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State Historical Society announces national photo contest

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota State Historical Society encourages people to enter a nationwide photography contest being held by Preservation50.

The contest is open to all United States residents. The photo must be taken of a historic place in the United States. There are four entry categories: inspiring place, endangered place, underrepresented place and cultural landscape.

The top five photographs in each category will be featured on Preservation50's website and promoted by partner organizations, whose social media following numbers in the tens of millions of Americans.

“This is a chance to show off your photography skills and your love for historic places,” said Jay D. Vogt, director of the State Historical Society. “I encourage all history and photography enthusiasts to share their love of South Dakota history by participating.”

To enter, photograph your favorite historic place and tag it to #P50Photo on Instagram. Include a comment with the category you are entering and what makes this place special to you. The entry deadline is Oct. 1. For more information, visit the contest website at <http://preservation50.org/preservation50-national-photography-contest/>.

Preservation50 was created by preservation supporters across the country to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. Signed into law in October 1966, the act created the federal framework supporting the preservation and protection of the irreplaceable buildings, landscapes and archaeology in communities across the United States. It was enacted after numerous important historic buildings and sites were lost to new development in the years following World War II.

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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.