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## **State Historical Society Honors its Volunteers**

PIERRE – The South Dakota State Historical Society honored its volunteers for 2013 during a recent event at the Cultural Heritage Center.

In 2013, approximately 46 people donated 2,905 hours of their time at the Cultural Heritage Center and the Heritage Store at the Capitol.

“Volunteers are the people some visitors most associate with the Cultural Heritage Center. They greet visitors, assist visitors in selecting gifts that will remind them of their visit to Pierre, and make history come alive to them by the tours and classes they give,” said South Dakota State Historical Society Director Jay D. Vogt. “They provide services vital to the operation of the Cultural Heritage Center.”

Volunteers were recognized both for hours of service and years of service.

In 2013, 16 people volunteered 100 hours or more of their time to the Cultural Heritage Center or the Heritage Store at the Capitol. They were:

- Marv Paulson -- 19th year;
- Clara Shelbourn -- 12th year;
- Connie Grittner -- ninth year;
- Art Rezac and Colleen Weiss -- eighth year;
- Doris Powell -- sixth year;
- Gail Lyngstad and Betty Meintsma -- fifth year;
- Carol Jennings, Billie Taylor and Gloria Welk -- third year;
- and Lois Byrum, Tonnie Collins, Lila Houck, Marlys Nellerhoe and Dorinda Timmons -- first year.

Volunteers recognized for their years of service volunteering at the Cultural Heritage Center were:

- Trudy Evenstad, Nancy Thomas and Bob Travis -- 23 years;
- Karen Allan, Homer Harding, Bev Huckins, Sandra Kangas and Marv Paulson -- 15 to 19 years;
- Jan Deis, Connie Grittner, Juanita Kangas, Gail Lyngstad, Sandra Nelson, Del Paulson, Art Rezac and Colleen Weiss -- 10 to 14 years;
- Carol Axtman, Carolyn Coonrod, Alverde Daniel, Andy Deis, Donna Gutenkauf, Carol Jennings, Joan Likness, Betty Meintsma, Marlys Nellerhoe, Marilyn Nugent, Doris Powell, Ruth Rehn, Karen Stein and Billie Taylor -- five to nine years;
- Lois Byrum, Mike Baker, Peggy Brown, Tonnie Collins, Betsey DeLoache, Alta Otterness, Marvene Riis, Gloria Welk and Gary Whitney -- two to four years;

- and Ramona Fallon, Cathi Lester, Jindra Spencer and Dorinda Timmons -- first year.

In addition, Evenstad, Thomas and Travis were acknowledged for having the most years of service at the Cultural Heritage Center.

The State Historical Society offers volunteer opportunities in the State Archives, the Museum at the Cultural Heritage Center, assisting with special events, as clerks in the Heritage Stores, as tour guides, as gallery educators, and as admission assistants at the front desk in the Cultural Heritage Center's lobby.

"Volunteering at the Cultural Heritage Center is a good opportunity to meet people from throughout the world," Vogt said.

Hours are flexible to accommodate the volunteer's schedule, and training will be provided. For more information, please call volunteer coordinator Dorinda Daniel at (605) 773-6006.

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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 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](http://www.history.sd.gov) for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.*