

## **PLACES TO GO –THINGS TO SEE... WHILE IN MADISON**

**West High School 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion – August, 2010**

Check out the website: <http://www.visitmadison.com/visitors/> from the Greater Madison Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau for helpful information – from weather to stay and play, dining and calendar of events. It also has links to 20-25 other websites – a great resource as you begin to plan your trip back to Madison. If you are staying in Downtown Madison, the places listed below are close by and within easy walking distance.

### **Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center – [www.mononaterrace.com](http://www.mononaterrace.com)**

Located next to the Madison Club and the Hilton Hotel, overlooking Lake Monona

- **Dane Dances** – Fridays in August from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. free entertainment and dancing on the rooftop garden. Ethnic food and cocktails available.
- **Lake Vista Café** – the rooftop café (opened June 2009) at Monona Terrace. Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Frank Lloyd Wright Exhibit** – “The Wright Picture” – unique photographic exhibit of the last 20 years of Wright's life by acclaimed photographer Pedro E. Guerrero. Upper MLK entrance to Monona Terrace.
- **Tour of Monona Terrace** – Tours take one hour and are offered daily at 1 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 per adult. Tickets may be purchased at the Gift Shop which contains many “Wright inspired” gifts.

### **Wisconsin State Capitol Tour – [www.wisconsin.gov/state/core/wisconsin\\_state\\_capitol\\_tour.html](http://www.wisconsin.gov/state/core/wisconsin_state_capitol_tour.html)**

Open to the public weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free tours are offered daily, year round. Tours start at the information desk Monday through Saturday at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. and 1, 2 and 3 p.m. and Sundays at 1, 2 and 3 p.m.

### **Wisconsin Historical Museum – [www.wisconsinhistory.org/museum](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/museum)**

Located on the capitol square at 30 N. Carroll St. (the old Wolff Kubly & Hersig Bldg.) at the entrance to State Street. Open Tuesday–Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Closed Sundays and Mondays. The museum's collection contains over 110,000 historical objects and nearly 400,000 archeological artifacts documenting the history of Wisconsin.

### **Wisconsin Veteran's Museum – [www.museum.dva.state.wi.us](http://www.museum.dva.state.wi.us)**

Located at 30 W. Mifflin St. at the entrance to State Street on the capitol square and across from the State Historical Museum. Hours are Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Sunday Noon – 4:30 p.m. Free Admission. This award-winning museum features life-sized dioramas of figures and painted murals that portray events in which Wisconsin veteran's participated.

### **Overture Center for the Arts – [www.overturecenter.com](http://www.overturecenter.com)**

Located in the 200 block of State Street. Madisonian Jerry Frautschi donated \$205 million dollars to complete this state-of-the-art facility designed by famed international architect Caesar Pelli. The Rotunda Lobby & Galleries are open at 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday and Overture Hall Lobby is usually open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. The building occupies the entire city block and houses the MMoCA – Madison Museum of Contemporary Art and the Capitol Theater. Overture Hall is spectacular and worth seeing as is the rotunda. Several small galleries are located inside along with a great gift shop.

### **Dane County Farmer's Market (a “must” while you are visiting) – [www.dcfm.org/aboutmkt.asp](http://www.dcfm.org/aboutmkt.asp)**

The Dane county farmer's Market on the Square is a Saturday and Wednesday tradition in Madison. You'll find the season's best bounty of vegetables, flowers and specialty products from approximately 150 vendors. All of the agriculturally-related items are produced in Wisconsin. The DCFM is reported to be the largest producer-only farmer's market in the country located right here in Madison. All the items are produced by the vendors behind the tables.

### **Madison Historic Walking Tours – [www.madisontrust.org/tours](http://www.madisontrust.org/tours)**

*King Street Tour:* August 7 at 11a.m. Location: Granite arch at the corner of Webster, Doty and King Streets, across from the Great Dane 102 King St. Madison, WI 53703 Phone: (608) 441-8864 Tickets are \$5. Here is where Madison began and where it reinvented itself throughout the years. In humble log cabins and cast-iron storefronts and art deco skyscrapers - see where early businesses and newspapers thrived.

*State Street tour:* August 7 at 10-11am Location: Michelangelo's Coffee House at 114 State St. Tickets are \$5 Every week this tour highlights the historic buildings of Madison's most famous street, as well as the stories of the people who lived and worked between the State Capitol and the University of Wisconsin campus. Enjoy a free junior ice cream at the Chocolate Shoppe!

**Candina's Chocolates** – [www.candinas.com](http://www.candinas.com)

Retail boutique located on the capitol square at 11 W. Main St. just off MLK Blvd. (Remember the Badger Candy Kitchen – in that area.) Factory and outlet store is in Verona. Excellent, locally made (since 1994) chocolates by Swiss trained Chocolatier Markus Candinas – rated a best buy of good chocolate by Consumer Reports for several years.

**Fromagination** – [www.fromagination.com](http://www.fromagination.com)

Located at 121 S. Carroll St. near the Inn on the Park Hotel. Voted Madison's Best Specialty Store in 2009 – artisanal cheeses and perfect companions. Great snack foods and many Wisconsin products.

**Capitol Kids** – [www.capitolkids.com](http://www.capitolkids.com)

Next to Fromagination on the square at 8 S. Carroll St. for you grandmas and grandpas – they sell toys, games and books that are educational, always fun and sometimes just weird and wacky. Many of their toys are heirloom quality.

**L'Etoile and Café Soleil** – [www.letaille-restaurant.com](http://www.letaille-restaurant.com)

Famed 5-star Madison restaurant located on the square at 25 N. Pinckney St. Opened in 1976 by Chef Odessa Piper and now owned by Chef Tory and Traci Miller. Excellent food and service (expensive). Known for using local ingredients in their fabulous creations and presentations. Need a reservation. Café Soleil is casual – located on the first floor.

**OTHER PLACES TO CHECK OUT**  
**Located further from Downtown Madison**

**The Nitty Gritty Restaurant – Madison's Birthday Bar** [www.nittygrittybirthdayplace.com](http://www.nittygrittybirthdayplace.com)

Formerly owned by 1956 West graduate Marshall Shapiro and located at 223 N. Frances St. Ph: 608-251-2521 Celebrated 400,000<sup>th</sup> birthday in June. 2009. Great sandwiches and beer.

**Memorial Union Terrace and Rathskellar** – [www.union.wisc.edu/terrace](http://www.union.wisc.edu/terrace)

Located at the end of Langdon Street at Park Street on Lake Mendota. Beer, brats, Babcock ice cream, etc. and live music on the Terrace on summer weekends. A great place to relax, have conversation with a view of Lake Mendota.

**Olbrich Botanical Gardens** – [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org)

Located at 3330 Atwood Avenue just off Lake Monona shores and across from Olbrich Park. August 7-8 is the last weekend of Olbrich's "Blooming Butterflies" exhibit. Stroll through 16 acres of outdoor display gardens including the rose garden, Thai Pavilion, sunken garden, and perennial garden. Enjoy a tropical paradise in the Bolz conservatory, a glass pyramid filled with exotic plants and flowers, small birds a rushing waterfall and fragrant orchids. Outdoor gardens are open daily and free to all. Admission to the conservatory during the butterfly exhibit is \$5.00

**Henry Vilas Zoo** – [www.vilaszoo.org](http://www.vilaszoo.org)

Located at 702 S. Randall Ave. is open daily 9:30-5 p.m. and it is still FREE! Still a great place to walk and check out the animals. Be sure to ride the restored carousel for \$1.00 – located indoors by the bridge to the beach.

**Betty Lou Cruises** – [www.bettyloucruises.com](http://www.bettyloucruises.com)

Check the website for cruises open to the public. Presented by the mariner's Inn restaurant – there are dinner cruises, cocktail cruises, appetizer/dessert cruises, Friday seafood cruise, etc. boats on both Lake Monona and Lake Mendota.