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Stanley County native to tell about her newest book at Cultural Heritage Center

PIERRE, S.D. – Stanley County native Brenda Donelan will discuss her newest mystery at the October meeting of the History and Heritage Book Club.

“Art of Deception” is the fourth book in Donelan’s University Mystery Series. The free program will begin at 7 p.m. CDT on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

“We’re pleased to welcome back Brenda for a fourth time to speak to the History and Heritage Book Club. Her books and the talks she gives about them are always enjoyable,” said Michael Lewis, president of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation. The foundation is the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society and sponsors the book club.

Donelan grew up on a ranch in Stanley County. Her parents are Larry and Patty Donelan. She attended college in Brookings and worked in Aberdeen as a probation officer and later as a college professor. She currently resides in Sioux Falls.

Donelan has drawn on her experiences as a college professor and a probation officer in her books. The University Mystery Series is set in the fictional city of Elmwood, S.D. The protagonist is Marlee McCabe, a criminology professor at Midwestern State University. In “Art of Deception,” the investigation of the theft of a million-dollar antique from an art show in Elmwood becomes personal for Marlee when her cousin is arrested for the crime.

In her remarks to the History and Heritage Book Club, Donelan will tell why she decided to have a family member as a suspect in “Art of Deception.”

“Art of Deception” and Donelan’s three other books, “Day of the Dead,” “Holiday Homicide” and “Murder to Go,” are available at the Heritage Store at the Cultural Heritage Center. Donelan will sign copies of the books after the meeting.

Please call (605) 773-6006 for more information about the History and Heritage Book Club.

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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 the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation

The South Dakota Historical Society Foundation is a private charitable nonprofit that seeks funding to assist the South Dakota State Historical Society in programming and projects to preserve South Dakota's history and heritage for future generations.