

- Ho-Poe-Kaw

- Early 1700's
- Also known as Glory of the Morning
- Member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, became the leader after her father died in ~1727
- Married a French officer and sided with France during the Fox War
- Led her people for ~40 years
- Ho-Chunk were eventually forcibly removed from their lands in Wisconsin, but her descendents became diplomats for treaty agreements
- Often cited as the first individual woman described in Wisconsin written history



- Electa Quinny

- 1798-1885
- Also known as Wuh-weh-wee-nee-meew, Quan-au-kaunt, Electa W. Quinney, Electa W. Adams, Electa W. Candy
- Part of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians
- Moved from New York to Kaukauna during a mass removal of Native people in ~1827
- Opened the first free public school in Wisconsin to teach both Native and White children, often serving 40-50 kids at a time
- Often cited as being the first woman to teach in what would eventually become Wisconsin



- Jessie Jack Hooper

- 1864-1935
- Advocate for school reform, public health, suffrage, the welfare of indigenous people, and the Menominee Nation
- First president of the Wisconsin League of Women Voters
- Served as chair for the League's Indian Affairs Committee
- Presented at the Geneva Convention



- Helen Kimberly Stuart
 - 1869-1957
 - Part of a prominent family in Neenah
 - Advocate for suffrage
 - Donated the land now known as Kimberly Point to the city in order to become a park. She specifically wanted this land to be populated with trees and was able to plant a shoot from the original Old Council Tree. Her family later donated the funds for the lighthouse as well.



- Theda Clark Peters
 - 1871-1903
 - Part of a prominent family in Neenah that regularly donated to local organizations and causes
 - Brought “Hull House” programming to Neenah, created after Jane Addam’s program in Chicago that provided welfare and practical life classes to immigrants
 - Advocated for child welfare and the arts in Neenah, including the building of an opera house
 - Purchased the land needed for the current library space and helped with fundraising for the building
 - After Theda’s death from childbirth, \$96,000 was donated per her instructions to build the first hospital in Neenah. With inflation, that sum today would be over two million dollars.



- Helen Farnsworth Mears
 - 1872-1916
 - Self-taught sculptor from Oshkosh
 - Was commissioned for many big events during her lifetime, such as The World’s Fair and for several important busts
 - First female sculptor to display work in the US Capitol Building
 - Most well-known work is The Genius of Wisconsin, commissioned by the state when she was 21



- Evangeline Bergstrom

- 1872-1958
- active membership in the Mayflower Society of Massachusetts, Colonial Dames of Wisconsin, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Antiquarian Society of Wisconsin, and the Historical Society of Wisconsin
- Married into a paper company family; she and her husband were childless and able to support many community interests
- Re-developed an interest in paperweights at 63 years old and became not only an avid collector but an expert of antique paperweights
- Began showing her collection of over 200 paperweights at various institutions starting in 1939
- Self-published books on the history and collection of antique paperweights
- The Bergstroms donated a substantial amount of money and their home upon her husband's death to create a museum for the city

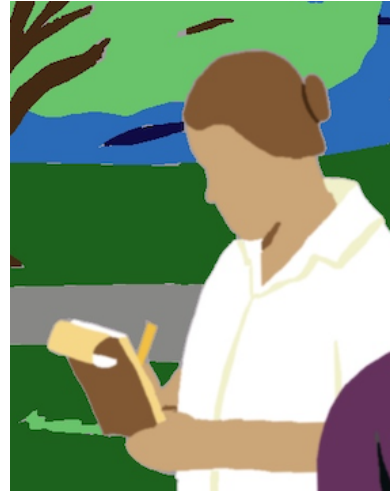


- Edna Ferber

- 1885-1968
- Family moved around the Midwest several times, settling in Appleton when she was 12
- Faced much antisemitism in her early life and often used discrimination as a theme in her writing
- First female reporter for the Post Crescent newspaper and later wrote for the Milwaukee Journal
- Wrote many short stories, novels, and plays inspired by Midwest life
- Often considered 'the greatest female writer of her time'



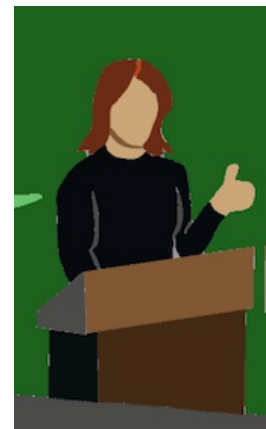
- Lorena Alice “Hick” Hickok
 - 1893-1968
 - Born in Wisconsin and attended Lawrence University briefly, but ultimately had a nomadic life around the US
 - Became a prominent reporter of the Roosevelt presidency and the Great Depression, advocating to change social systems that common people were struggling with
 - Later became deeply involved with the Democratic Party as PR and secretary, advocating for progressive policies and women’s suffrage
 - Believed to have a romantic partner to Eleanor Roosevelt, which eventually influenced her reporting



- Ellen Kort
 - 1936-2015
 - Also known as the “godmother of Wisconsin poetry”
 - Began writing poetry in elementary school and became Wisconsin’s first poet laureate in 2000
 - As poet laureate, she worked to spread poetry and writing throughout the state, including founding the Fox Cities Book Festival and hosting workshops that used poetry for healing trauma
 - One of Ellen’s poems can be found as part of the Appleton Sidewalk Poetry Project, which she helped coordinate. It was added posthumously.



- Peg Lautenschlager
 - 1955-2018
 - Grew up in Fond du Lac and later settled in Oshkosh
 - Practiced law and was an adjunct professor at many UW system schools
 - Was the first woman to serve as Winnebago County District Attorney as well as the Wisconsin Attorney General
 - Served on the State Assembly and as US Attorney for Western District of Wisconsin



- Ingrid Waskinawatok

- 1957-1999
- Also known as O'Peqtaw-Metamoh or Flying Eagle Woman
- Worked to re-establish the Menominee Nation as a federally recognized tribe
- Helped found the Indigenous Women's Network, was the Executive Director for the Fund of the Four Directions, active member of the Indigenous Initiative for Peace, and served on many other chairs and boards
- Served on the UN in various capacities representing Indigenous peoples and their rights
- Gave lectures on human rights and Indigenous people's right internationally
- Kidnapped and murdered along with two other activists while traveling to set up a school for a native community in Columbia



- Mee Moua

- 1969-Current
- Moved to the US during the Vietnam War and eventually became part of the Hmong community in Appleton
- Advocate for diversity in government, pursuing offices to further Asian American communities such as the Executive Director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice, serving on the Hmong Chamber of Commerce, and serving on the Hmong Bar Association
- Most recently served 9 years as a senator for Minnesota

