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ASDM annual meeting April 12-13 in Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. -- The Association of South Dakota Museums (ASDM) will hold its 2013 annual meeting "On the Road to Museum Success" Friday and Saturday, April 12-13, at the National Guard Museum in Pierre.

"On the Road to Museum Success" will include sessions on traveling exhibits, using social media effectively, hands-on exhibit components and inexpensive design techniques, doing a collections inventory and deaccessioning. Presenters will come from the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society (SDSHS) at the Cultural Heritage Center and the South Dakota Discovery Center, both in Pierre; the Dacotah Prairie Museum in Aberdeen, the 1881 Custer County Courthouse Museum and the Dakota Territorial Museum in Yankton. The association's annual business meeting, including the announcement of new board members, will take place on Saturday.

A silent auction and reception and behind-the-scenes tour of the Museum of the SDSHS in the Cultural Heritage Center will also be part of the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to bring silent auction items. All proceeds support ASDM activities.

"The association's annual meeting is always a good opportunity to learn from our colleagues in the field," said Ronette Rumpca, ASDM president and curator of interpretation for the Museum of the SDSHS. "Exhibits, collections care and social media are topics that all South Dakota museums deal with, so the sessions are very timely. It is also a great place to reconnect with friends in the museum field, and make some new ones."

Go to the ASDM Workshops and Conferences link on the ASDM website at www.sdmuseums.org for registration information, or contact Rumpca at (605) 773-6011 or ronette.rumpca@state.sd.us. Meeting registrations can be mailed until April 8, after which attendees must register on-site.

Dedicated to preserving, interpreting and disseminating the unique and ever-changing cultural heritage within the state of South Dakota, ASDM is an organization of museums and friends in service to the museum community in South Dakota since 1970.

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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.