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### **Make-and-Take a holiday ornament Nov. 5 at Cultural Heritage Center**

PIERRE, S.D. -- Get in the holiday spirit and have some family fun creating handmade holiday ornaments at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. CST on Saturday, Nov. 5. There will be free admission to the museum on that day.

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.

"This is always a fun day for the museum. You don't even need to be particularly crafty to enjoy making these ornaments," said Jay Smith, director of the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society. "It is great to see kids and adult visitors making drinking straw garlands while older kids and adults fold paper wreaths and create their own ornaments from the supplies provided. There is something for everyone to enjoy and make. No measuring or cutting is needed."

Visitors can enjoy the new exhibit "Building South Dakota" featuring the new hands-on activities in the Observation Gallery. The exhibit case with the Great Sioux Horse Effigy in "The South Dakota Experience" is also on display.

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. 25. The open house will run from noon to 4:30 p.m. and will feature visits with Santa Claus, musical entertainment and refreshments. Museum hours are extended until 6:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday from Nov. 26-Dec. 23. Sunday hours are 1-4:30 p.m.

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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](http://www.history.sd.gov) for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.*