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VSN's *Conservation on Tap* – February 12th with Dr. James Theler

VIROQUA, WI January 17, 2020 – Join Valley Stewardship Network (VSN) for the third presentation in our *Conservation on Tap* series. The event takes place, **Wednesday, February 12th** at 7 pm at the Rooted Spoon in Viroqua with Dr. James Theler who will present *Changing Landscapes and pre-European Native Americans in the Driftless Area: A Brief Overview*.

Jim's talk will cover highlights of human culture and environmental change from the arrival of native peoples at the end of the ice age 13,000 years ago to the EuroAmerican period in the Driftless Area of western Wisconsin. Human adaptation and surviving "relict" plant communities and animal species from past climatic episodes will be discussed.

Dr. James Theler has over thirty years of research and teaching experience in archaeology and is known for his dynamic teaching style and his extensive knowledge of human cultures. His specialties include reconstructing and studying past environments, analyzing animal remains, and understanding pre-European cultures of the Midwest. Dr Theler is a Professor Emeritus from the University of Wisconsin La Crosse at the Mississippi Valley Archeology Center.

The other topics in the *Conservation on Tap* series are: March 11: Driftless Prairie, Savanna, and Woodlands-a journey of discovery by Armund D. Bartz, Driftless Area Ecologist-Natural Heritage Conservation, WI- DNR; concluding April 8: Taking Stock of Tweety – the State of our Birds by Craig Thompson, WI- DNR.

This series is held the second Wednesday of day of each month, January – April at the Rooted Spoon, 219 South Main Street in Viroqua beginning at 7 pm – 9 pm. There is a suggested donation of \$5 and a cash bar will be available. Sponsorship for this second season is generously provided by Rooted Spoon, shopdriftless.com, Kickapoo Coffee Roasters, WiscoPop and Organic Valley.

For questions, please call 608-637-3615 or email info@valleystewardshipnetwork.org.

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Valley Stewardship Network is celebrating 19 years of land and water stewardship in the Kickapoo Valley and adjacent watersheds. Best known for its water quality monitoring programs, VSN also offers outreach and education programs to help farmers, landowners, residents and visitors understand and support our local ecology for the health of our communities. More at www.valleystewardshipnetwork.org