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Make-and-Take a Holiday Ornament Nov. 7 at Cultural Heritage Center

PIERRE, S.D. -- Get in the holiday spirit and have some fun creating handmade holiday ornaments at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. CST on Saturday, Nov. 7.

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. All supplies are provided and all ages are welcome. Young children should be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be provided.

"No need to be a crafty sort to enjoy making these ornaments," said Jay Smith, museum director of the South Dakota State Historical Society. "Come and try your hand at making a simple folded Christmas tree, paper wreath or butterfly clip angel. Everyone will have a good time making these simple and fun decorations. No measuring, cutting or gluing is needed."

There will also be free admission to the museum that day. Visitors can enjoy seeing the new case exhibit featuring the Great Sioux Horse Effigy and two other horse memorials in the museum. The exhibitions "Play Ball! The National Pastime in South Dakota" and "South Dakota Environments" are also open.

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 on Friday, Nov. 27. The open house will run from noon-4:30 p.m. and will feature visits with Santa Claus, musical entertainment and refreshments.

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About the South Dakota State Historical Society

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.