

Archives 2009

List of accomplishments

Awards

Carol Jennings received an award from the South Dakota Society of Professional Land Surveyors for her outstanding contribution.

Carol Jennings, Matthew Reitzel, and Ken Stewart were awarded with free badges for the Fort Bennett to Fort Pierre Casey Tibbs Memorial Ride in recognition of valuable contributions made to and for the Trail Ride and the Verendrye Museum.

The Archives received a \$5,800 NEH grant to support the oral history collection.

Gifts

278 collections (230.4 cu. ft.) have been accepted year to date

Newspaper

258 reels of microfilm were processed.

1915 census, Newsbio, and Vital Records

1915: entered 39, 214 this year.

The newspaper indexing database: 105,505 entries this year.

Vital records: 40,458 this year.

Archives month

Archives Month was celebrated this month with the theme, "Celebrate South Dakota history!" On October 4th, "Got Beer? Beer and Breweries in South Dakota" by Ken Stewart had 31 people in attendance. On October 17th the Pierre/Ft. Pierre flood film was shown at the State 123 Theatre with 112 people in attendance. The family film day had 3 people in attendance and the "Branding, Proof of Ownership" presentation had 37 people in attendance. The last scheduled activity for archives month is on October 31st at 2:00 when Pierre community members will sing songs of WWI music at the Pierre Congregational Church. The sheet music is from the archives collection. In addition to the events held in Pierre, archives staff conducted presentations in Lincoln, Nebraska; Freeman, S.D.; and Sioux Falls, S.D.

Total Inmate Hours: 27,044.25 hours

Outreach

- Photographic images from the archives collection are being submitted on a weekly basis to the *Pierre Capital Journal*. They appear in the newspaper every Tuesday. The images are of Pierre and the surrounding areas.

- Carol and Ronette Rumpca attended the Foreman Travel show in Sioux Falls. About 350 people stopped at their booth to ask for information and to “vote” for the location of the Capitol.
- Virginia gave a presentation at the Fall River County Historical Society meeting, with 140 people present.
- Matthew and Dan Brosz met with the Kiwanis International club in Pierre on January 19th to give the “Why Donate” presentation. 45 people were present.
- Chelle met with 3 representatives from the State Library. Two of the people present were new to the State Library and the discussions were about our relationships regarding SD Memory, Archive-it, and GRCHN.
- Matthew gave Joe Tlustos, SD Public Radio, a tour of the archives.
- Press releases were sent out about the online indexes for the “Monthly South Dakotan” and the Pioneer Daughters collection.
- Virginia gave a tour to Lila Mehlhaff, editor of the Native Legacy magazine.
- Chelle gave a presentation about the archives to a History & Methods class at Augustana on 2/24. (17 people)
- Staff attended the Pierre Chamber after Hours Event on 3/19
- Marvene sat on the panel for the discussion at the CHC Anniversary on 3/1. Other archives staff members attended the event as well.
- Matthew met with 6 people from the Mitchell Carnegie Resource Center.
- Matthew met with Deb Sheifelbein regarding the Norman collection.
- The e-newsletter was sent out regarding the History Conference.
- A press release was sent out about Women’s History month and the Alpha Mortenson collection.
- Archives staff attended the Ft. Pierre-Deadwood Trail trunk donation event on 3/13.
- Chelle met with Chief Justice Gilbertson regarding records retention and transfer.
- The Ray Norman recent donation display was created in the lobby by Carol and Matthew.
- Carol conducted a tour of the archives to 18 Land surveyors on 4/24.
- Virginia and Matthew worked with 2 staff from DOT to show a film in our collection.
- Virginia gave a presentation to 17 in Hudson, SD on genealogy.
- The archives had a booth at the history conference and new contacts were made with attendees.
- A letter was prepared to give to the WWII veterans as they board the Honor Flight about possible donations to the archives & museum.
- 600 students have taken the school census. Teachers were sent a reminder about the project.
- Carol gave a presentation on May 7th with South Dakota Public Radio. The topic was Mother’s Day.
- Ken co-hosted a bus tour of Historic Pierre as part of Historic Preservation & Archaeology Month. 59 people were in attendance.

- On May 27th Ken was a guest on KGFX radio and talked about Pierre and the railroads.
- Virginia gave a presentation at the Hospice Cancer Survivors Outreach Seminar on April 28th to 65 people. She also gave another presentation on military records to 6 people.
- Matthew gave a tour of the archives to two people.
- As part of the 4th grade school census, Matthew visited Aberdeen Roncalli Elementary school and gave a presentation to 51 fourth graders and teachers.
- Matthew showed parts of a dvd on the Ft. Pierre-Deadwood Trail to 40 people with the Butte County Historical Society on June 13th.
- The archives staff arranged for the presentation of the donation of the Tartan Stone to the State Archives on July 27th. 18 people were in attendance.
- Carol gave a tour of the Archives to 2 people on July 24, 2009.
- Virginia gave two presentations at the Irish Fair in Sioux Falls on July 25th. At least 115 people received information on the sources at the State Archives.
- Matthew, Rebecca, and Megan worked on the County of the Week programming. Archival material is researched and pulled and combined with museum artifacts in order to highlight one county per week this summer.
- Matthew conducted an oral history interview with Sylvan Williams on July 20th.
- Virginia has been working with the state history day coordinator.
- Matthew met with a donor regarding the SD Pear Harbor Survivor Association donation.
- On August 11th Ken Stewart gave a presentation on the topic of Fort Bennett to a group of 300 during the Fort Bennett Casey Tibbs Memorial ride.
- Virginia has been working with the South Dakota National History Day coordinator and information about the archives was included in the history day packets that were sent out by the coordinator.
- The e-newsletter was sent out on 9/21/09
- An email blast was sent to history professors in the state reminding them about the archives and the services we provide that might be useful to their students. (40)
- Virginia gave a presentation to the Red Hat Group in Pierre on "Quirks and Coincidences in genealogy" on October 20th with 18 ladies in attendance.
- A History Day workshop was held at the CHC on October 28th. Kathie Tuntland gave ideas to teachers who wanted to start History Day projects and Virginia and Chelle gave ideas on how the Archives might help them. 5 People were in attendance.
- Matthew gave a presentation about the archives at the University of Sioux Falls to students who are history majors. 55 people were in attendance.
- Virginia gave a presentation in Freeman on beginning genealogy with 21 present.
- Virginia was invited to give a presentation at the Nebraska State Historical Society on Native

- American genealogy. 38 people were present.
- The recent donation case was changed out.
 - Press releases and ads were sent out regarding the archives month activities.
 - Virginia gave a tour of the archives to a school group from Onida. (11)
 - Members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe visited the Center and Virginia gave a tour of the archives. (14)
 - Marvene gave a tour of the archives and the land survey records to two new employees at the DOT and a surveyor. (3)

Library

136 books were cataloged.

Scanned Images

833 images scanned by Matthew

2904 images digitized by Bill and Cheri for the photo digitization project.

3642 images cataloged by Lori for the photo digitization project.

Processing

164 collections containing 302.7 cubic feet

Research

10,995 reference requests by email, mail, telephone and in-person have been handled ytd.

Outreach

The archives reached 1919 people this year through presentations, archives month activities and tours.

Visitors

1696

Microfilm

315,968 exposures, 442 rolls.

SHRAB

A Beginning Book Preservation workshop was held in Pierre on April 6th with 8 people in attendance.

A Photographic Materials & Preservation workshop was held in Sioux Falls on May 11th with twenty one people in attendance. And a workshop on Paper Making and simple repairs was held in Pierre on May 19th with twelve people in attendance.

The SDSHRAB received a SNAP grant from NHPRC in the amount of \$13,278. The board met on October 20th and reviewed the applications for the grant and selected the awards. The awards for the grant recipients were sent out. The board reviewed a grant application by the Rapid City Library to the NHPRC.

Web

Matthew completed the GFWC website, the "Monthly South Dakotan" website, and the SD Sons of the American Revolution website. Chelle updated the press release page, the 2009 History Conference pages,

and the SHRAB page. The majority of the year regarding the web was spent in updating the pages for the transfer to the new website in January 2010.

The archives pages received over 1,364,523 hits and over 144,736 visitors. There were no statistics available for September and October and December.

Training

Marvene attended annual training for working with inmates on 4/8.

Chelle, Matthew and Lori attended a workshop in Sioux Falls on Photographs that was sponsored by the SDSHRAB.

Marvene, Matthew, Virginia and Chelle attended the Paper Preservation workshop on May 19th.

Chelle traveled to Madison, Wisconsin for the Archives Leadership Institute.

All Pierre archives staff attended AED/CPR training.

Virginia Hanson and Chelle Somsen received DOC "working with inmates" training on August 13th.

Matthew attended Dreamweaver class on 9/10/09 and 9/11/09.