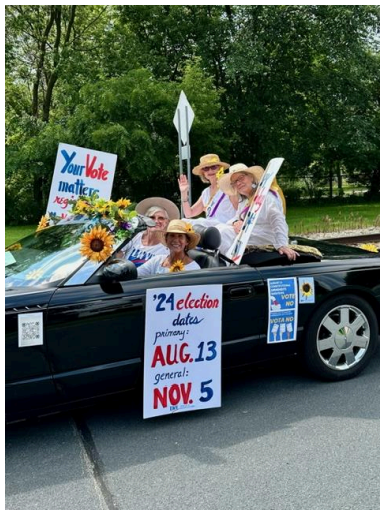




OUR MISSION: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy*

July 15, 2024

New Richmond Fun Fest Parade—Getting Our Message Out!



Together we help make democracy work. For 104 years The League of Women Voters have been a reliable nonpartisan source of Voting Information and Education. The sunflower was the original symbol of the Suffragette movement. We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy. The League of Women Voters St. Croix Valley is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, activist, grassroots organization that believes voters should play a critical role in democracy. Join us!



News from Member Services

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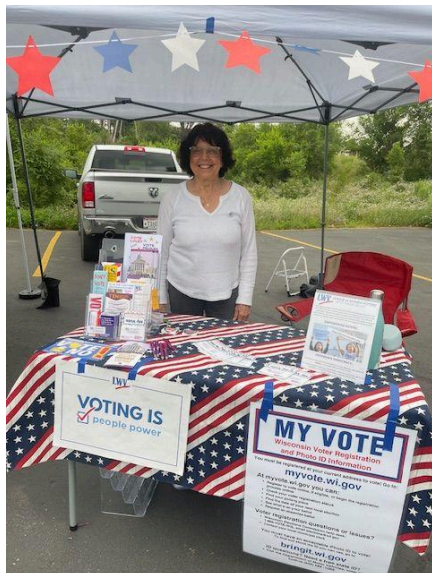
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Hello to all! I hope summer is filled with adventures, empowering voters and defending democracy. Our

members can be found in parades, summer festivals, and many farmers markets this summer!



We have a new member! Please welcome **Jan Strommen!** Jan lives in Hudson, email: jstrommen1@gmail.com We welcome her to the LWVSCV with open arms!



August 10 Hudson Farmers Market on Carmichael

Anyone interested in joining Judy Green and me at Hudson Farmers Market on Carmichael, on **August 10, 8:00 to noon**

Please stop by or stay a while. I will have extra chairs!

Judy and I share voter information and have conversations with voters.

It's so fun to meet new folks and share our information. Not sure what it takes to 'man a table'? Sitting with us is a great opportunity

to learn about the League from 'behind the table.'

We are often thanked for being there! We would love to see you there.

Write Postcards

As you know we have joined a movement to inform Wisconsin voters to VOTE NO on the two constitutional questions that will be presented on our August 13 ballot.

I ordered 250 postcards and a mailing list in our three counties. Included with the postcards are instruction sheets with sample messages, mailing labels.

We are looking for 'stamp angels.' People willing to help cover postage costs. This is a really easy way to contribute to our efforts! Please consider making a donation on our web page.

I invite you to think about friends in and not in the League to gather and write postcards. If you would like to host an informal gathering, please contact me and I will arrange to deliver postcards and stamps.

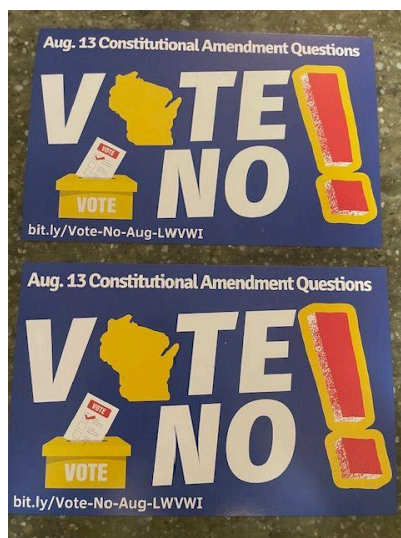
I plan to meet with a group *Friday, August 2, at Robert's Cafe* to write postcards, eat, have coffee, and of course conversation.

What: Write Postcards: VOTE NO ON 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Where: Robert's Cafe in Robert's WI

When: Friday August 2

Time: 10:30 AM



Please let me know if you can attend.

This newsletter and watching the calendar is a great way to jump in as we continue to educate voters, get out the vote, and prepare for the August 13 Primary Election and the General Presidential November 5th!

Do you have questions about why we say 'Vote No'?

You can access information the supports the League's policy here:

"Why Vote No: August 13 Statewide Constitutional Amendment Questions WEBINAR."

<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?si=nh9Rmtma-YjJsvbX&v=g5ke86Dag8w&feature=youtu.be>>



FARMERS' MARKETS UPDATE

(Members in photo are Peg Wastell, Vicki Harmon and Jarell Kuney at the Heritage Center market)

As we all know, the League makes it clear that it is non-partisan. However, we CAN encourage people to vote, steer them to the MyVote website (and others that are helpful), inform them as to when the elections are, and what is on their ballot—all easily done.

For farmers' markets, our next focus is on attending markets in August and September. Pick a partner (or we'll help find one), **member or not**, and find a spot you'd like on the following calendars. We will get you the supplies you need. Enjoy the ambiance of the market, have fun talking with your partner and the people stopping by to spin the wheel. It's a great way to spend part of a summer day!

These markets are very welcoming. Here are the calendars:

Osceola, Balsam Lake, and St. Croix Falls

- ☐ August <https://tinyurl.com/r8exv2py>
- ☐ September <https://tinyurl.com/yck6ymsxr>

New Richmond

- ☐ August <https://tinyurl.com/mvrjwjkm>
- ☐ September <https://tinyurl.com/22r5fte3>

River Falls and Hudson (if there is an opening)

- ☐ August <https://tinyurl.com/mvrjwjkj>
- ☐ September <https://tinyurl.com/2s46p6fa>

***Looking for a partner at Carmichael on Sept. 7 and volunteers for FunFest in New Richmond on Sept. 21.**

Questions? Contact Kay Brooks 715-381-8879

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Thank you, Carol Johnson, for the Twisted Bargello Quilt

LWVSCV would like to thank Carol Johnson for her generous donation of a Twisted Bargello Quilt.

For those who are not quilters, the Bargello design is defined by the appearance of movement within the patchwork -- an

optical illusion of waves ebbing and flowing.

Carol told us that the design of the queen-sized (91"X100") comforter that she pieced and quilted for our chapter, was inspired by Chris Timmens' Twisted Bargello. Can you see the twists in the pattern? Carol suggested that we use this exquisite work of art to raise funds to support the nonprofit work of the League.

If you have attended in-person League events over the past year, you will have seen the Suffragist Lap Quilt that Carol donated last year. This quilt honoring the formidable women who fought to achieve their equal rights has become a touchstone and symbol of our chapter.



We are grateful to Carol for her generosity.

Would you or someone you know be interested in owning the Twisted Bargello Quilt? Stay tuned. The Budget Committee, under the leadership of Nancy Stewart, a quilter in her own right, will be discussing the best way to use this donation as a fundraiser.

July	15	Newsletter
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	16	Board/Committee Chairs Meeting, 4-5pm
	18	Somerset-Apple R Liquor (LeAnn & ?)
		Looking for volunteers for Farmers Markets, Powwow,etc.
	24	Last Day for Online Voter Registration (August Election)
	30	Last day (suggested) to request Absentee Ballot for August 13 Election
August	1	Newsletter
	2	Postcard Writing- Roberts Cafe– 10:30 Roberts, WI
	10	Hudson Farmers Market on Carmichael 8-12
	13	August Election - Partisan Primary
	15	Newsletter
	17/24	<i>Pow Wow, Danbury, 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
September		

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WHY VOTE NO

August 13 Constitutional Amendment Questions



REASONS TO VOTE NO ON QUESTION 1 & QUESTION 2

1

Wisconsinites deserve a well-resourced government that is able to fund necessary programs and infrastructure like our roads in a timely manner (especially in emergencies). These changes to our state constitution would add red tape and slow the government's ability to respond to emergencies when we need help the most – harming our communities and Wisconsin families.

2

Our tax dollars go toward federal funds that support our schools, infrastructure, parks, health care, renters, small businesses, public benefits and so much more. They provide relief to Wisconsinites in urgent times of crises such as natural or economic disasters and public health emergencies. When Wisconsin gets federal funds, it's our money coming back to us.

3

Our current legislators were elected under rigged, non representative voting maps which means they are not responsive to Wisconsin voters. In times of need Wisconsinites cannot afford to have their relief held up in legislative gridlock.

4

It is easier for Wisconsin voters to hold the governor accountable for how federal funds are spent than the entire legislature. The governor is accountable to the whole state. The governor was elected in a fair, statewide election and entrusted to deal with federal money.

5

These changes are not fixing a problem. Our laws already give legislators a say in how tax dollars are spent through the state budget-making process.

6

This change does not belong in our state constitution.

learn more: bit.ly/Vote-No-Aug-LWWWI