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The Painted Forest

In 1897, artist Ernest Hüpeden arrived in the south central Wisconsin town of Valton and took up residence near Modern Woodmen Camp 6190. Over the next two years, the masterwork of the itinerate artist, aptly named *The Painted Forest* covered every square inch of the interior of the Modern Woodmen of America fraternal lodge in Valton. Video made possible by a grant from The Kohler Foundation and Edgewood College. Produced by Paul Baker Prindle. Written, edited and photographed by Tom Moss. Music by Michael Duffy and Nancy Zucker. [Watch Video](#) [Read More](#)

In the News

Modern Woodmen of America and Tree Stones

If you've spent much time wandering cemeteries, you've come across those realistic, but sometimes ornate, tree stone grave markers. While intriguing, there are always questions concerning them: How did they come about? What do they represent? And is there a difference between the organizations MWA and WOW? [Read More](#)

America's deadliest forest fire isn't the only overlooked piece of history near Peshtigo

It's been called the Forgotten Fire. On the night of Oct. 8, 1871, a devastating forest fire ripped through Peshtigo and the surrounding area, killing 1,500 people and destroying a swath of land 10 miles wide and 40 miles long. It was the deadliest forest fire in American history. But that same night, a fire in Chicago grabbed headlines and attention, overshadowing the deadlier Wisconsin blaze. [Read More](#)

Creative Learning: Forensic Botany Class Goes from Science to Sculpture

In the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW) Department of Botany's Forensic Botany class, Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) research botanist Alex Wiedenhoef gives his students full creative license when it comes to their final projects. [Read More](#)

North America Lumber and Panel Prices Settle Back to Normal Territory

While still high compared to recent years, US and Canadian lumber and panel prices started to approach what could be considered "normal" territory in beginning the week of July 6. Inventories in the field remain lean; however, sawmills have managed to get wood that was ordered in 2Q shipped out to their customers and are now able to evaluate the assets in their own yards. [Read More](#)

History of the CCC and WPA and other Depression -Era Programs in Region 6 of the USFWS

The economy of the states encompassed by United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Region 6, in the 1920s and 1930s was primarily based on agricultural production and stock ranching. A wet -cycle in the 1900 -1910s led to a boom period for settlers who began moving into more agriculturally marginal areas. Indicators of a National economic slow -down were beginning to show by the late 1920s when several years of drought created conditions unfavorable for agriculture. [Read More](#)

History of the Lake States Forests: Natural and Human Impacts

Forests in the Lake States are relatively young, dating to the retreat of the ice sheets of the Wisconsin Glacial Epoch 10,000-14,000 years ago. The tree species, shrubs, herbaceous plants, microorganisms, and invertebrates, as well as the birds and mammals of these forests survived mostly south and east of the glacial borders. As the ice retreated, they migrated northward not as intact forest communities but individually as species populations. The forest communities that developed were often short-lived and changed as the climate shifted and as other species reached the area. Much change was driven by natural forces: the opening of new habitats, climatic fluctuation, successional processes, and disturbance by wind, fire, disease, and insect infestation. These factors still operate. In addition, change resulted from human activities as varied as the hunting practices of the PaleoIndians, clearcutting, selective logging, effective fire protection or dam building. In the northern forests, disturbance was the key factor in change, and it remains so today. [Read More](#)



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=801&v=0W08eDLXU0E (video)

<http://www.kohlerfoundation.org/preservation/preserved-sites/the-painted-forest/> (article)

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<http://agraveinterest.blogspot.com/2013/06/modern-woodmen-of-america-and-tree.html>

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<https://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/Depression%20Era%20Programs%20-%20Region%206.pdf>

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