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August Smithsonian Saturday Program at Cultural Heritage Center to Focus on “100 Greatest American Stamps”

PIERRE, S.D. – The next Smithsonian Saturday program at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre will be held Saturday, Aug. 6, at 2 p.m. CDT, and it will focus on postage stamps.

The featured program is entitled, “100 Greatest American Stamps” and was originally broadcast by the Smithsonian National Postal Museum. There is no fee to attend this program, but regular admission fees apply to visit the museum exhibits.

The program focuses on 100 of the most important stamps issued in United States history. The program is presented by Janet Klug, a past president of the American Philatelic Society, and Donald Sundman, president of the Mystic Stamp Company. The program is part of the annual Maynard Sundman Lecture Series and was originally broadcast in 2008. The program includes graphics of stamps that made the Top 100, chosen for a variety of reasons from subject matter to design.

“You don’t have to be a stamp collector to appreciate this program,” said museum director Jay Smith. “The presenters are lively and they allow the stamps to tell a history of the United States. I am sure this program will be popular with a wide audience.”

The next Smithsonian Saturday will be held on Saturday, Sept. 3. The program will feature work being conducted on historical topics in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution.

The South Dakota State Historical Society became a Smithsonian Affiliate in January 2013 and is the only affiliate in South Dakota.

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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.

About Smithsonian Affiliations

Established in 1996, Smithsonian Affiliations is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. The long-term goal of Smithsonian Affiliations is to facilitate a two-way relationship among Affiliate organizations and the Smithsonian Institution to increase discovery and inspire lifelong learning in communities across America. More information about the Smithsonian Affiliations program and Affiliate activity is available at <https://affiliations.si.edu>.