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Traditional arts demonstrations event Sept. 24 at Cultural Heritage Center

PIERRE, S.D. – Three American Indian traditional artists will perform on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The free event, hosted by the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society, runs from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. CDT.

Alana Traversie of Pierre will be creating and demonstrating beadwork. Denise Lightning Fire of Lantry, S.D., will demonstrate the making of star quilts. Artist Mike Marshall of Mission, S.D., will discuss and show traditional American Indian games. Visitors will also have the opportunity to make games for themselves with supplies provided.

“The artist demonstrations were a big hit last year during our Great Sioux Horse Effigy return celebration,” said museum director Jay Smith. “We want to continue that success and give the public a chance to see and enjoy the artists’ processes and work.”

Refreshments will be served from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and the event is free to all attendees.

In addition, the museum will be participating in the Smithsonian Institution’s annual Museum Day Live! program that day and celebrating with free admission to the museum galleries. Visitors can download free tickets to hundreds of museums across the nation at the following address:

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-live-2016/tickets/>

“We wanted to do something special on Museum Day Live! this year and by providing this special program with American Indian artisans we felt that the day could be quite memorable for our audience,” Smith said. “We hope everyone gets a chance to come out and visit with us on September 24.”

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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

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