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HOW TIME FLIES...

Monthly News & Events

HIGH PLAINS WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER | SPEARFISH, SD



Setting the Stage

From Exec. Director
Karla Scovell

If the cold temperatures are what you go by then you'd have to say March is coming in like a lion! Let's just hope it goes out like a lamb! As a result of the cold and snow we had



to reschedule High Plains Live from Feb 17th to March 3rd. We're glad to have the Lyle Berry Band back this year. This will give us two scheduled HPL events in the month as on March 17th we host Robert "Jingle Bob" Dennis and Family on stage. If you have tickets to any of our events, please be sure to check our website, Facebook or give us a call if the weather is ever in question.

February saw the kick off to our 2019 Speaker Series. We want to thank the SD Humanities Council for a grant and an anonymous donor to help make this series possible. Our first speaker on Feb 23rd was Paul Horsted who presented his latest book, "Treasures of the National Parks, Yesterday and Today." We had a great crowd on a chilly Saturday afternoon and we thank all for coming out. Check our events section on the back of the newsletter for the additional schedule of speakers in March.

Also in February, we launched our new updated website. A big "Thank You" to Bryan Lessly and his Western Sky Media for the design and to Randy Petersen at Blackhills.com for his many years of hosting our website and continuing to do so along with our email service.

Something to put on your radar: we will be hosting a very special on-line auction of collector's knives sometime this spring. Michael Feldman of Osprey, Florida, has donated a large portion of his collection of David Yellowhorse handcrafted knives to the Heritage Center. He has spent 40 years collecting these beautiful pieces. This on-line auction will be one way that we prepare for a future capital campaign. We are very grateful to Mr. Feldman for his incredible generosity.

Happy St Patrick's Day! Think spring!

March 2019 Volunteer Spotlight

Getting Right to Work!

Just a few months after moving from Colorado, Carol Lucking joins the volunteer staff ready to solve some of history's mysteries.

When Carol Lucking stepped inside the High Plains Western Heritage Center a mere four months ago, she was ready to go to work as a volunteer.

The Denver native had just moved to Spearfish in November, and her husband, Tim, had signed on as an engineer with Quarq Industries, manufacturer of power meters for bicycles.

"Karla was at the museum, and I told her I wanted to go to work as a volunteer," said Carol, who is more than prepared for helping the museum with its collection of western artifacts.

A 2002 graduate of Denver's Cherry Creek High School, Carol enrolled at DePauw University west of Indianapolis where she pursued three majors: anthropology, geology, and history. Each summer, she returned to Colorado to work part-time for the Denver Museum of Nature & Science in their paleontology collection. After earning her Bachelor's degree at DePauw, Carol went to work full time for the Denver museum, serving a Collection Manager.

"I was involved with collections, identifying them, and working with some 30 volunteers," Lucking recalled. "We had about one million items."

Carol then started graduate school at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, focusing on "the West and environmental history."

If her schedule seemed steeped in all work and no play – a relentless pursuit of her education – it's important to know Carol did have other interests. One was bicycling.

"And I actually met my future husband, Tim, in a Denver bicycle shop," Carol noted. Neither cycling nor Tim was a passing fancy. She became deeply involved in professional bicycling, and her Boulder-area team raced all over the country in places ranging from Arizona and California to Arkansas and Pennsylvania.



Carol Lucking

"Normally, the races were on very nice roads about 80 miles long. We were protected by a 'rolling enclosure' of police officers to escort us along the way."

Carol and Tim married in 2008. The following year, 2009, she picked up her Master's degree from CSU in U. S. History. She says it's the solving of mysteries – the stories behind artifacts, people, and events – that make history and working in museums so interesting

She recalled once examining a "Toolbox of great mystery" at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. It contained hand-made, perfectly carved wooden cut-outs of tools, perhaps from as far back as the 1920s. The items were protected with felt covers. Carol and her crew "sleuthed" the toolbox back to a former employee who was by then at the Colorado School of Mines. The tool box was forwarded to Golden, where it remains on display.

We're delighted to welcome Carol Lucking – our newest volunteer – to the High Plains Western Heritage Center!

Wish List

March

Anyone wishing to help please stop by or give us a call.

- * Books of Postage Stamps
- * A WWI uniform for our military case

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Saturday March 2nd at 1:30pm

Speaker Series: Rick Mills

“Railroading on the High Plains”

Suggested donation \$5. Includes admission to the museum, coffee and cookies.

Sunday March 3rd at 2:00pm

High Plains Live! Music

On stage- “The Lyle Berry Band!”

Tickets: \$10 general admission and \$15 reserved seating.

Saturday March 9th at 1:30pm

Speaker Series: Dr. Bill Bosch

“The German Russians”

Suggested donation \$5. Includes admission to the museum, coffee and cookies.

Saturday March 16th at 1:30pm

Speaker Series: Lee Stroschine

“Ft. Meade - Peace Keeper of the Black Hills”

Suggested donation \$5. Includes admission to the museum, coffee and cookies.

Sunday March 17th at 2:00pm

High Plains Live! Music

On stage- “Jingle Bob Dennis & Family”

Tickets: \$10 general admission and \$15 reserved seating.

Saturday March 23th at 1:30pm

Speaker Series: Dr. Molly Rozum

“Women’s Suffrage in South Dakota”

Suggested donation \$5. Includes admission to the museum, coffee and cookies.

Saturday March 30th at 1:30pm

Speaker Series: Paul Higbee

“The Legacy of Leland Case”

Suggested donation \$5. Includes admission to the museum, coffee and cookies.

Saturday April 6th at 1:30pm

Special Screening of the new South Dakota Public Broadcasting

Documentary:

“Vanished towns of South Dakota”

with Producer Stephanie Rissler. Hear the stories of many towns that in some cases have totally disappeared.

Suggested donation \$5.

--- MORE EVENTS BELOW ---



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MORE EVENTS

Sunday April 28th at 2:00pm

High Plains Live! Music

On stage- “Pegie Douglas and the Badger Sett Band”

Tickets: \$10 general admission and \$15 reserved seating. Includes admission to the museum and refreshments afterwards.

Sunday May 5th at 6:00pm

Special Night of Music in the Theater

On stage- “Gospel Music with Orion & Stacey & Company”

Free admission. Donation requested at the door.

Always a HPWHC favorite! Come and enjoy Orion and Stacey Potter and their acoustical friends as they present an evening of inspirational gospel music.

From Facebook in February



We were honored to host the SD American Legion Mid-Winter Conference’s “Go-Getter” thank you dinner. There were more than 100 in attendance. We are so happy to be able to serve this purpose as a place for groups like the American Legion and others to gather and enjoy their time together.

For the latest on what’s happening at the High Plains be sure to check out our updated website!

WesternHeritageCenter.com

Here you’ll find what’s going on right now, events, information and an overview of HPWHC attractions.

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