
OAHE CHAPEL NEWS

Fall 2010

Newsletter of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society

Pierre, SD

Window Workshop at the Chapel a Success!!!

Again this year Governor Mike Rounds proclaimed May as South Dakota Archaeology & Historic Preservation Month. This year's theme, *The People's House: Celebrating the Century*, commemorated the 100th anniversary of the State Capitol. South Dakota State Historical Society events associated with Archaeology & Historic Preservation Month this year included production of the annual poster, a program on the project to restore the Capitol presented by John Moison, a *Pierre/Ft. Pierre Then and Now* PowerPoint presentation, three bus tours of historic Pierre sites led by staff members Chris Nelson and Ken Stewart, and a three-day hands-on historic window workshop at the Oahe Chapel taught by Bob Yapp.

Bob Yapp is a nationally known preservation expert. From May 14-16th Yapp instructed 15 South Dakotans in techniques to repair and preserve wood windows. Two students worked on each window removing old paint and putty, repairing deteriorated sashes with wood epoxy, reinstalling glazing, and repainting the windows. They added rubber gaskets and metal weather stripping, increasing energy efficiency, before reinstalling the windows. Workshop participants learned that repairing, rather than replacing, historic windows preserves historic character and is ultimately more cost effective. After returning home, a couple of the contractors who attended the workshop let Yapp know that they would never throw away a historic window again. ❖



Scott Amunson of Sioux Falls watches on as Bob Yapp scrapes old paint and sealant from a window at the Oahe Chapel during a workshop held there in May.

Another Busy Summer at the Chapel

As one would assume, summer is the busiest season for the Oahe Chapel. This summer was no exception. The summer began with the three-day window workshop in which all our historic windows underwent complete restoration. Board members and volunteers from the South Dakota State Historical Society tidied up the Chapel before the summer services began. Starting on May 30 and ending on September 5, eleven churches held services on fifteen different Sundays. The Chapel provides congregations a sense of how their ancestors may have worshiped out on the open prairie a century ago.

Sunday services were not the only events going on at the Chapel this summer. Our little chapel also hosted a wedding and a baptism. The peaceful setting and reflective solitude the Chapel can inspire brought one family to have funeral services for a loved one.

The Oahe Chapel continues to be a treasured location for the community, and promises to be so for years to come with the support from interested folks such as you. ❖

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RENT THE CHAPEL

Call now to reserve the Oahe Chapel for your wedding, church service, family reunion, or other special event! The Chapel is available for rent year round. The cost to rent the facility is \$50, and members of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society are eligible to rent the facility for a reduced rate of \$35. To learn more, contact the South Dakota State Historical Society at (605) 773-3458. ❖

Chapel Advertised in Capital Journal's *Capitol Centennial* Publication

2010 marked the centennial of the completion of South Dakota's Statehouse. The grand structure began in 1907 and opened its doors for use in 1910. Festivities for this milestone were held on June 19 featuring a number of programs, including a rededication of the Capitol by Gov. M. Michael Rounds and other dignitaries. In commemoration of this event, the Capital Journal published a special booklet titled "Capitol Centennial." The booklet highlighted the history of the building, complete with historic and contemporary photographs. The booklet also contained a number of advertisements from local businesses and organizations, including the Oahe Chapel. Our quarter-page, full color advertisement ran on page 43 and invited people to consider our rustic little prairie chapel as the location for their special event.

Attend Our Next Meeting

Members and the public are invited to attend the next meeting of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society Board of Directors. The meeting will take place on October 19, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.



Membership funds help to maintain the Oahe Chapel. Please renew your membership, or join as a new member. Simply complete the form below and return it with your check.

Oahe Chapel Preservation Society Membership Form

Membership investment is for one year. Members will receive the annual Oahe Chapel News to keep up-to-date with current projects at the Oahe Chapel. Members are also eligible to rent the chapel at a reduced rate of \$35. Donations are tax deductible where allowed by law.

Please detach this form and mail with check to:
Oahe Chapel Preservation Society PO Box 7201 Pierre, SD 57501

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