

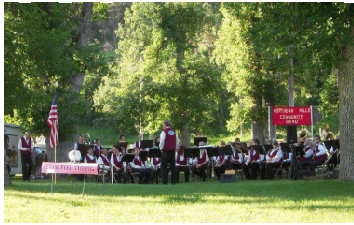


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Northern Hills Community Band

Once again, the Sturgis Area Arts Council is so

very pleased to help sponsor the Northern Hills Community Band as they present their second summer concert here in the Sturgis City Park. This year they have a new director - Dr. Christopher Hahn, who is a music instructor at Black Hills State University.

The Northern Hills Community Band, which is made up of volunteer musicians from the Northern Hills area, plays a wide variety of selections ranging from marches to show tunes to patriotic music.

You can check out more about the band at their website; www.northernhillscommunityband.com Here you can see their concert schedule and get information on how to join the band as well as see pictures and help sponsor the band.

Their concert here in Sturgis will be held on Sunday, July 23rd. It will be at the east end of the Sturgis City Park near the concession stand and it will start at 7:00pm.

We ask that you please bring along a lawn chair or a blanket and relax with an evening of fine music by this talented and well-loved group of area musicians.

History at High Noon Honored

Our very own Dode Lee and her History at High Noon Crew, which includes Diana Hayes, Bonnie Lange and Rosalee Johnson, are the recipients of this year's Martie C. Beug Friend of History Award, presented by the Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society.

This award is presented annually in honor of the contributions made by the late Martie C. Beug, who started the Historical Society. Recipients must demonstrate preservation, protection or promotion of Sturgis or Meade County history.

This History at High Noon committee has been in existence since 2010, when they changed their focus from art to history. In nominating this committee for the award, Historical Society board member Leon Schroeder says "The History at High Noon committee has sponsored monthly presentation of historical interest to the residents of Sturgis and Meade County. some of the topics that have been discussed include area families, individuals, buildings, businesses and organizations. These presentations have consistently been educational, informative and interesting, and have certainly helped to preserve, protect and promote Sturgis and Meade County history.

We here at the Arts Council love these ladies and the work they do ... it's nice to see that others appreciate them just as much. Congratulations, ladies - you're the best!



Children's Theater Production to return in October

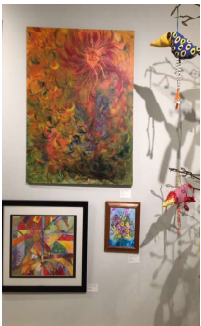
Dakota Players will be back in Sturgis in October to work with our students! Mark your calendars now - auditions for any and all students in the Sturgis/Whitewood area will be held Monday, October 16th, at 3:30pm in the Sturgis Elementary school gym. Letters will be sent home with all Sturgis/Whitewood students in early October, but if you have a home-schooler that would like to be in the show they're welcome as well. Send an e-mail to saacpublicity@hotmail.com and we'll send you the letter that the rest of 'em will be getting. We always love having the Dakota Players folks in our midst - they have a knack for working with the kids in a way that makes it both fun and educational. You can read more about them (and their programs) at their website - www.dakotaplayers.com

Artist of the Month



Our July artist is Patricia McFarland. Patricia was born in Virginia and raised in Rapid City, and in her early twenties was raising her first three children on the McFarland ranch on Elk Creek east of Piedmont. Her artistic ability was obvious when she was quite young and she began experimenting with pencil sketches and colored pencil drawings. Eventually she started working with watercolors, and then oils, painting a variety of subjects through junior high and high school. At the ranch, she became more serious with the oils, and was commissioned to paint portraits of Sitting Bull and Red Cloud, which were displayed for many years in the Virginia Cafe on Main Street in Rapid City. She also painted two large rodeo pictures from photos taken by her father-in-law, John McFarland. One of these was of Casey Tibbs riding Headlight in the saddle bronc competition at the Days of '76 in the late 40's or early 50's, and the other was of Clarence Roth riding a bull at Belle Fourche about the same time. The Tibbs painting was displayed in Fort Pierre for years, but mysteriously disappeared a few years ago. She was also commissioned to paint a picture of Harley Roth, a former owner of the Sturgis Livestock Exchange, to be used for calendars.

Patricia (known to people throughout the years as Patty, Pat, and Trish) worked for Dean McNenny at Gallery 21 in Sturgis and enjoyed teaching Tole painting and Rosemaling. She was also employed as Office Manager for the Sturgis Chamber of Commerce, and then later moved to Salt Lake City to follow her youngest daughter and was hired as an in-house artist at a dance supply store creating ads and a ballet coloring book. Eventually she returned to Sturgis and semi-retired and started sketching cats! Patricia is currently a resident at Fountain Springs Health Care in Rapid City.



Members of the Black Hills Art Association will be displaying their pieces at the Sturgis Public Library during August. Members of the art organization reside in many parts of the Black Hills including Sturgis, Rapid City, Spearfish, Lead, Deadwood, and Lead. Their artwork will include paintings in oil, acrylic, and watercolors, photography, as well as 3D art, jewelry and fiber and fabric.

Our Artists exhibit a variety of talents and techniques in art and are always in the active process of making art and teaching and learning from each other. We participate in many hands-on workshops, and sponsor museum and gallery outings and artist talks. We warmly welcome new members to our group. Our meetings are held at the Spearfish Chamber of Commerce, the first Saturday of the

month, (except July and August), at 1:00 pm.

The artwork pictured in the photograph have been created by two of our members. The three paintings, are by artist Patrick Simmons, "Dancers," "Poizes," on the bottom right, and "Stained Glass," on the bottom left. The 3D bird art forms were created in fabric by artist Tracy Hergert.

The Black Hills Art Association was incorporated as an art association in 1962, and this year is celebrating its 55th year! Our association remains very active and is proud to show their pieces of art in many of the surrounding Black Hills communities. Since 1968, the organization has sponsored the very exciting annual BHAA Fall Art Show and Sale, which has been opened to the public. This year, the Art Show will have a brand new venue, Studio 621, at number 621, Main Street in Spearfish, September 23rd and 24th. For more info about us, please go to www.bhaa.info or "like" us on Facebook.

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Armchair Travelers Book Club

In its effort to cover the country, the Armchair Travelers Book Club will discuss books about or set in the Southwest USA at their July 6th meeting. They may also be by authors from those states: New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada Utah and Colorado.

A traffic/parking is always an issue during the first part of August, the club will not meet then. The September 7th meeting will focus on books about the Vietnam conflict other than *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien, which is the featured novel of the upcoming NEA Big Read Program in Sturgis. That novel will be the focus of the October 5th meeting.

As always this is an open book club sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council and the Sturgis Public Library. It meets the first Thursday of each month at noon in the Lushbough Room upstairs in the library.

SAAC's Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 6

Armchair Travelers Book Club
Sturgis Public Library, 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, July 11

Orlando Symphony Musical Story Time
Instrument Petting Zoo
Sturgis Public Library, 10:00am

Thursday, July 13

Sturgis Area Arts Council Meeting
Library/City Hall Meeting Room, 7:00pm

Sunday, July 23

Northern Hills Community Band Concert
Sturgis City Park, 7:00pm

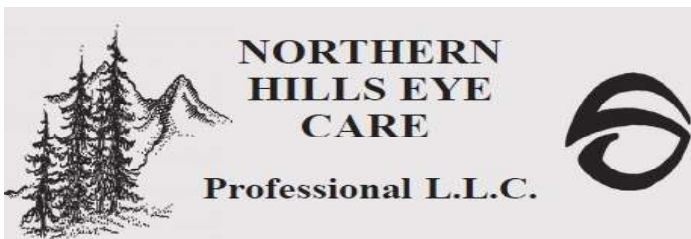
Thursday, August 17

Sturgis Area Arts Council Meeting
Library/City Hall Meeting Room, 7:00pm

"The Drowsy Chaperone" & October show

Thanks to dozens of volunteers, costumers, painters, and actors, "The Drowsy Chaperone" was deemed another success for the SAAC's Drama Committee. Without the commitment of our community, we would not have been able to carry out this wonderful production. So, thanks, Sturgis!

Put another fantastic musical program on your calendar for this fall – on Sunday, October 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center Theater, we will present a variety show as part of the National Endowment for the Arts "Big Read". The NEA Big Read in Sturgis will focus on "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien. Therefore, our show will carry out the same theme and simulate a step back in time to the USO shows presented to troops around the world and most particularly in Vietnam. Anyone interested in helping with the show can contact the Arts Council in general, or specifically, Marlene Kotab at kotabgmc@rushmore.com



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S.A.A.C. one of 75 Organizations to receive NEA Big Read Grant



The Sturgis Area Arts Council, in collaboration with the Sturgis Public Library and the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce, is a recipient of a grant of \$11,300 to host the NEA Big Read in Sturgis. Sturgis is the only current recipient in the state of South Dakota. An initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, the NEA Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. The Sturgis Area Arts Council is one of 75 nonprofit organizations to receive a grant to host a community reading program between

September 7 and November 11, 2017. The NEA Big Read in Sturgis will focus on “The Things They Carried” by Tim O’Brien.

“The Veteran Community is such an integral part of the Sturgis Area. We are thrilled to tell their stories through our Big Read programming”, said committee member and Sturgis City Librarian, Julie Moore-Peterson. “The grant process was a community effort and we’re excited to come together again to carry it out.”

The NEA Big Read showcases a diverse range of titles that reflect many different voices and perspectives, aiming to inspire conversation and discovery. The main feature of the initiative is a grants program, which annually supports approximately 75 dynamic community reading programs, each designed around a single NEA Big Read selection.

Author Tim O’Brien will be presenting in Sturgis to both students at the High School and later for the public at the Community Center on Friday, September 22. Prior to that visit, the book will be dispersed throughout the community and studied within several Sturgis Brown High School English classes. Additional book discussions, musical shows, visual art displays, and veteran focused events will take place in the time period of the event.

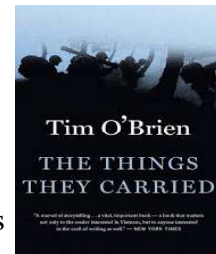
Our partners and sponsors include: The Sturgis Public Library, The Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce, The City of Sturgis, AARP, Stan Adelstein, Clover Foundation, Meade County Times-Tribune, KBHB Big 81, Meade School District 46-1, The Sturgis Center for the Arts, the South Dakota Humanities Council, The South Dakota Festival of Books, American Legion Meade Post 33, VFW Post 2730, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1039, and the Black Hills Veterans Writing Group.

Since 2006, the National Endowment for the Arts has funded more than 1,400 NEA Big Read programs, providing more than \$19 million in grants to organizations nationwide. Over the past eleven years, grantees have leveraged more than \$42 million in local funding to support their NEA Big Read programs. More than 4.8 million Americans have attended an NEA Big Read event, approximately 79,000 volunteers have participated at the local level, and 37,000 community organizations have partnered to make NEA Big Read activities possible. Last summer, the NEA announced a new focus for the NEA Big Read Library on contemporary authors and books written since the NEA was founded 50 years ago. For more information about the NEA Big Read, please visit neabigread.org.

If you’d like to support the Sturgis Big Read, follow us on Facebook or visit our website SturgisBigRead.com. We accept and appreciate donations of any size. They allow us to better promote and facilitate our events.

The Sturgis Area Arts Council was formed in the mi-1970s to promote the presentation of and participation in the arts in the Sturgis, SD community. The mission of the Sturgis Area Arts Council is “to initiate, sponsor, and conduct public programs to further the development and awareness of and interest in the arts.” To achieve this goal, we work closely with all facets of our community. We rely greatly upon donations and sponsorships from local individuals and businesses.

Arts Midwest promotes creativity, nurtures cultural leadership, and engages people in meaningful arts experiences, bringing vitality to Midwest communities and enriching people’s lives. Based in Minneapolis, Arts Midwest connects the arts to audiences throughout the nine-state region of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. One of six non-profit regional arts organizations in the United States, Arts Midwest’s history spans more than 25 years. For more information, please visit artsmidwest.org.



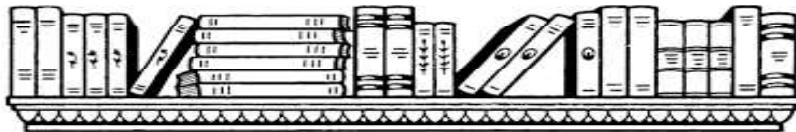
The Big Read

The Sturgis Area Arts Council is pleased to be a part of the NEA Big Read. We are most grateful for the input on the grant application of Julie Peterson, Director of the Sturgis Public Library, and Heidi Kruse, Director of the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors' Bureau. SAAC is also especially thankful for all of the volunteers who worked on the steering committee and donated time as well as our community partners and those who donated funds to the cause.

Some of the highlights of the program already in place are: the Kick-off (9/7) Main Street Square; History of Vietnam Conflict (Larry Mayes, 9/15) SPL Program Room; Keynote Speaker Jason McEntee (9/16) SCC Theater; Author Tim O'Brien (9/22) in Sturgis Brown High School in the morning and Sturgis Community Center Theater in the evening; Turmoil in the USA (Larry Mayes 9-29) SPL Program Room; a USO Concert/Show (10/15) SCC Theater; a conversation with Dr. Bill Meirose, SD Joining Forces, (10-19) Erskine Meeting Room; a conversation with Dr. Michael Fellner (10-26) Erskine Meeting Room; closing remarks with Secretary of SD Department of Veterans' Affairs Larry Zimmerman (11/11). There are many more events to expand the themes of the novel including book discussions; art projects; round-table sessions with Veterans and their families speaking of their experiences; a visit with a Vietnamese immigrant; and possibly storytelling in the school and a chance to enjoy some Vietnamese food. Be alert to the schedule as it evolves.

We look forward to seeing you and discovering with you the power of reading in our community. This program focused on *The Things They Carried* gives us the opportunity to show our appreciation to our local veterans while trying to understand the ordeals that they endured.

If you have questions, please contact Dorothy Pulscher, 605-720-5467, dapulscher@gmail.com.



Big Read Volunteers Needed

Sturgis has been awarded the NEA Big Read grant and the nod to go ahead. Now the work begins. The steering committee will be meeting this summer – time and date to be determined. We will be needing lots of volunteers to help us make this the best NEA Big Read Program ever. Please look over the following list and choose the spots you want to take part in. Your presence will make a difference and we encourage you to let us know what you want to do.

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| A Volunteer Coordinator | Book distributors at the Kick-Off | Moderators |
| Book discussion leaders | Ushers at the events in the theater and the Erskine Building | |
| Cooks | Attendance recorder | Supervisors at art project events |
| Artists for the art show | People to run errands and/or make copies | |
| Vietnam veterans and veterans of other conflicts to participate in the Round- Table discussions | | |

And, of course, we need Attendees at all events - please come join us!!

Also, if any of you veterans in any conflict have photos of the things you carried or groups of folks in the area of deployment and are willing to share them, we can put them on display at the Main Street Square during the period of the program along with the schedule of events. Please send digital copies to Director@sturgisareachamber.com. A very short text is permissible and encouraged. If you have prints, they can be scanned at the library and sent from there to the Chamber. Please notify Dorothy Pulscher (605 720-5467, dapulscher@gmail.com) or the Sturgis Public Library (347-5467) about where and when you will help. Thanks.

2017 Veterans Writing Prize

Who: Veterans of our current service members in any branch of the US military currently living in South Dakota

What: A story. New, unpublished material on any aspect of the military experience. Individuals may submit up to five pages of material. Material can be in any form. Whatever format you choose, please write as creatively as possible. Consider using creative comparisons and vivid sensory details in your submission.

Include a cover page with the author's name, address, military branch/service dates, and the words "Veterans Writing Prize Submission" In additions to the cover page, submissions may be up to 5 pages - 1" margin, single-spaced paragraphs, and 12 point font.

When: the submission period is through August 1st, 2017.

Finalists will have the option to publish their work on the SD Humanities Council website.

Three finalists will be invited to the SD Festival of Books for a reading at an event with Pulitzer Prize winner Robert Olen Butler, who will announce the winner at the event. The SDHC will pat state-rate mileage to finalists to attend the Festival event on Sept. 23, in Deadwood. Writers do not need to be available to attend the Festival to submit work. A representative can read the author's work on the finalists's behalf. One finalist will be selected as the winner and will receive a cash prize of \$1,000.00 - second place will receive \$500 and third will receive \$250.

Send submissions to Kyle Schaefer, Program and Development Officer - South Dakota Humanities Council - 1215 Trail Ridge Road, Suite A - Brookings SD 57006 OR send in digital format as a single PDF to kyle@sdhumanities.org.

Questions? Please contact Klye Schaefer at the SDHC using the listed e-mail, or call 605-688-4530

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Art is Popping-Up once again in Sturgis!!! A call to artists of all ages for the 2nd Annual Sturgis Pop-Up Art Show. **This year, in conjunction with the community NEA Big Read grant for “The Things They Carried”, we are asking that entries reflect or relate to the theme of “Yearning for Peace”.**

The show is sponsored by the Sturgis Public Library, Sturgis Center for the Arts, Sturgis Area Arts Council, and First Interstate Bank. Entry forms will be available after August 15th at the Library, Arts Center, and also online.

Age Groups and Categories:

Art: painting (oil, acrylic, watercolor) mixed media, drawing (chalk, pencil, charcoal, crayon, marker), fiber,
CATEGORIES: (see entry form for size limitations)

- Adult (age 19 and up) \$15 per entry
- High School Age (grades 9-12) \$5 per entry
- Middle School Age (grades 6-8) \$5 per entry
- Upper Grade School Age (grades 3-5) \$5
- Lower Grade School Age (grades K-2) \$5 per entry

Photography:

Only Open Adult and High School ages only, \$15 per entry (more information will be available in August)

Sculpture: (see entry form for size limitations)


Only open to Adults and High School Age Students \$15 per entry

Prizes: Best of Show and First Place prizes will be awarded


*The venues will try to protect items displayed but are not responsible for loss or damage to items.

**Participation Ribbons will not be given out

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