

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Aug. --, 2015

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

Historical Society Foundation to host fundraiser in Brookings

PIERRE, S.D. – People can sip and socialize while learning about South Dakota history at a fundraiser in Brookings.

A fundraising social for the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society in Pierre, will include tasting beer brewed by Wooden Legs Brewing Company and sampling coffee roasted by Kool Beans Coffee, both of Brookings. The event will take place from 6-8:30 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at Wooden Legs Brewing Company.

“We are here to introduce you to the incredible events the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation and the South Dakota State Historical Society have been involved with, from the publishing of Laura Ingalls Wilder’s ‘Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography,’ to safeguarding the Badger Clark story to the Sioux Horse Effigy traveling around the world,” said foundation board member Brian Gatzke of Brookings. “Come learn about your history and the exciting historical awareness in South Dakota.”

The event is a fun way to learn more about the foundation, said foundation president Michael Lewis, who will attend the social.

“Those attending will be able to taste the difference between craft beers and try different roasts of coffee,” Lewis said. “They will also have the opportunity to take home several excellent items.”

A silent auction for “Pioneer Girl” and the art print that is the book’s cover illustration, “Silver Lake Reflections,” will be held at the fundraiser.

Drawings will be held for door prizes including a necklace from SD Chic Beads, a pen from Ol Lar’s Woodworking and pottery from Dakota Stoneware.

The fundraiser is open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$25 per person, payable at the door. People should call (605) 773-6346 by Friday, Aug. 21, if they plan to attend the event.

-30-

The South Dakota Historical Society Foundation is a private charitable nonprofit that seeks funding to assist the South Dakota State Historical Society in programming and projects to preserve South Dakota’s history and heritage for future generations.

The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Education. 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 www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.