

South Dakota's food heritage is topic of history conference

The theme of the 2016 History Conference is "Everyone Eats: South Dakota's Food Heritage." I encourage you to mark your calendar for April 29-30 to attend the conference at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Pierre. Who doesn't like to eat? I surely do, and I am looking forward to learning more about the food-ways of South Dakotans. The Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society staff is responsible for the intellectual content of this year's conference. The offices of the State Historical Society take turns putting together our annual history conference, so every year it has a different twist.

This is also the time of year when the Governor makes his appointments to the State Historical Society Board of Trustees, and we hold our elections. The Board of Trustees consists of 12 members, six appointed by the Governor and six elected by the membership. The board terms are for three years. This year the Governor will make appointments for a member-at-large and the architect, and the positions up for election are a member-at-large and the archivist.

In addition, we present the Governor's Awards for History during the Saturday awards luncheon during the history conference. Awards will be given to recognize organizations, individuals and teachers who have made outstanding contributions in public history. The State Historical Society counts on individuals and local historical societies, museums and other history groups to help collect, preserve, interpret and promote the history of

From the SDSHS Director



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South Dakota. The Governor's Awards for History are one way the State Historical Society can honor and thank those who are working in the field of South Dakota history.

If you interested in being a candidate or wish to nominate someone for a position on the Board of Trustees or want to pursue a nomination for an award, please contact Jeff Mammenga at 605-773-6000 or jeff.mammenga@state.sd.us.

In addition to working on the "Everyone Eats" history conference, the museum staff is putting together two new temporary exhibitions. One on the built environment will replace the "South Dakota Environments" display in

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The Brown County Historical Society held its annual meeting on Feb. 6 at the Dacotah Prairie Museum in Aberdeen. The program featured Nicole Christiansen's 2015 paper that won the BCHS annual research and writing contest. The paper, which was read by Mary Locken-Baird, DPM Education Assistant, is titled "Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty: How the Boys in Blue Built the Dakota Soldiers Home." The 2016 BCHS officers are: President – Sherri Rawstern; Vice-President – Dennis White; Secretary – Jean Rahja; and Treasurer – Brad Tennant. Other board members are Marie Schumacher, Rose Kraft and Evelyn Blum. Future programs this year are scheduled for March 19, July 23 and Oct. 15.

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Renaissance music concerts, school tours, movie screening, a teachers' workshop and a symposium about Shakespeare's impact on South Dakota are among the events planned in conjunction with the National Music Museum's upcoming exhibition of the 1623 first printed collection of Shakespeare's plays.

"First Folio" will be on display Monday, March 7, through Saturday, April 2, next to instruments from that era at the museum on the campus of the University of South Dakota, the only stop in the state for the exhibition marking the 400th anniversary of his death. The

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Folger Shakespeare Library, in partnership with the Cincinnati Museum Center and the American Library Association, is sponsoring the "First Folio! The Book that Gave us Shakespeare" tour to all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

The free exhibition, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, gives groups of school children from the region, actors of all ages and anyone else interested in Shakespeare the chance to see one of the world's most treasured books, said Darlene Farabee, project director and chair of the USD Department of English who initiated

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the Observation Gallery this summer. In early November, a new retrospective of the 1970s will replace "Play Ball" in the Hogen Gallery. (I am hoping for a disco ball and a leisure suit.) Our visitors have enjoyed these exhibits, and we look forward to the new ones. The museum staff is always seeking ways to enhance visitors' experiences at the Cultural Heritage Center.

Currently on special display in the archival research room is the only known letter signed by mountain man Hugh Glass. The movie "The Revenant" has brought new attention to Hugh Glass, whose survival and forgiveness story was popularized by Frederick Manfred's "Lord Grizzly." The fragile document will only be on display for a short time. Later this year, the South Dakota Historical Society Press will release its next volume of our biography series on Hugh Glass. Please be watching for it.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of South Dakota history. Come and visit us at the Cultural Heritage Center and attend the annual history conference. The work our organizations do supports and promotes economic development, education and heritage tourism. jdv

the effort to bring the folio to the museum.

Details of each event, video interviews with Farabee on the significance of Shakespeare and the folio, and other information can be found at usd.edu/shakespeare.

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The Marshall County Historical Society in Britton meets May through October the fourth Thursday of each month and begins its year with a banquet in May. Current officers are: President — Kathy Buisker; Vice-President — Kenneth Stillson; Secretary — Elaine Wismer; and Treasurer — Brenda Johnson.

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Harold Christianson of Volga has been re-elected to a second term as president of the Brookings County Historical Society/Museum in Volga. Also re-elected by the society's board of directors to major office were Jerry Leslie of Volga, vice-president; Bob Buchheim of Volga, secretary; and Phil Wagner of Brookings, treasurer. Marvin Hope of Volga is a new board member.

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The Charles R. Doman American Legion Post #131 in Valley Springs hosts monthly military history programs except June-August and December. The free public programs begin at 6:30 p.m. CST in the Legion Hall. The February program was "History of the Marine Corp." Coming March 20 is "WWI — 1914, The Beginning." The April 17 title is "WWI — The U.S. Enters the War," followed on May 1 by "The U.S. Military Service Academies."

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Sioux Falls historian Robert Kolbe, a member of the State Historical Society board of trustees, has a number of public programs he presents for groups looking for such events.

Among Kolbe's programs are: "Black Hills, 1875-1885" — photos from stereo views showing Black Hills development; "My 20 Favorite Post Cards, 1905-1935" — great views of South Dakota of and by themselves;

"Photos from A to Z" — by photographers whose last names begin A to Z; "History of Photography, 1840-1940;" "Minnehaha County: Towns on the Railroads;" "Native American Photo Views in South Dakota, North Dakota and Dakota Territory;" "Blizzard of 1880 & Flood of 1881" — photo views of events from the fall of 1880 to the disastrous 1881 flood; "Transportation in Dakota" — varieties of types used in South Dakota from 1800-1950; "South Dakota on the Southern Border" — the South Dakota National Guard and Pancho Villa; "Lincoln's View of Dakota Territory" — maps and photos President Lincoln could have seen prior to his assassination in 1865; "Letters from the Prairie" — a one-room school teacher's correspondence from 1900-1914; "We Have Life Again!" — identifying two Black Hills characters who have been misidentified in a photo since 1877.

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The Dalesburg Scandinavian Association of Vermillion works to preserve and promote the heritage of Dalesburg Lutheran Church and the Dalesburg Community. Its programs and activities are open to anyone who is interested in Scandinavia and Scandinavian-America.

Current officers are: President and Membership — Ron Johnson; Treasurer — Connie Richards; ASI Liaison — Lorraine Carlson; Officers-at-Large — Carol Shubeck and Brendyn Richards; Website — Jeff & Barb Erickson; Ex Officio Officer — Pastor Martens.

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The 24th annual West River History Conference will be held Oct. 13-15 at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City. The theme for this year's conference is "Commemorating 100 Years of the National Park Service." The special guest is President Theodore Roosevelt, as portrayed by Joe Wiegand of Medora, ND.

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