

Join us May 3-4 in Rapid City for annual History Conference

Much to my surprise, I recently learned that South Dakota has a total of 35 rivers. Yes, that's correct, 35 rivers. Some of these water ways may be no larger than creeks in other locales, but in South Dakota they have "river" in their name rather than "creek." The Mighty Mo, the Missouri River, is our largest river and divides South Dakota west and east which plays an important part in our history. Most of the rivers in western South Dakota course west to east, and those located in the eastern half of the state flow north to south. Nevertheless, these water ways run through South Dakota and impact our history and heritage.

Rivers Run Through It: South Dakota's Rivers and Streams and the Flow of History is the theme for the 2013 State Historical Society History Conference, Friday and Saturday, May 3-4, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rapid City. Fur trade, floods, fish and fights are some of the topics that will be covered at the conference. Joseph A. Tiffany of the Mississippi Valley Archaeological Center and Professor of Archaeology at the University of Wisconsin—LaCrosse will open the meeting with his talk, *Missouri Valley Panorama: 12 Millennia of South Dakota's Past*, providing an overview for other presentations. Other speakers include Ryan Alcorn, Curt Anderson and Renee Boen with the Bureau of Reclamation; Grahama Callaway of the University of Arkansas; plains archaeologist Craig Johnson of Saint Paul; Barbara J. Cottrell Larsen and

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Lawrence H. Larsen from the National Archives—Kansas City and the University of Missouri—Kansas City, respectively; and South Dakota-based scholars Adrien Hannus, Nathan Hitchcock, Robert Kolbe, Perry Rahn, Brad Tennant and Lonis Wendt.

During the noon luncheon on Friday, May 3, the film *The Pierre-Fort Pierre Flood of 1952*, from the State Historical Society-Archives, will be shown, and the society's Governor's Awards for History will be presented during the awards luncheon on Saturday, May 4.

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Spring hours for the Adams Museum, Days of '76 Museum and Historic Adams House in Deadwood began on April 1. Spring hours at all three museums are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. MDT, Monday - Saturday. The last tour of the day at the Historic Adams House is 4 p.m.

Admission to the Adams Museum is by donation; the Days of '76 Museum is \$5 for adults; \$2 for children ages 7 - 13; and free to children 6 and under; and the Historic Adams House is \$7 for adults; \$2 for children ages 7 - 13; and free to children 6 and under.

Membership allows Deadwood History to offer educational programs, create new exhibits and benefit on-going preservation needs. Every form of support — whether it is an individual membership or a donation — is deeply appreciated and allows Deadwood History to continue to fulfill its mission to educate and engage the Deadwood community.

For information on becoming a member call Mark at (605) 722-4800 or visit www.deadwoodhistory.com. Free admission is offered to the Adams Museum, Days of '76 Museum, and Historic Adams House for Deadwood History members.

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The Children's Museum of South Dakota in Brookings — the only children's museum in the state — has been presented the Buidly

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Award by the Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums to honor recent museum projects. Criteria for the award included an inclusive planning process, the use of sustainable construction practices, advancing mission through the architecture of the building, impact of the project and awards previously won.

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Current officers of the Encounters On The Prairie-South Dakota Chapter of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation in Pierre include: President — Bill Stevens; Vice-President — Jay D. Vogt; Secretary — Karen Kern; Treasurer — Beverly Lewis; Directors — Karen Kern, Rich Avilla, Yvonne

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South Dakota State Historical Society, and it is also available at www.history.sd.gov — just click on the *River Runs Through It* tab. However, the conference is open to the general public. Twelve continuing education contact hours can be received through the Department of Education. If you would like registration material sent to you, please call Jeff Mammenga at (605) 773-6000.

One of the benefits of membership in the State Historical Society is a \$10 discount on the registration fee for the conference. Family and history-related group memberships cost only \$45 annually and offer free admission to the museum at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center, additional discounts at the South Dakota Heritage Stores, State Archives and from the South Dakota State Historical Society Press. Other higher-level, Heritage Circle, options allow members to make a contribution to the State Historical Society. So if you are not a member of your South Dakota State Historical Society, join today and attend our history conference in Rapid City, May 3-4, at the Hilton Garden Inn! jdv

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The historic Fort Pierre Train Depot was returned to Fort Pierre in March. A welcome home was held at the Casey Tibbs South Dakota Rodeo Center. The depot, built in 1906 and used by the Chicago and NorthWestern Railroad system, was sold and moved to a ranch near Faith in 1964. A subcommittee of the Verendrye Museum's board of directors has been planning since 2010 to return the depot to Fort Pierre, restore it and use it as a tourist and historic attraction. This year's members of the Verendrye Museum's board include: President — Darby Nutter; Vice-President — Zay Norman; Treasurer — Connie Grittner; Secretary — John Duffy; Directors — Joyce Larson, Karl Fischer, Brent Pries, Tom Bown and Bob Iverson.

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The Minnehaha County Historical Society had about 170 people attend its March meeting at the Old Courthouse Museum in Sioux Falls. The meeting featured Brad and Jennifer Dumke's documentary film on prairie architect W.L. Dow. The documentary will be on South Dakota Public Broadcasting at 8 p.m. on May 6. Current board members of the MCHS include: President — Jim

A. Carlson, 1 VP Programs — Richard Foster; 2nd VP Newsletter — Sandy Dean; Secretary — Celia Benson; Treasurer — Gaylord Helmbrecht; Board — Jennifer Dumke and Bill Hoskins; President Emeritus — Bob Kolbe.

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The Fort Pierre Development Corporation promotes historic preservation and other economic development in the Fort Pierre area. The current board of directors includes: President — Steve Hayes; Vice-President — Joel Catlin; Treasurer — Terry Campbell; Directors — Diane London, Carl Rathbun, Bill Leimbach, Dawn Nagel, Milt Morris and Dana Iverson.

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The 21st annual West River History Conference is Oct. 3-5 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rapid City. This year's theme is "War on the Plains: Stories of Conflict Over the Years." Papers on any topic relating to the history of the region are always welcome. Cash prizes are awarded for the best papers in both adult and student categories. For more information call (605) 343-4852, email wrhc@shebbyleetours.com or visit <http://wrhcsd.wordpress.com/home>.

Invitation for disaster planning workshops

Dear Colleagues:

The South Dakota State Historical Society is pleased to be hosting free disaster preparedness planning and response training workshops on May 20-21 and August 14 in Pierre. We would like to invite you and other staff and volunteers from area museums, libraries, archives and other collecting institutions to join us for the workshops sponsored by the Dakota Collections Care Initiative (DCCI).

The workshops are an opportunity for your institution to develop or update a disaster plan with the assistance of a trained conservator. Although the workshops are free, registration is required online at <http://dcciworkshops2013.eventbrite.com/> and closes May 13.

Twenty travel stipends are available to help those who don't live in Pierre attend the workshops. Stipends of up to \$100 per person may be used for lodging and mileage reimbursement. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis and may be requested through the online registration process.

Additional information about DCCI and a detailed workshop schedule are posted at the South Dakota State Historical Society website at <http://history.sd.gov>. More information is available by calling (701) 355-4458.

We hope to see you at the workshops!

—Jay Smith, Director, Museum of SD State Historical Society
—Chelle Somsen, State Archivist