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Two new displays opening at Cultural Heritage Center for Holiday Open House

PIERRE, S.D. – Two new displays will be opening in time for the annual Holiday Open House event at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre on Friday, Nov. 25. The new exhibits will be on display in the Hogen Gallery and will feature photographs and quilts.

“From the Collection: Quilts” features a variety of quilts from the museum’s collection, many of which have not been seen on exhibit ever or for several years. The second exhibit is entitled “ND/SD Photography Portfolio” and is comprised of photographs from 15 North Dakota and 15 South Dakota artists in a joint exhibit organized by John Banasiak at the University of South Dakota and Ryan Stander at Minot State (North Dakota). Both exhibits will be on display through February 2017.

“We are excited to put these exhibits together because of their extraordinary visual appeal,” said Museum Director Jay Smith. “The photographs are compelling images from the Dakotas, and quilts have long been a traditional artistic form that also tells a story about our culture. People will certainly see striking parallels as well as differences in the two mediums.”

The annual Holiday Open House takes place on Friday from 12-4:30 p.m. CST. The event features holiday entertainment, living history demonstrations, snowflake decorations from the Boys & Girls Club, cookies and punch, the recently added exhibit “Building South Dakota” in the Observation Gallery and photos with Santa.

Admission is free to the Holiday Open House, but visitors are asked to bring a canned food item for donation to the Pierre Food Pantry.

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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.