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Make-and-Take Holiday Ornaments Nov. 2 at Cultural Heritage Center

PIERRE, S.D. – Get into the holiday spirit and create your own holiday ornaments during the Make-and-Take Holiday Ornament event from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. CDT on Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

It's "make-and-take" because visitors will make ornaments to decorate a tree for the Cultural Heritage Center as well as ornaments to take home for their own trees. There will be free admission to the museum for anyone making an ornament for the museum on that day. All supplies are provided and all ages are welcome. Young children should be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be served.

"This is a great way to welcome the start of the busy holiday season," said Jay Smith, museum director. "These ornaments are easy and fun to make. There's no need for cutting, measuring or gluing. Everyone can have a good time making pipe cleaner candy canes and wreaths, 8-point folded paper wreaths, paper strip circle ornaments, and garland made from drinking straws. It's a terrific family fun day."

The decorated tree will be used in the Cultural Heritage Center lobby during the holiday season. Visitors can enjoy the tree and all of the center's decorations during the annual Holiday Open House of the South Dakota State Historical Society on Friday, Nov. 29. The open house will run from noon-4:30 p.m. and will feature free admission, musical entertainment, treats, store discounts and visits with Santa Claus. Visitors are encouraged to bring canned goods to donate to the local food pantry.

Museum hours will be extended until 6:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday from Nov. 29-Dec. 23. Sunday hours are 1-4:30 p.m.

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Folded paper wreaths and a pipe cleaner candy cane