



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009

When the South Dakota State Historical Society moved into the Cultural Heritage Center in 1989, the organization's profile changed dramatically. Fourteen years later, when Gov. M. Michael Rounds reorganized state government and moved the society to the newly created Department of Tourism and State Development, our image again changed for the better. The new department is driven by the 2010 Initiative, which seeks to increase visitor spending, improve the state's economy, expand research, and brand our quality of life as the best in the nation. The State Historical Society has received high marks for its work to meet the objectives of the initiative, and we successfully met our specific goals.

Last year the society faced a major challenge with the proposed elimination of our archaeology program and the closing of the Archaeological Research Center in Rapid City. With the assistance of friends and members, a compromise temporarily saved the program. This year state government is dealing with a budget shortfall and the society is confronted with another challenge—the loss of one full-time position and \$30,000 in general funds. Agencies such as the society that rely on general funds and not dedicated tax sources or federal money are hit hardest with budget cuts. Rumors of an across-the-board cut and employee furloughs fuel concerns for the efficiency and success of the State Historical Society.

The South Dakota Heritage Fund, the society's nonprofit partner, has helped make up for the lack of state funds and enabled the society—in the short term—to operate effectively and meet our obligations of the 2010 Initiative. Our book publishing, education kits, and traveling exhibits would not have happened without private financial support. State government covers our basic operating costs, but it is our friends and members

who make it possible for us to provide special projects and programming.

The society's board of trustees has also seen changes. In 2009, Ann Stewart Balakier stepped down as the architectural historian and was replaced by Julie Schlarman, and members elected Peggy Sanders to replace Francis Whitebird. Historian John Miller and former board president Patricia Adam chose not to seek reappointment. Gov. Rounds appointed Donald Simmons, Jr. and Michael Jandreau in their stead. Brad Tennant continues as president and David Wolff is vice president.

The archives staff organized our 2009 history conference, *Immigration . . . A New Beginning*. In addition to a marvelous program, the conference featured the Governor's Awards for History. Marshall Damgaard and Maxwell Van Nuys received individual awards. The outstanding organization award went to the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission and the Verendrye Museum, Inc./Fort Pierre to Deadwood Trail Ride. Evan Gallentine was named the history teacher of the year, and Jon Lauck received the Herbert S. Schell Award for the best article in Volume 39 of *South Dakota History*.

Financial support from the society's friends and members is essential. Membership in the society through the Heritage Circle is a great way to support our work. Please encourage your family and friends to join the State Historical Society. We also ask that you think about offering your heirlooms and personal papers for our collections. The society collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of the people of South Dakota, and your assistance is vital to our success. Together, we can define South Dakota's quality of life as the best in America.

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ARCHAEOLOGY

The Archaeological Research Center preserves the archaeological resources of South Dakota, helps agencies meet their obligations under federal and state cultural resource protection laws, and provides public outreach through excavation projects and programs for schools and other organizations.

In 2009, two South Dakota archaeological sites received national attention.

Archaeological Research Center staff members collaborated with other scholars to publish an article about the Jim Pitts site, a paleo-Indian campsite that has been dated to about 11,300 years ago. The site was excavated in the 1990s as part of a road project near Custer, and an analysis of the findings appeared in the October issue of *American Antiquity*.

An episode of the Public Broadcasting Service series *Time Team America* that was filmed at the site of Fort James near Mitchell aired in 2009. Archaeologists had spent three days mapping the site, carrying out test excavations and discussing life at the Civil War-era fort. The episode is available online at watch.sdpb.org/video/1200621937.

A survey for the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks department is nearly complete. Last spring, archaeologists finished the last of the field work on the 80,000 acres of Missouri River land being transferred to the department's wildlife division. About 700 sites were revisited or discovered.

Archaeologists are also attempting to relocate and re-examine previously recorded burial sites, mounds and early cemeteries in Roberts, Codington, Grant and Hamlin counties. Some of these features were first reported in the 1880s but were never revisited. By updating records and providing current assessments of these sites, archaeologists help county planners and others avoid destruction of burials. Staff members are working on the

project with the archaeology laboratory at Augustana College. The State Historic Preservation Office is providing funding.

Archaeologists conducted about 80 surveys for the South Dakota Department of Transportation in 2009, mostly for small road projects, bridge replacements and materials pits.

The Department of Transportation called the center when a landslide on the Sly Hill Road in Sturgis threatened several panels of ancient rock art. Archaeologists monitored the emergency construction work to ensure that the rock art was protected.

Staff members consulted with several American Indian tribes regarding a small number of human remains in the center's collection as part of the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. The remains will be returned to the appropriate tribes. Staff also worked with authorities at the Piedmont Cemetery to rebury non-Indian remains in a plot owned by the State Historical Society.

Staff members took in several collections during the year and conducted an inventory for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Work continued on developing training kits for the Natural Resources Conservation Service to use in educating their field agents about cultural resources.

In 2009, 667 new archaeological sites were recorded and 249 sites were revisited. Staff also added 761 reports to the library and conducted 338 record searches for researchers and agencies.

During the 2009 legislative session, the Archaeological Research Center lost general fund support from the state; the funds were replaced by a two-year tax on tourist-related businesses. Staff members were directed to look for additional means of obtaining revenue, and new regulations dealing with fees for services went into effect on Dec. 8, 2009.

History Notes is published three times yearly by the South Dakota State Historical Society. *History Notes* is available upon demand on audio tape and large print. Other forms will be considered upon request.



Archaeologists recorded this abandoned cemetery in northeast South Dakota.

ARCHIVES

The State Archives collects and preserves photographs, manuscripts, government documents, maps, and other records related to the history of South Dakota.

Staff members celebrated Archives Month in October with the theme, "Celebrate South Dakota History!" The events held throughout the month highlighted the importance of the archives and its collections. Staff member Ken Stewart led a lively discussion on the history of breweries in the state following his presentation "Got Beer? Beer and Breweries in South Dakota." Interested viewers had a chance to see the film of the 1952 Pierre/Fort Pierre flood on a big screen at the State 123 Theatre. Rancher Lyndell Petersen gave a presentation on the history of branding and highlighted the brand books that are in the archives collection. Pierre vocalists used sheet music of World War I songs from the archives collection in a performance at the Pierre Congregational Church.

Staff members also attended Archives Month events in Freeman and Sioux Falls, and in Lincoln, Neb.

The archives made contact with 2,000 people this year through outreach efforts. Staff members gave presentations at meetings of the Kiwanis Club and the Fall River County Historical Society, and spoke to classes at Augustana College and the University of Sioux Falls. Staff also represented the archives at the Mitchell Carnegie Resource Center and at the Irish Fair in Sioux Falls. Other outreach efforts included press releases, the quarterly e-newsletter, the 4th grade school census project, and history day.

The Internet remains an important tool for researchers. Archives staff, therefore, spent much of the year developing the society's new Web site, which will be launched in January 2010. The staff also developed new online guides including indexes to the General Federation of Women's Club records, the membership application forms from the South Dakota Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the *Monthly South Dakotan*, an early publication of the State Historical Society.

The state archivist is the chairwoman of the South Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board, which coordinates archival activities in the state. The board sponsored workshops on beginning book preservation,



Students at Aberdeen Roncalli Elementary School examine photographs from the State Archives collection following a visit by archivist Matthew Reitzel.

photographic materials and preservation, and paper making and simple repairs. A grant from National Historic Publications and Records Commission funds the board's operation and allows it to offer grants to historical organizations within the state to care for records in their repositories.

Construction is complete at the development laboratory at the Springfield microfilm unit. Microfilm staff can now develop film and make silver copies if needed. Silver-halide film is used when making copies of a roll of microfilm, or as a preservation copy.

Staff members responded to nearly 11,000 requests for information in 2009 and close to 1,700 individuals visited the archives to perform research. The microfilm unit in Springfield produced over 440 reels of new microfilm and added 39,214 records to the 1915 state census database, 105,505 entries to the online surname database, and 40,458 records to a database of vital records. The archives received 278 collections this year including aerial photographs from the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks. Staff members processed 164 collections that are now available for research including records from the Pierre Fire Department from 1884 to 1999.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The State Historic Preservation Office had several significant accomplishments in 2009. One of the most important was the completion of a two-year pilot project designed to increase awareness of heritage tourism in central South Dakota. Funded through a federal Preserve America grant and a dona-

Throughout 2009 historic preservation staff worked on a number of programs designed to encourage the preservation and reuse of historic properties. First among these programs is the National Register of Historic Places. Properties can qualify for the National Register if they are at least fifty years old and associated with historic events or people, represent distinctive architecture or construction, or provide important information on prehistory or history. In 2009, staff members helped add ten properties to the National Register.

Properties on the National Register may also qualify for certain grant and tax programs. The Deadwood Fund provides matching brick-and-mortar grants to encourage the preservation and rehabilita-



This online travel itinerary highlights properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places in the Pierre and Fort Pierre area.

tion from the Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad, this project drew attention to the many historic properties in the Pierre and Fort Pierre area.

Known as the Central South Dakota Heritage Tourism Education Program, the project included several components. Staff members prepared preservation plans and applications for Preserve America Community designations for the cities of Pierre and Fort Pierre. With the help of the two municipalities, staff designed and installed 45 interpretive signs at historic sites throughout the area. An online travel itinerary, developed in partnership with the National Park Service Heritage Education Services, highlights 37 sites in central South Dakota that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the nation's official list of places worthy of preservation. The itinerary is available at www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/pierre_fortpierre/.

In 2009, the office co-sponsored Preservation Leadership Training in Deadwood. This training, provided by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, brought about 40 professionals from across the United States to South Dakota for an intensive one-week preservation "boot camp." In addition to classroom sessions, participants developed proposals for various buildings in Deadwood to optimize their use and continued preservation.

of South Dakota's historic properties. In 2009, twelve Deadwood Fund grants totaling \$145,224 were awarded, to be matched by over \$800,000 in local investment. Owners of historic properties can also apply for an eight-year property tax moratorium for certified restoration work. In 2009, 24 projects with certified expenditures totaling \$6.7 million received the moratorium. Four South Dakota projects received certification through the federal rehabilitation tax credit program. The program, administered jointly by the historic preservation office, the National Park Service, and the Internal Revenue Service, offers a 20 percent income-tax credit on qualified expenditures for the rehabilitation of a certified historic structure. The total expenditures for the six South Dakota projects approved in 2009 were \$4.95 million. In all, \$12.6 million was invested in South Dakota's historic properties thanks to these incentive programs.

Historic preservation staff are also responsible for reviewing certain federal, state, and local projects that may affect historic properties. These reviews, required under federal and state laws, ensure that governmental agencies consider cultural and historic properties in their planning. In 2009, staff members reviewed over 1,700 projects.

Museum

The Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society collects, preserves, and interprets artifacts representing the social, political, and cultural history of South Dakota and Dakota Territory. The museum makes its collections available through exhibitions, loans to other museums, and publications.

The museum received a 2009 Leadership in History Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History for its traveling exhibits program. The museum produced 10 traveling exhibits in an innovative pop-up kiosk format that uses full-color exhibit panels printed onto lightweight, durable polyester fabric and stretched over a flexible frame. The frame folds down into a circle about the size of an extra-large pizza and, when unfolded, pops up to six feet tall with three or four panels on each frame. Small artifacts and hands-on activity pieces complete the exhibits.

The traveling exhibits went to 39 venues in 2009, and over 111,000 people viewed them.

A new exhibit on the South Dakota capitol's 100th anniversary, *The People's House: Celebrating the Century* opened in June. The exhibit features a wall-size mural of the capitol's exterior with text explaining the building's architectural elements. Visitors can look through the original door from the secretary of state's vault to see a computer monitor running a slide show of capitol construction photos. Among the artifacts on display are a legislator's desk from the wooden capitol in Pierre and the 44-star flag that flew over that building in 1889. Interactive stations let visitors try their hand at constructing a capitol with arches, columns and pediments, and laying a tile pattern with a special blue tile. A matching game challenges people to see how well they can identify the capitols of South Dakota's neighboring states.

The museum's education kits continue to be popular. Over 6,200 people at 122 venues viewed the kits in 2009.

The museum hosted the *Fallen Heroes* banner display at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center. The display honors South Dakota military members who lost their lives in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded the museum a \$40,000 state-wide planning grant. The funds will be used



Members of the South Dakota Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association rang this bell to memorialize the passing of chapter members.

to develop a comprehensive assessment survey of the historical collections within South Dakota. This project will produce an overall picture of the state's museum collections, set up a method for sharing expertise and resources to care for them, and plan for emergency and disaster training.

Museum staff provided assistance to small museums and local historical societies across the state by offering advice about museum operational and management issues. The staff reached over 900 people in 2009 through this service.

The museum accepted 507 artifacts into the permanent collection. Among the highlights are a freight box filled with materials collected along the 2008 Fort Pierre to Deadwood Centennial Trail Ride; a Lakota elk-tooth dress; a large collection of railroad items; a collection of signs and materials from the Pierre airport; materials relating to Northern State University men's basketball coach Don Meyer's breaking of the record for most National Collegiate Athletic Association victories; ceremonial artifacts from the South Dakota Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association; and various items related to clubs, organizations and businesses in South Dakota.

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RESEARCH AND PUBLISHING

Publications from the Research and Publishing Program won several national awards in 2009. *South Dakota History*, the quarterly journal of the South Dakota State Historical Society, won its third Spur Award for Best Western Short Nonfiction from the Western Writers of America for "Owen Wister's Paladin of the Plains: The Virginian as a Cultural Hero" by David A. Smith. The article appeared in the Spring 2008 issue.

Carolyn Digby Conahan won a gold award from Mom's Choice for her distinctive illustrations in *The Prairie-Dog Prince* by Eva Katharine Gibson, the third volume in the Prairie Tale Series. Mom's Choice also gave the book a silver award in its Fantasy, Myths and Legends category.

Mom's Choice also recognized *The Jumping-Off Place* by Marian Hurd McNecly, afterword by Jean Patrick, with a gold medal in the Young Adult Historical Fiction category.

The Mystery of the Tree Rings, the second volume by Mark Meierhenry and David Volk, illustrated by Jason Folkerts, received a silver IPPY from Independent Publishers in the Midwest Best Regional Fiction category.

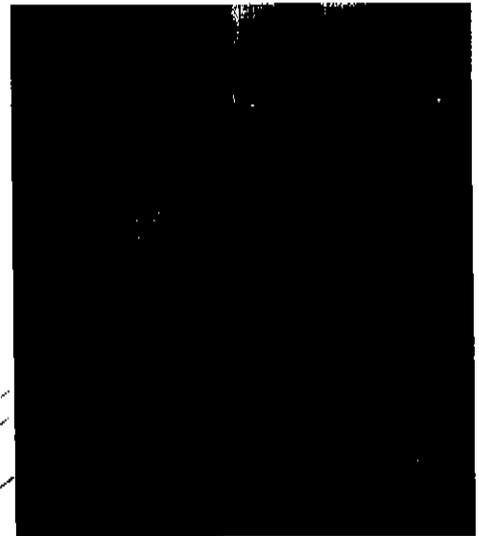
Jerry Wilson's memoir *Waiting for Coyote's Call* was short-listed for the Midwest Independent Book Publishers Awards, and *ForeWord Magazine* named the book a finalist in the Autobiography/Biography category of its Book of the Year awards.

The South Dakota State Historical Society Press released five books in 2009. *Seth Bullock: Black Hills Lawman* by David A. Wolff came out in April. In this third volume in the South Dakota Biography Series, Wolff examines Bullock's life as he helped build Deadwood, found Belle Fourche and promote the Black Hills.

The fourth volume in the Prairie Tale Series, *The Raccoon and the Bee Tree* by Charles Eastman and Elaine Goodale Eastman, illustrated by Susan Turnbull, debuted to great acclaim at the South Dakota Book Festival in Deadwood in October. In this Dakota Indian tale, a hungry raccoon gets into trouble after he steals honey from a bee tree.

Tourism is an important part of South Dakota's economy. In *A Marvelous Hundred Square Miles: Black Hills Tourism, 1880-1941*, which also came out in October, author Suzanne Barta Julin surveys the development of the industry from its earliest stages to the beginning of World War II.

Many memoirs of life in South Dakota focus on the state's agricultural heritage. In *Small-town Boy, Small-town Girl: Growing Up in South Dakota, 1920-1950*, however,



South Dakota State Historical Society Press director Nancy Tystad Koupal, left, and Raccoon and the Bee Tree illustrator Susan Turnbull prepare for a signing at the South Dakota Festival of Books.

authors Eric Fowler and Sheila Delaney relate their experiences growing up in Milbank and Mitchell, respectively. Released in December, the volume includes an introduction by Mitchell native Molly P. Rozum.

In the final book of 2009, Michael L. Lawson has revised and expanded on his classic work with *Dammed Indians Revisited: The Continuing History of the Pick-Sloan Plan and the Missouri River Sioux*.

Staff members also produced one book catalog and three issues of *History Notes*.

The Press is using the Internet and social media to reach more readers. In addition to Web sites for the Press (www.sdspress.com) and for the Prairie Tale Series (www.prairie-tale.com), computer users can find us on Facebook and Twitter. Visitors to the Press Web site can sign up for a monthly e-newsletter or access our blog by clicking on the Wordpress symbol.

The Press is also using print-on-demand technology to keep a few older titles in print.

Four issues of *South Dakota History* came off the press in 2009. Among the articles published were a review of the Oahe Irrigation Project and an overview of Deadwood merchant Wong Fee Lee and his Wing Tsue Bazaar. One issue was dedicated to the history of the closing of the University of South Dakota at Springfield.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS, 2009

Volunteers help to preserve and interpret South Dakota's history as they greet, guide, research and perform other vital tasks for the South Dakota State Historical Society. The society thanks the following individuals for sharing their time and talents at the Cultural Heritage Center, Archaeological Research Center and various archaeological sites.

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The South Dakota Department of Tourism and State Development has five divisions—Arts Council, Governor's Office of Economic Development, State Historical Society, Tourism and Tribal Government Relations. The divisions work together to increase tourism, business development and quality of life in South Dakota. The department also has three associated authorities—Ellsworth, Housing, and Science and Technology. These agencies work independently but collaborate with the department to make South Dakota a great place to live, work, visit and do business. For more information, visit www.tsd.sd.gov.

Ellsworth Development Authority

The South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority protects and promotes the economic impact of Ellsworth Air Force Base and associated industries and promotes the health and safety of those living or working near the base.

The authority was established by state law in 2009. Gov. M. Michael Rounds appointed a seven-member board that selected an executive director to manage the agency. The authority works with local government and the Governor's Office of Economic Development to implement a long-term business plan to assure that South Dakota continues to be a great place for the U.S. Department of Defense to conduct its mission at Ellsworth Air Force Base.

For more information, visit www.ellsworthdevelopmentauthority.org.

South Dakota Arts Council

The South Dakota Arts Council makes quality arts programs accessible throughout the state and improves cultural opportunities and quality of life. The agency provides funds, services and information to artists, arts organizations, other nonprofit groups, schools and the public.

With a fiscal year 2009 budget of \$1.4 million, the Arts Council cosponsored activities that reached an audience of 2.5 million people, with 18,185 artists participating in 9,864 events. More than 530 grants totaling \$1.1 million were awarded with funds from the State of South Dakota and the National Endowment for the Arts, generating \$12.8 million in matching funds. Every dollar awarded in grant funds by the Arts Council generates more than \$12 in local matching funds.

For more information, visit www.artscouncil.sd.gov.

South Dakota Science and Technology Authority

The South Dakota Science and Technology Authority is re-opening the former Homestake gold mine as the Sanford Underground Laboratory in preparation for the site's conversion into the Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory.

Progress in 2009 included the dedication of the laboratory at the 4,850-foot level, where physics experiments will be installed in 2010; a \$29 million grant from the National Science Foundation for laboratory development; and work on a surface laboratory—home to the facility's first physics experiment.

The facility is funded, in part, by nearly \$35 million from the South Dakota Legislature and a \$70 million gift from philanthropist T. Denny Sanford.

The laboratory will operate as deep as 8,000 feet underground, making it the deepest such facility in the world.

For more information, visit www.sanfordundergroundlaboratoryathomestake.org.

Office of Tribal Government Relations

The Office of Tribal Government Relations works to establish and maintain effective communication between South Dakota tribal governments and the state, and specifically to improve the quality of life for American Indians through legislation, resource coordination and advocacy.

In 2009, the office continued its partnership with the South Dakota Indian Business Alliance, which strives to remove business-development barriers and expand Indian-owned businesses. The office also works with other government agencies to renew state-tribal tax-collection agreements and promote tribal tourism in South Dakota.

Also in 2009, the office helped coordinate the construction of a new Department of Social Services building that will be owned by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and leased to three different state agencies.

For more information, visit www.SDTribalRelations.com.

South Dakota Office of Tourism

The Office of Tourism promotes the state as a vacation destination and serves as a resource for the visitor industry by supporting business promotion.

With a fiscal year 2009 budget of \$11 million, the office, in partnership with South Dakota's visitor industry, ran three marketing campaigns in Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Other Office of Tourism programs include the Million Dollar Challenge, Rooster Rush and Digital Revolution. Thus far in fiscal year 2010, the Million Dollar Challenge granted nearly \$440,000 to new marketing initiatives; Rooster Rush provided \$25,000 as well as hunting promotional materials to communities across the state; and our cooperative digital marketing effort, Digital Revolution, has gained 233 partners.

For more information, visit www.TravelSD.com or www.SDVisit.com.

South Dakota Housing Development Authority

The South Dakota Housing Development Authority encourages and develops affordable housing in South Dakota.

In fiscal year 2009, the authority contributed more than \$230 million to affordable housing projects, supporting more than 1,700 families or individuals through the first-time homebuyer program and providing rental assistance for more than 5,600 units. Other programs include the governor's house program, rural site development loans, housing tax credits for housing projects, the tax credit assistance program, the HOME program, and homeownership education, counseling and foreclosure prevention.

Twenty emergency and domestic violence shelters received more than \$330,000. The South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium was granted more than \$378,000, and projects in 15 South Dakota communities received \$8.5 million through the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

For more information, visit www.sdhda.org.

Governor's Office of Economic Development

The Governor's Office of Economic Development is responsible for growing the state's economy through business development.

The agency is emphasizing trade shows and community partnerships within targeted industries—biotechnology, value-added agriculture, energy development, firearms and information technology. The office has also updated its finance programs to meet business needs.

In 2009, the agency provided more than \$21 million in financing to South Dakota businesses, secured 30 new businesses, identified 375 new business prospects, and recruited more than 1,000 new jobs to the state. Throughout the last six years, South Dakota's gross state product has grown by more than \$10 billion, to \$36.9 billion in 2008.

For more information, visit www.sdreadytowork.com.

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Attendees tour the exhibit The People's House: Celebrating the Century at the gala sponsored by the Heritage Fund.

The South Dakota Heritage Fund, the State Historical Society's nonprofit partner, started several new ventures in 2009.

It is easier than ever to find information about the Heritage Fund thanks to the launch of a new Web site, www.sdheritagefund.com. The site contains information about membership, the Heritage Fund board of directors and staff, upcoming events, items available at the Heritage stores, and much more. The new Web site makes it easier to become a member of the State Historical Society, renew memberships, shop for items in the Heritage stores and learn more about the Heritage Fund. The site is also linked to the society's new Web site, www.history.sd.gov.

The History & Heritage Book Club began in 2009. The club is sponsored by the Heritage Fund in conjunction with the South Dakota State Historical Society Press. Anyone who wants to learn about local and regional history is welcome to attend. The group usually meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Cultural Heritage Center and has attracted a group of regular attendees. Readers who do not live near the center can join the discussion by telephone. Authors Cathie Draine, David Wolff, Dan O'Brien, Gilbert Fite and Pamela Smith Hill have all spoken at the book club in person or via speaker phone. From them, club members learned more about cowboy life, Black Hills lawman Seth Bullock, buffalo, former governor Peter Norbeck and author Laura Ingalls Wilder.

The gift shop at the state capitol began its second year of operation in 2009. Both the capitol shop and the store at the Cultural Heritage Center operate all year, making it possible for South Dakota artists to market their products and for people to buy locally made items.

Several events sponsored by the Heritage Fund proved to be the talk of the town in Pierre and Fort Pierre. A reception for State Historical Society members at the Hyde Block in Pierre on the eve of the society's annual history conference and a gala at the Cultural Heritage Center to celebrate the opening of an exhibit on the centennial of the capitol drew rave reviews. Heritage Fund staff also worked with the Historic Homestake Opera House Society to host a fund-raiser at the opera house in Lead for the second year in a row.

Other organizations are recognizing the outstanding volunteers at the Cultural Heritage Center and the capitol. Colleen Weiss was honored as the Pierre Area Charitable Organizations' Volunteer of the Year. The Heritage Fund nominated Weiss for the award.

Heritage Fund staff focus on providing the best support for the State Historical Society and our members. We are proud of our role in making South Dakota's rich heritage live on for future generations.

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