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State Historical Society Announces Free Disaster Response, Recovery Workshops for Museums, Libraries, Archives

PIERRE, S.D. -- The Dakota Connects to Collections Initiative (DCCI), a partnership between the South Dakota State Historical Society, the State Historical Society of North Dakota and the Association of South Dakota Museums, is conducting special disaster response and recovery workshops in August for museums, libraries and archives.

The workshop schedule is as follows:

Date	City	Site
Aug. 5	Dickinson, ND	Dickinson Museum Center
Aug. 6	Bismarck, ND	ND Heritage Center
Aug. 7	Minot, ND	Minot State University
Aug. 8	Fargo, ND	Plains Art Museum
Aug. 12	Aberdeen, SD	Northern State University Library
Aug. 13	Brookings, SD	South Dakota Art Museum
Aug. 14	Pierre, SD	National Guard Museum
Aug. 15	Deadwood, SD	Homestake Adams Research & Collections Center

Those interested can sign up for the free workshops at:
<http://dcciworkshops2013.eventbrite.com/>

Conservator Terri Schindel, who provided collections care workshops last year and disaster preparedness workshops this spring, will also lead these sessions.

“Being prepared is essential should a disaster strike,” Schindel said. “These workshops will review various disaster scenarios and also allow people to participate in several disaster drills. The focus will be on response, recovery and salvage techniques within the first 24 to 48 hours of a disaster.”

All staff, volunteers and board members are encouraged to attend the upcoming workshops, even if they were not able to participate in the spring workshops.

DCCI is offering 20 travel stipends per location for the 2013 workshops. Stipends of up to \$100 per person may be used for lodging and mileage reimbursement. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis and may be requested through the online registration process.

For questions regarding registration, contact Dana at clearfour@btinet.net or Jackie at clearfive@btinet.net or call (701) 355-4458. For questions regarding workshop content,

contact Terri at terrikschindel@gmail.com. DCCI is funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institute, is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.