



# Polish Cultural Center and Museum



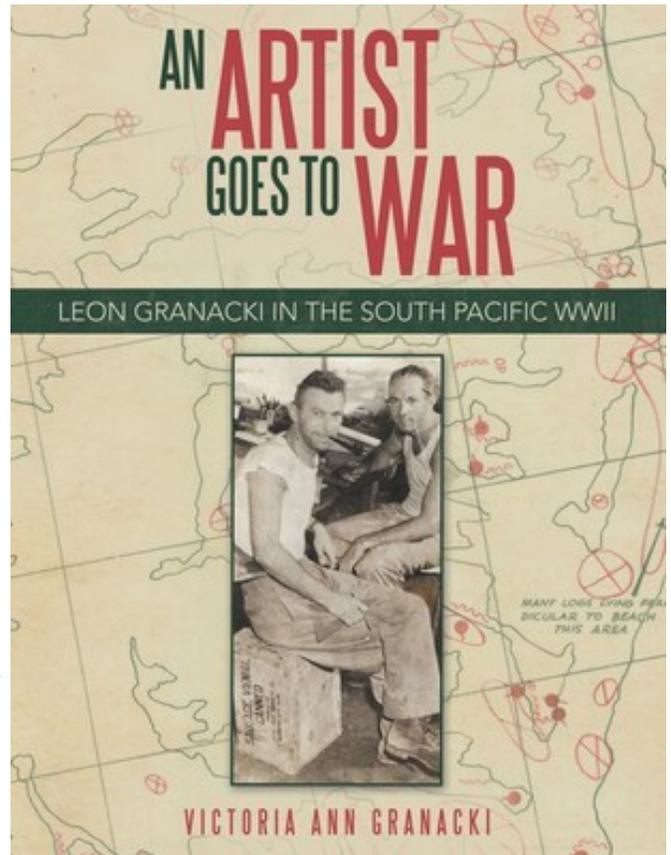
## 2026 Polish American Speaker Series

Sunday, July 12

1pm Central Time Live at the Museum

***An Artist Goes to War:  
Leon Granacki in the South Pacific WWII***  
With author Victoria Ann Granacki

Polish American Victoria Ann Granacki paints a portrait of her father, Leon, through his original maps, jungle watercolors, journal illustrations, scrapbook photos, and letters home to Chicago. Granacki leveraged his art talents to become a Master Sergeant and mapmaker for Gen. MacArthur in the U.S. Army Americal Division's Intelligence section. He served for three-and-a-half years without any stateside furlough on Guadalcanal and Bougainville.



**Victoria Ann Granacki**

Victoria Ann Granacki is passionate about collecting and preserving old documents, odd artifacts, weird art, and vintage buildings. In her historic preservation career, she wrote scores of landmark nominations and community histories highlighting Illinois' architectural legacy, and she authored Arcadia Publishing's Chicago's Polish Downtown. Victoria's mother was from Wabasha and she spent many summers visiting her grandparents and fishing along the Mississippi River. They were big fans of Winona's Hot Fish Shop!

***Come visit one of the largest  
Polish museums west of the  
Mississippi River and the  
Kashubian Capital of America.***

**102 Liberty St.  
Winona, MN 55987**

### **Upcoming Live Events**

**May 3** Polish Constitution Day talk/dinner

**October 4** Tasty Apple Festival, the  
largest Polish festival in Minnesota

[www.polishmuseumwinona.org](http://www.polishmuseumwinona.org)  
507.454.3431  
[info@polishmuseumwinona.org](mailto:info@polishmuseumwinona.org)