

Thinking about heritage tourism, Sacagawea & SD rivers ...

Heritage Tourism is Us

Local archives, historical societies, historic properties and museums play an important role in heritage tourism in South Dakota. Each of our organizations provides a unique approach to South Dakota history. Whether our groups collect, preserve, interpret or promote art, American Indian culture, area history, pioneer traditions or general history, we are in the heritage tourism business. Tourists to South Dakota come to see the real West, and our institutions help provide that positive, authentic visitor experience. South Dakota is justly famed for its majestic scenery—the Sioux Falls, the Missouri River, and the Black Hills connected by farms and ranches on the prairie and plains. The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism, and I encourage you to check out their website (www.sdvisit.com) to learn more about cooperative programs and marketing campaigns. The 2013 Governor's Conference on Tourism is Jan. 16-17, in Pierre. I encourage you to attend.

Learn about Sacagawea

The Encounters of the Prairie Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is hosting a meeting Sept. 28-30 in Fort Pierre to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of Sacagawea. The editor of the Lewis and Clark Journals, Gary Moulton, University of Nebraska/Lincoln,

From the SDSHS Director



Jay D. Vogt

is the keynote speaker, and he is being joined by Brad Tennant of Presentation College in Aberdeen, and independent Sacagawea scholars Gerard Baker of South Dakota, Beverly Hinds of Iowa, Barb Kubic of Washington, Ron Laycock of Minnesota and Amy Mossett of North Dakota.

Sacagawea traveled with the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Other than the journals, reliable historical information about Sacagawea is very limited. After the expedition, Sacagawea and her husband Charbonneau spent three years among the Hidatsa before accepting William Clark's invitation to settle in St. Louis, Mo., in 1809. They entrusted their son Jean-Baptiste's education to Clark.

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South Dakota artists have until Aug. 1 to submit purchase proposals for the South Dakota Art for State Buildings Program.

The Art for State Buildings Program was created for the purpose of adding the work of talented South Dakota artists to the state's permanent art collection for display in conference and meeting rooms and other areas of state government buildings with significant public access. Work purchased this year will be installed in public access areas of the Capitol and/or other state buildings in the Capitol Complex.

Proposals of work that artists are offering for purchase should be submitted to the South Dakota Arts Council (SDAC), the agency charged with managing the program.

Proposals will be reviewed by an advisory committee to the SDAC. Selection will be based on:

- quality of the work
- the artwork's relevance to South Dakota environment, history, heritage or culture
- experience of the artist
- permanence and safety, as required for public artworks

A complete Request for Proposals can be obtained in the NEWS section on SDAC's website: www.artscouncil.sd.gov or by calling (605) 773-3301, by emailing sdac@state.sd.us or by writing the South Dakota Arts Council at 711 E. Wells Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

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Preserve South Dakota has hired a new executive director. Kate Nelson of Pierre began working for the statewide organization on May 7, bringing with her a passion for historic properties and South Dakota's history. She is looking forward to working with historic building owners and supporters of historic preservation, and she's excited to join an organization with a rich history of working in the state. Prior to joining Preserve South Dakota, Kate worked for four years at the South

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The couple returned north, and Sacagawea was reportedly died Dec. 20, 1812, of "putrid fever" at Fort Manuel Lisa in present-day South Dakota.

If you are interested in attending the Sacagawea conference, contact Bill Stevens, 612 N. Poplar Ave., Pierre, SD 57501; (605) 224-0223 or (605) 280-2135, or svsvideo@pie.midco.net. The meeting is being held at the AmericInn Hotel and Conference Center in Fort Pierre, and they have a block of rooms available until Aug. 28 for \$89.99 plus tax. For lodging reservations call (605) 223-2358.

Rivers Run Through It

The 2013 history conference of the State Historical Society is May 3-4 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rapid City. Once every five years, the conference rotates to Rapid City when the program is prepared by the society's archaeology office, located in Rapid City. The 2013 conference will focus on the rivers and their significance in South Dakota history. Please mark your calendar.

The South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre is the headquarters of the State Historical Society. Located in the center are the administration, archives, historic preservation, museum and publications offices. The research room is open Monday-Friday (and the 1st Saturday of the month) from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CDT. The museum is operating with its summer hours Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., and Sundays and holidays 1-4:30 p.m. Please visit us.

Dakota State Historical Society, where she was a restoration specialist with the State Historic Preservation Office. Kate graduated from Ball State University in Indiana with a M.S. in historic preservation, and from Morningside College in Iowa with a B.A. in history. Along with the new director comes a new office location; PSD is now headquartered at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. Kate's office hours are currently Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. CDT. You can reach her at (605) 773-2188 or via email at kate.nelson@preservesd.org. PSD has also launched a Facebook page to keep members and friends up to date on all their news. Check PSD out on Facebook and "like" them to stay informed!

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Current officers of the Clay County Historical Society, headquartered in Vermillion, include: President — Tom Thaden; Vice-President — Maxine Johnson; Past-President — Gloria Barnes Hensley; Secretary — Judy Sullivan; Treasurer — Luann Ouellette; Board Members — Marvin Walz and Joe

State groups get SHRAB grants

Six state history organizations have been awarded grants through the South Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board (SD SHRAB).

The organizations that received funding this year and the amounts of their grants include:

- the Dakotaland Museum in Huron, \$500
- the Gary Historical Association in Gary, \$500;
- the Homestake Adams Research and Cultural Center in Deadwood, \$500;
- the Gregory County Historical Society in Dallas, \$500;
- Yankton College in Yankton, \$500; and
- the Fall River Historical Society in Hot Springs, \$500.

The SD SHRAB received a \$5,431 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), and \$3,000 of the

Hoffman; Permanent Board Members — Ann Severson and Cleo Erickson; Member-At-Large — Gary Bottolfson

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The Dalesburg Scandinavian Association in Vermillion celebrated the 143rd annual Midsommar at Dalesburg on June 22 at Dalesburg Lutheran Church north of Vermillion. Entertainment was highlighted by "Trio Con Brio," an oboe, flute and keyboard trio from Stockholm, Sweden. An annual Scandinavian Smorgasbord was served that evening.

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The Historic Homestake Opera House in Lead has two weekly events happening, at least through August. Monday nights, it's "Movie Night." Admission is by donation, with proceeds going towards HHOH's goal of raising \$20,000 for a new professional projector and screen for its theater. On Thursday nights, it's "Concerts in the Courtyard." A different group will be performing each week on the HHOH outdoor patio.

funding was set aside for re-grant funding.

The NHPRC, part of the National Archives and Records Administration, encourages each state and territory to have a historical records advisory board to lead and coordinate records preservation activities in its area. The SD SHRAB was created in 1997 under statutory authority of the board of trustees of the South Dakota State Historical Society, and the members of the SD SHRAB are archivists, historians and records managers from across the state.

Local repositories, archival organizations, historical societies, and tribal and local governments were urged to apply for the re-grant funds.

For more information, see <http://history.sd.gov/Archives/SHRAB/shrabactivity.aspx> or call the South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives at (605) 773-3804.