

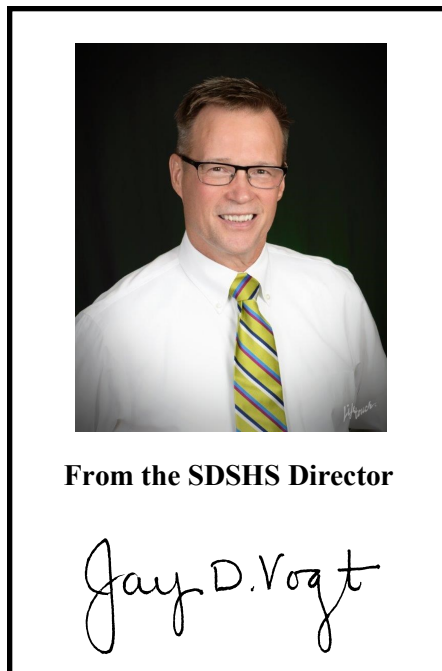
State Historical Society provides assistance in many ways

A common joke is that “I am from the government and here to help.” Although the South Dakota State Historical Society is part of state government, we are available to help. No joke. The Society can provide professional assistance in many ways.

We offer consultation services to you, your organization and local governments on questions relating to collecting, preserving, interpreting and promoting South Dakota history. These are not “research requests;” rather they are “how to” questions and issues. We respond to approximately 200 inquiries a month, and we handle them over email or telephone or on-site visits. Either contact the appropriate office or individual directly, or call the Society’s main telephone number 605-773-3458 and to get connected to the office that can best help you.

I encourage you to visit our website, history.sd.gov, and check out the other services we can provide. If you are looking for a program, under “About Us” on our main page, click on “Staff Presentations” to select a program suitable for your group. We have history topics and technical subjects as well as information on projects we have been exploring.

The archives can provide you with information on the care of historical documents, films, maps, and photographs. An often overlooked program is the small grant program through the State Historical Records Advisory Board, most frequently just



called SHRAB. As part of this program, we provide site visits to support increase access to archival collections and identify at-risk historical records.

The historic preservation office determines properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, provides guidance to preserve or rehabilitate historic properties, keeps a list of preservation consultants and contractors, assists property owners using the federal income tax credit and/or the state property tax moratorium, and offers incentive programs. The State Historical Society annually grants \$100,000 in Deadwood gambling revenue to historic preservation projects throughout the state.

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Current officers of the De Smet Depot Museum in De Smet include: President — Charmaine Bohn; Vice-President — Helen Gehm; Secretary — Gloria Kruger; and Members — Ellen Schubloom, Evelyn Twite and Elaine Behm. The museum is open from June 1-Aug. 31 each year.

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Current board members of the Minnehaha County Historical Society in Sioux Falls are: President — Jim A. Carlon; First Vice-President — Jill Roozenboom; Second Vice-President — Sandy Dean; Past-President — Bob Kolbe; Secretary — Celia Benson; Treasurer — Gaylord Helmbrecht; and Members — Ken Alvine, Daren Anderson, Wayne Fanebust and Ryan Tellberg.

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Winter hours will begin in November for museums in Deadwood. The Adams Museum and Days of ‘76 Museum are open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and closed Mondays and winter holidays. The Historic Adams House will be closed November through March, but will open for group tours with advance reservations. Admission to the Adams museum is by donation; the Days of ‘76 museum is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 7-13 and free to children 6 and under. The Historic Adams House is \$8, \$4 and free.

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Mount Rushmore observing 75th anniversary

On Oct. 31, Mount Rushmore National Memorial will celebrate its 75th anniversary. Since 1941, visitation to the Memorial has grown to almost three million annually, positively impacting all of South Dakota.

In celebration of the year-long anniversary, the Mount Rushmore Society conducted a state-wide publicity campaign, hosted the first-ever Find Your Park Festival in Rapid City and sponsored "The Journey to Mount Rushmore" exhibit at The Journey Museum in Rapid City, among other initiatives.

Two more events will spotlight this anniversary as well. The society is sponsoring the "Mount Rushmore" symphony with the Black Hills Symphony and Dakota Choral Union on Oct. 22 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Theatre. Tickets are available at gotmine.org.

The society is also decorating a 40-foot premier tree in the State Capitol Rotunda at the 2016 Christ-



mas at the Capitol event in Pierre from Thanksgiving week on. Thousands of people will walk through the Capitol to take a peek at this patriotic tree, and we hope you will too!

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The Historic Homestake Opera House in Lead will be hosting the 2016 Black Hills Cowboy Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 10. The old-fashioned concert and dance features performances at both 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Call 605-584-2067 or visit HomestakeOperaHouse.org for more information. Other recent events at the opera house included two children's plays, "Charming" and "After Hours," on Oct. 15-16 and author Sam Hurst discussing his book "Rattle Snake Under His Hat," about the life and times of Reptile Gardens founder Earl Brockelsby, on Oct. 20.

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The South Dakota State Railroad Museum in Hill City is welcoming and honoring Jeanne Bauder of Huron from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, for her donation of M&StL/C&NW Caboose 1208.

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The museum offers a wide variety of services on collections management to emergency and disaster preparedness. Our suitcase education kits bring hands-on objects and activities suitable for the classroom or your facility. We have kits on 14 different topics. The pop-up traveling exhibits can be used by themselves or provide a basis for an exhibition complemented by using items from your own collection.

The South Dakota Historical Society Press publishes books for people of all ages on various South Dakota history topics. These books would be tremendous additions to your library or your local public library. Our books include American Indian, Black Hills, living on the plains and politics in South Dakota topics. Our award-winning books include a biography series,

historic preservation series, and titles for young readers and children.

"Hoofprints" is our short newsletter geared to local historical societies and museums. We want to include information on your organization in the newsletter and also update our "organizations guide" on history.sd.gov. The field reports keep us and the other history-related groups posted about your officers and what you are doing. Please also let us know what topics you want us to include in "Hoofprints" and what services you would like to receive from the State Historical Society.

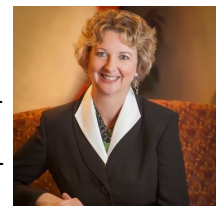
Thank you for your work in your hometown. JDV



If you would like the officers or news of your organization published in "Hoofprints," please email it to Jeff.Mammenga@state.sd.us or send it to: Hoofprints, South Dakota State Historical Society, 900 Governors Dr., Pierre, SD 57501-2217.

Forsch joins Foundation staff

Catherine Forsch of Sioux Falls has joined the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation as development director.



As the director of development, Forsch will lead efforts in fund raising for special projects for the South Dakota State Historical Society and for the foundation. The foundation is the nonprofit fundraising partner of the State Historical Society. Both are based at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

"I will have an opportunity to share the story of our state's history and building lasting relationships with individuals, foundations, corporations and government entities throughout South Dakota that are committed to preserving South Dakota's rich history," Forsch said.