

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 25, 2014

CONTACT: Jeff Mammenga, Media Coordinator, (605) 773-6000,
Jeff.Mammenga@state.sd.us

Landscape Art Program Coming to Cultural Heritage Center on March 9

PIERRE, S.D. – The Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society will host a special webcast of the Smithsonian Institution’s American Art Museum’s program, “Landscapes in Passing,” at 2 p.m. CST on Sunday, March 9, at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

The program, in the center’s education room, is hosted by The American Art Museum and features a panel discussion led by Curator Lisa Hostetler, who will facilitate a discussion about evocative images of the American Landscape with photographers Steve Fitch, Robbert Flick and Elaine Mayes. The multimedia presentation will focus on how all three photographers challenged traditional representations of the American landscape beginning in the 1970s as they acknowledged the country’s increasingly mobile society.

There is no fee to view the program, but standard admission fees apply for visitors wanting to go into the museum galleries. “Landscapes in Passing” was originally broadcast on Sept. 12, 2013, at the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

“Photography and history have long been joined in a variety of ways,” said Jay Smith, director of the Museum of the State Historical Society. “We are especially pleased to present this program from The American Art Museum that focuses on landscape photography and how it has both changed over time and reflected an evolving culture and society. Our audience will be inspired and entertained by this topic.”

The State Historical Society became a Smithsonian Affiliate in January 2013 and is the only one in South Dakota.

About Smithsonian Affiliations

Established in 1996, Smithsonian Affiliations is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. The long-term goal of Smithsonian Affiliations is to facilitate a two-way relationship among Affiliate organizations and the Smithsonian Institution to increase discovery and inspire lifelong learning in communities across America. More information about the Smithsonian Affiliations program and Affiliate activity is available at <https://affiliations.si.edu>.

The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, 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 history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.