



## Setting the Stage

From Exec. Director Karla Scovell

Here we are in July! Happy Independence Day to everyone. For many of us celebrating the 4th of July brings family and friends back home for barbecues, fireworks and special gatherings. It is also a time to honor the brave founders of our country who risked their safety, property and even their lives to declare the United States a sovereign nation giving birth to the freedoms we all hold dear.



For a little review of June, as most of you know, we are open again after having been closed for the pandemic. We began welcoming visitors on June 1st and almost right away were seeing new faces from states all across the nation. We had visitors from numerous states and nearly everyone said the same thing- "thank you for being open!"

We inaugurated our new "High Plains Country Jamboree Cowboy Supper and Show" in June starring Orion and Stacey Potter. It was great to have music and laughter reverberating through the halls of museum once again! Given all the circumstances, our attendance was strong with numerous states represented and the food provided by Cheyenne Crossing was delicious as always.

The Annual Heritage Society Meeting was held on June 15 and the membership unanimously elected Jim Benning back on the Board. Jim has served on the Board numerous times through the years and it is with deep gratitude that he has accepted the call once again! Welcome back, Jim!

Looking ahead in July, we will see one of the biggest improvements to our property in quite some time. It is project we have longed to accomplish for many years – to have our driveway and parking lot paved. We can't express enough, our deep appreciation and thanks to the Bub Bradley Family Memorial, and Jim

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## Day of the American Cowboy July 25th



Join us for "Day of the American Cowboy 2020" featuring the history of traditional western music with Allen & Jill Kirkham. Tickets are \$15 / 50 are available.



**WELCOME BACK** - We want to extend a warm welcome to our newest board member, Jim Benning (3rd from the left). He has served in the past.



**PARKING LOT TO BE PAVED!** - In July the High Plains Western Heritage Center will see its parking lot and driveway paved. Work will begin soon.



Join us on Sunday July 26th at 2:00pm as we welcome back **Gordy Pratt & Friends!** We have a limited number of tickets (50) available. \$15 each. Note: Cody Landstrom is not able to attend as promoted earlier. Help us welcome back Gordy!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JULY

### Day of the American Cowboy

Sat. July 25th at 1:00pm

Allen & Jill Kirkham

As part of our annual celebration of "Day of the American Cowboy" the Kirkhams present their program of the "History of Traditional Western Music."

Tickets: Reserved \$15

Sponsored by the SD Humanities Council

### Music & Magic with Cody & Gordy

Sunday July 26th 2:00PM

He's "Back in the Saddle!" Join us for a special show with the music of Gordy Pratt and the magic of Cody Landstrom.

Tickets: (Limited to 50) \$20

## AUGUST

### High Plains Country Jamboree

Tues. Aug. 18

5:30pm Chuckwagon Buffet Dinner

6:30pm Country Jamboree Show

starring Orion & Stacey Potter

### High Plains Country Jamboree

Tues. Aug. 25

5:30pm Chuckwagon Buffet Dinner

6:30pm Country Jamboree Show

starring Orion & Stacey Potter

## SEPTEMBER

### High Plains Country Jamboree

Tues. Sept. 1

5:30pm Chuckwagon Buffet Dinner

6:30pm Country Jamboree Show

starring Orion & Stacey Potter

### High Plains Country Jamboree

Tues. Sept. 8

5:30pm Chuckwagon Buffet Dinner

6:30pm Country Jamboree Show

starring Orion & Stacey Potter

### High Plains Country Jamboree

Tues. Sept. 15

5:30pm Chuckwagon Buffet Dinner

6:30pm Country Jamboree Show

starring Orion & Stacey Potter

## COMING FALL OF 2020

### High Plains Live!

Date: TBD

Shrine of Democracy Chorus



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and Janice Clarkson, for their generosity that allows us to move forward with this desperately needed improvement. As we begin the project, we are still in need of approximately \$10,000 so we hope some of you might consider an extra contribution this year.

And what would July be without our annual celebration of "The Day of the American Cowboy!" Our event will be held Saturday, July 25th at 1:00pm and will feature a special "High Plains Live" performance by Allen & Jill Kirkham. Their program will take us through the "History of Traditional Western Music". Music was such a huge part of the life of the cowboy and that will be our theme this year as we celebrate our cowboy heritage.

Tickets are reserved only, \$15 each and due to distancing restrictions, only 50 are available. As always, we want to thank our sponsors, Perkins Family Restaurant and the South Dakota Humanities Council.

Last but certainly not least, an exciting new event has been added to July – "Magic and Music" with world renown magician Cody Landstrom and our very own Gordy Pratt. Hardly a day has gone by these past 6 months since Gordy had his surgery, that I haven't been asked how Gordy is doing. Well, we'll let him tell you himself on Sunday, July 26, at 2:00pm in our Bruce Miller Theater. During the COVID sequestering, Gordy was featured on the cover of the South Dakota Magazine with a great story his life and his work with Dalyce Sellers. Naturally this didn't get the fanfare we feel he deserved

so this will be our opportunity to congratulate him! Tickets for Cody & Gordy will be \$20 per person with a limit of 50 once again.

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon and Happy Independence Day!

## HERITAGE WALL BLOCKS

Join many others who have already purchased a block on our NEW Heritage Wall! Each block is beautifully laser engraved on faux leather with either your name or the name of someone you wish to honor, and their hometown. A full block is \$500 and a half block is \$250. They will be on permanent display in the entrance to our Bruce Miller theater.

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