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(Photo courtesy National Music Museum, Vermillion)

One of the world's greatest musical instruments, the 16th-century Amati "king" cello, has temporarily left its home at The National Music Museum in Vermillion for a special summer-long exhibition at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, running through Sept. 8.

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for future generations (people are the focus of history). To learn more about the History Relevancy Campaign, visit www.historyrelevance.com/.

In addition, the board of trustees also passed a resolution urging the South Dakota Department of Education Social Studies Standards Working Group to promote the study of South Dakota history in high school (in addition to the fourth grade) and to promote the study of the colonial and revolutionary period of American history and the framing of the United States Constitution in high school. The Department of Education periodically reviews learning standards, and this year the department is focusing on social studies.

World history, American history, South Dakota history and local history are the study of the past, especially as it relates to people. Our institutions collect, preserve, interpret and promote history. We tell the stories of the past, and through those stories we explore and learn, we build dynamic communities, and we stimulate further inquiry and personal growth. Thank you for your interest and activity in South Dakota history. Keep up the good work! jdv

The Siouxland Heritage Museums hosted "Pedaling the Past," a bike tour of Sioux Falls historic locations, on June 6. The ride was a 5-to 8-mile loop starting and ending at the Old Courthouse Museum. Stops were made at Falls Park, Riverdale Park, downtown and other locations to talk about Sioux Falls history and landmarks.

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The Dalesburg Scandinavian Association hosted the 146th annual Midsommar at Dalesburg on June 19 near Vermillion. The day's events included musical entertainment, children's activities, the raising of the Midsommar Pole and a Scandinavian Smorgasbord.

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The Edgemont Area Historical Society operates the Trails, Trains and Pioneers Museum in Edgemont. Current officers include: Chairperson — Mary Hollenbeck; Vice-Chairperson — Darrel Dutoit; Treasurer — Judy Porter; Secretary — Anne Cassens; and Museum Manager — Sue Hendricks.

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SD SHRAB awards grants

Five state history organizations were recently 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 Black Hills Mining Museum in Lead, \$946; the Fassbender Photographic Collection in Deadwood, \$1000; the Mitchell Area Historical Society, \$1000; the 1881 Courthouse Museum in Custer, \$500 and the Brule County Historical Society in Kimball, \$554.

In addition, site visits were awarded to the Lyman County Museum in Presho, the Timber Lake and Area Historical Society in Timber Lake, the Heritage Hall Archives in Freeman and the Miner County Historical Society in Howard. The grant funding will allow staff members from the State Historical Society- Archives to visit these organizations this summer in order to provide advice concerning their archival collections.

Arlo Levisen, center, accepts the Organizational Governor's Award for History for the Grant County Historical Society from Jay D. Vogt, left, director of the South Dakota State Historical Society; and David Wolff, vice-president of the SDSHS board of trustees.

Vogt and Wolff present an Organizational Governor's Award for History to Joseph Muller of the Mammoth Site of Hot Springs, SD, Inc.

Two organizations win Governor's Awards

The Grant County Historical Society in Milbank and The Mammoth Site of Hot Springs, SD, Inc. both received Organizational Governor's Awards for History from the South Dakota State Historical Society on May 30 during the society's annual history conference in Pierre.

Other award recipients included: Harold Schuler of Tucson, Ariz. and formerly of Pierre, the Robinson Award for Lifetime Achievement; Fraser Harrison of England, Schell Award for best article in *South Dakota History*; Jean Kessloff of Rapid City, Individual Award; and Jennifer Phillips of Lincoln Elementary School in Aberdeen, History Teacher of the Year.

Next year's history conference is April 29-30, also in Pierre.