

# Hoofprints

A bi-monthly publication for local history groups

## Local groups help State Society preserve South Dakota history

The South Dakota State Historical Society collects, preserves, interprets and promotes the history of the people of South Dakota. Your archaeological group, archives, cultural office, museum or historical society does the same for your local area, and the State Historical Society depends on this local activity to help ensure our state's history is preserved.

"Hoofprints" is one way the State Historical Society attempts to share information from local organizations throughout the state with one another. The best ideas often come from another group's success.

The State Historical Society has a specific membership category just for local history groups. In addition to receiving this newsletter, the group will also receive a subscription to our award-winning quarterly journal *South Dakota History* and the "History Notes" newsletter. Both would be great additions to any library.

Members also receive free admission to the museum; a 10 percent discount at the heritage stores (Cultural Heritage Center and Capitol), for state archives services, and off State Historical Society Press publications; and notices of special programs, events and exhibition openings. Further, the State Historical Society offers outreach services for archives and museums and provides a list of programs and traveling exhibitions available to local history organizations.

The history-related group membership is a bargain at only \$45 annually. An easy method to become a member is to visit [www.history.sd.gov](http://www.history.sd.gov) and click on "membership" at the top

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of the page and follow the directions. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jeff Mammenga, our membership coordinator, at (605) 773-6000 or [jeff.mammenga@state.sd.us](mailto:jeff.mammenga@state.sd.us).

We want to hear from you. Please join today and send us information on your group's activities, events and officers for the "Field Reports" section of this newsletter. Information is also accepted from non-members, but space consideration is first given to members.

Following is a list of dues-paying History Group members of the State Historical Society. The list includes several individuals who also enjoy reading about group activities.

Our annual history conference,

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## Field Reports

Following is a current list of the board of directors for the Butte County Historical Society in Newell: President — Mike Helmer, Spearfish; Vice-President — Glenn Riley, Spearfish; Secretary — De Johnson, Spearfish; Treasurer — Janet Jensen, Belle Fourche; Historian — Georgia Collins, Spearfish; Directors — Leroy Dean, Belle Fourche; Karen Jensen, Newell; David Junek, Belle Fourche; Eleanor Marousek, Belle Fourche; Ramona McFarland, Spearfish; Neil Vollmer, Newell and Ken Wetz, Newell.

In April, the society is hosting school children visiting the Hillside Country School in Belle Fourche. Students bring sack lunches and get to dress in bonnets and pinafores, and use quill pens and slates.

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The South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the State Historical Society's non-profit fundraising partner at the Cultural Heritage Center, was one of 13 state-wide recipients of \$125,000 in grants recently awarded by the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission. The foundation received \$19,150 to assist the State Archives in the costs of digitizing historic images that document the state's history and people.

Other grant recipients included: Black Hills Historic Preservation Trust; the Black Hills Mining Museum in Lead; the City of

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April 4-5, in Pierre, is another avenue for people interested in our state's history to get together and learn more about a specific topic and engage with others involved in state and local history. We hope to see you there. Information about the conference is also available on our website. Thank you. JDV

Individual Members: Cheri Burns, San Antonio, TX; Susan Comer, Loveland, CO; Kathleen Ellwein, Kansas City, KS; Connie Everton, Rapid City, SD; Patricia Folsland, Oldham, SD; Mike Friend, Rapid City, SD; Nathan Hitchcock, Sioux Falls, SD; John Laird, Santa Cruz, CA; Willard Larson, Isanti, MN; Liz Loveland, Medford, MA; Diana Melvin, Fort Pierre, SD; Curt & Onie Neuharth, Pierre, SD; Greg Olsen, Sioux Falls, SD; Douglas Petersen, Parade, SD; Al Roberdeau, Sturgis, SD; Arlette Scherschligt, Sioux Falls, SD; Lyle Swenson, Mitchell, SD.

Group Members: Ag Heritage Museum, Brookings, SD; Akta Lakota Museum, Chamberlain, SD; Badlands Natural History Assoc., Interior, SD; Brookings Co. Hist. Soc., Volga, SD; Brookings Historic Pres. Comm., Brookings, SD; Brown Co. Historical Society, Aberdeen, SD; Brown Co./Ab. Landmark Comm., Aberdeen, SD; Brule Co. Historical Society, Kimball, SD; Castlewood Historical Society, Castlewood, SD; Center for Western Studies, Sioux Falls, SD; Central SD SHRM, Pierre, SD; Clay Co. Historical Society, Vermillion, SD; Clay County HPC, Vermillion, SD; Clear Lake Hist Soc/Museum, Clear Lake, SD; Codrington Co. Hist. Pres. Comm., Watertown, SD; Cramer/Kenyon House, Yankton, SD; Custer Co. Historical Society, Custer, SD; Dacotah Prairie Museum, Aberdeen, SD; Dakota Discovery Museum, Mitchell, SD; Dalesburg Scandinavian Assoc., Vermillion, SD; Deadwood Chamber of Commerce, Deadwood, SD; Deadwood Historic Pres. Comm., Deadwood, SD; Deadwood History, Inc., Deadwood, SD; Dell Rapids Historic Pres., Dell Rapids, SD; Elkton Comm. Museum/Hist. Soc., Elkton, SD; Fall River Co. Hist. Soc., Hot Springs, SD; Faulk Co. Historical Soc., Faulkton, SD; First Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen, SD; Frawley Ranches of Spearfish, Lakewood, CO; Friends of the Inland Theater, Martin, SD; Galena Historical Society, Deadwood, SD; Garfield Cemetery Association, Bryant, SD; Garretson Area Hist. Soc., Garretson, SD; Grant Co. Historical Society, Milbank, SD; Gregory Co. Historical Soc, Gregory, SD; Heritage Club Of Platte, Platte, SD; Hermosa Arts & History Assoc., Hermosa, SD; High Plains Heritage Soc., Spearfish, SD; Historic

Rapid City, Rapid City, SD; Huron Historic Pres. Comm., Huron, SD; Hyde Co. Hist./Gen. Soc., Highmore, SD; Karl Mundt Foundation, Madison, SD; Keystone Area Historical Soc., Keystone, SD; Klein Museum, Mobridge, SD; Lake Co. Historical Society, Madison, SD; Laura Ingalls Wilder Mem. Soc., De Smet, SD; Lyman-Brule Genealogical Soc., Chamberlain, SD; Marshall Co. Hist. Soc., Britton, SD; Mellette Co Hist Soc, White River, SD; Miner Co. Historical Society, Howard, SD; Minnehaha Co. Hist. Soc., Sioux Falls, SD; Minnilusa Historical Assoc., Rapid City, SD; Mitchell Area Historical Soc., Mitchell, SD; Moody Co. Historical Society, Flandreau, SD; Mount Rushmore Society, Rapid City, SD; Mountains of History, Rapid City, SD; Pierre-Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission, Pierre, SD; Plankinton Pres. Society, Plankinton, SD; Rapid City Historic

Pres. Comm., Rapid City, SD; Scotland Historical Society, Scotland, SD; SD Air & Space Museum, Box Elder, SD; SD State Railroad Museum, Hill City, SD; Sioux Falls Bd. Of Historic Pres., Sioux Falls, SD; Siouxland Heritage Museums, Sioux Falls, SD; South Dakota Humanities Council, Brookings, SD; Spearfish Historic Pres. Comm., Spearfish, SD; Spirit of the West History Group, Sioux Falls, SD; Springfield Historical Society, Springfield, SD; The History Club, Sioux Falls, SD; Timber Lake & Area Hist. Soc., Timber Lake, SD; Tripp Co. Library, Winner, SD; Tripp County Historical Society, Winner, SD; Tri-State Museum, Belle Fourche, SD; Twin Brooks Threshing Show Club, Milbank, SD; Union Co. Historical Society, Elk Point, SD; West River History Conference, Rapid City, SD.

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Buffalo Gap; the Fall River County Historical Society in Hot Springs; the United Church of Christ in Belle Fourche; "Meeting the Need" in the historic mining town of Otho, near Keystone; NeighborWorks Dakota Home Resources in Lead; the Newell Museum; the Northern Hills Ranger District; Tomahawk Lake Country Club in Deadwood; the Verendrye Museum in Fort Pierre; and the Yankton County Historical Society.

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The Springfield Historical Society, along with the South Dakota Humanities Council, sponsored "An Hour with Laura Ingalls Wilder" at the Springfield Community Center. The program features Marian Cramer of Bryant, director of the Little Prairie School at the Ingalls Homestead in De Smet. Cramer portrayed Laura sharing stories from her family, a teacher operating a class like Laura taught and the story of Pa Ingalls digging a well and filing a homestead claim.

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The Dakota Discovery Museum in Mitchell is hosting the 2014 Youth Art Show from March 1-29, in recognition of March being National Youth Art Month. The annual exhibit offers South Dakota students the op-

portunity to show their work in a gallery setting and have it evaluated by professional artists. During the exhibit, admission is free for student artists and their immediate family.

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The Center for Western Studies at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, in observance of the 125th anniversary of statehood, is having a juried art exhibit and sale of original works of art by current and past residents of South Dakota. The exhibit, "South Dakota 2014: Artists Respond to the State's 125th Anniversary," runs June through September.

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The Minnehaha County Historical Society in Sioux Falls has a new mascot —

"Digger" the prairie dog. The reasoning behind "Digger" is that whether it is based on a documentary film, a book about the many historical markers, or the ethnic diversity of early Sioux Falls, it takes a lot of "digging" to create regular programs for the membership and general public. "Digger" was created by Ken Alvine, owner of Creative Comic Productions. "Digger" even has a "voice" for public audio spots — John Small of Local Sunny Radio in Sioux Falls.

