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GODSPELL returns to the Sturgis stage

The Sturgis Area Arts Council's Drama Committee is proud to celebrate its 20th season of summer musicals with its presentation of "Godspell", a reprise of our first show, which was originally produced in 1999.

Auditions for this summer's reprise of Godspell will be held on Sunday, May 6th and Monday, May 7th from 6:00-8:00pm both evenings at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 1061 Sherman Street in Sturgis.

All actors/singers high school age and above are welcome to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. You will be asked to sing music that will be provided at the audition. College students who can't make the audition may call Director June Dill at 347-1623 or Jen Loftin at 490-1125 before May 5th to make other audition arrangements.

Rehearsals will begin Tuesday, May 8th from 6:30-8:30pm and will continue on Monday -Thursday evenings until the week of the show. Minimal absences are necessary and we encourage you to check your schedule for any conflicts before auditioning.

The Cast is composed of a comedic troupe who team up with Jesus as they present a series of parables based on the Gospels according to Matthew and Luke. Godspell is the first musical theatre offering from composer Stephen Schwartz. Jesus and John the Baptist/Judas are the leading male parts, but the troupe will include both male and female actors.

For those of you that want to be involved with the show but don't want to be on stage - we need technical help! If you're interested in helping with lighting, props, costumes or set construction (or the many other things that happen in the theater) please call Marlene Kotab at 347-1375 or Gary Nelson at 890-2189.

Performance dates are:

Thursday, June 21st, at 7:00pm

Friday, June 22nd, at 7:00pm

Saturday, June 23rd, at 7:00pm

Sunday, June 24th, at 2:00pm

Monday, June 25th, at 7:00 p.m.

Performances will be in the Sturgis Community Center Theater. All tickets are for general seating and may be purchased at the door (Cash or check only, please - no cards). Advance tickets will be available at Rockingtree Floral and County Drug. Tickets are \$15 for Adults, \$10 for Seniors and \$5 for Students. Children under 5 are free.

To celebrate the 20th season, a reception will be held at the Saturday, June 23rd, performance.





History at High Noon

Guy Edwards will be our featured speaker at History at High Noon on Friday, May 18th, at noon in the Program Room of the Sturgis Public Library. His topic is Memories of the Gas Stations in Sturgis. That will certainly bring back lots of memories to hear about and share.

This will be our last program until October as we take our summer vacation. We were off to a good start this year and will continue to bring you more programs with speakers sharing family histories, historical events and memories of people vital to this area. We are always interested in your ideas for programs and a willingness to share your stories too. Call Diana Hayes, Rosalee Johnson, Bonnie Lange, Richard Moeller or Dode Lee with your input for programs for us to pursue.

History at High Noon meets on the third Friday of the month in the program room in the Sturgis Public Library January through May and in October and November. There is a coffee pot on and you are welcome to bring your lunch with you if you so desire. So, we will see you again in October and we thank you for your support for these many years.

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Armchair Travelers Book Club



Armchair Travelers, an open book club jointly sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council and the Sturgis Public Library, has chosen to read books in the fantasy genre for its May 3 discussion. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, this could include works by J.R.R. Tolkien, the Harry Potter Series, or any of the myriad titles out there – your choice. The group meets at noon on the first Thursday of May in the Lushbough Room of the Sturgis Public Library.

The June 7 discussion will be on the book, *Elephant Company* by Vicki Constantine Croke. Set in Burma, the subtitle says it all: the Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals who Helped Save Lives in World War Two. Sturgis Public Library doesn't have a copy as yet, but there are some available by inter-library loan.

Because the normal July meeting falls on the day after the July 4th holiday, the group has decided to meet on the last Thursday of June – the 28th to discuss novels by Charles Dickens, of which there are many available. A sampling will be on display in the library near the check-out desk during the month of June.

All interested readers are welcome to any of the sessions even if they haven't read the book or genre of the month. The discussions are lively and one always learns something. If you have questions, please notify Dorothy Pulscher at dapulscher@gmail.com or 605 720-5467.

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Green Thumb Gala Time to Think Spring!

The library's favorite fundraising event - the "Green Thumb Gala" is underway! We ask people to donate a plant in a decorated or creative pot (or anything garden related) and we'll be taking silent bids on them.

The plants will be on display beginning May 7th, so keep an eye on the one you want. (Please bring plants in Saturday, May 5th or Monday, May 7th. Early drop-off can be arranged - please call the library at 347-2624).

If someone outbids you you'll have to raise your offer before the week is over! The bidding will end at 4:30 pm on Friday, May 11th. If you have the winning bid on a plant, you may pick up your prize and enjoy refreshments from 4:00-5:00 that day. Vote for your favorite and a prize will be awarded to the People's Choice vote winner!



The library will also be hosting a Chamber Mixer on May 10th; join us between 4:00 and 6:00 for light refreshments and enjoy visiting with friends in addition to viewing this year's garden creations.



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..... Aaron Copland

Sturgis Area Arts Council's Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 3

Armchair Travelers Book Club
Discussing books in the Fantasy Realm
Sturgis Public Library, 12:00 Noon

Sunday, May 6 & Monday, May 7

Auditions for "Godspell"
Grace Lutheran Church, 6:00-8:00pm

Thursday, May 10

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

Friday, May 18

History at High Noon
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Old Gas Stations of Sturgis
Sturgis Public Library, 12:00 Noon

Thursday, June 7.

Armchair Travelers Book Club
Discussing the book "Elephant Company"
Sturgis Public Library, 12:00 Noon

Thursday, June 14

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

Thursday, June 21- Monday, 25

"Godspell"

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Friday, June 22nd, at 7:00pm
Saturday, June 23rd, at 7:00pm
Sunday, June 24th, at 2:00pm
Monday, June 25th, at 7:00pm
Sturgis Community Center Theater

Sunday, June 24

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

Artists of the Month

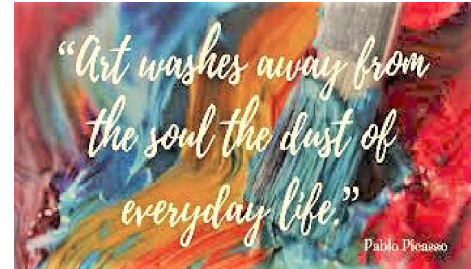
Our Artists for May are the High School Art Students of DeVee Dietz and Anna Tescher. Come down to the Library in May and see how talented our young artists are!!

DeVee Dietz's "Introduction to Visual Art" students will display work in the following categories:

Painted Wire Sculptures
Clay pieces (Coil, Slab, Pinch)
Lino Prints
Acrylic Triptych Paintings

Anna Tescher's art students will display work in these categories:

Monumental Portraits
Color Wheel Project
Perspective Project



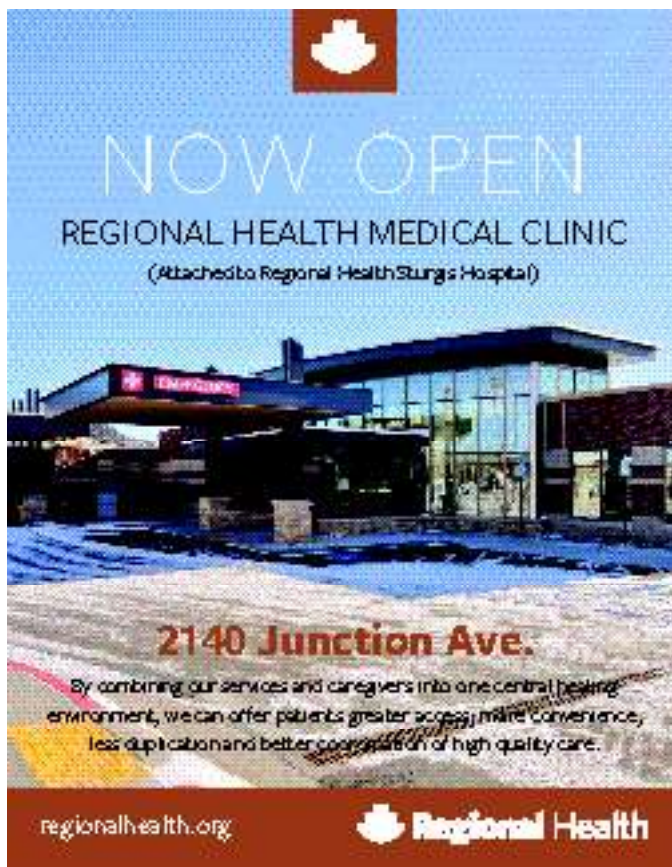
Our June Artists are from the Black Hills Art Association. Here's what they say about their group.

"This spring, Black Hills Art Association celebrates its 56th anniversary. The organization was created in May 1962, by the remarkable Phyllis "Boots" Kellar of Lead, SD. Mrs. Kellar dedicated her tireless energy and talent to developing the arts in the Black Hills and the entire state. BHAA is made up of both amateur and professional artists from the northern Black Hills and surrounding area, who work in a variety of media including painting, sculpture, fiber art, and photography. The group meets at Spearfish Chamber of Commerce on the first Saturday of every month, except July and August. Demonstrations and workshops are given by members, and also by guest artists from outside the group.

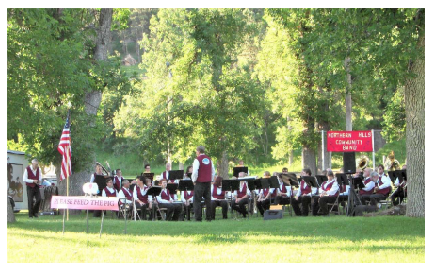
BHAA holds displays of artwork at various public places, including the Sturgis Library June 2-30. Each summer, the members take a field trip to a site of artistic interest in our area. This day of fun often includes plein air painting and sketching, or visits to galleries, and other interesting art related activities.

BHAA holds its annual Fall Art Show in downtown Spearfish. This year it will be September 22-23, at Studio 621 on Spearfish Main Street. Notable fine artists from outside the club are chosen to serve as judges. Last year, in conjunction with the Fall Art Show, BHAA held a Children's Art Contest for Spearfish fifth graders. This year, it is extended to include fifth graders from both Spearfish and Sturgis. They hope to eventually widen the scope to include more area schools. Contest rules and information will be given to the schools. It is BHAA's belief that the future of art in South Dakota lies in the hands of its children.

BHAA welcomes new members, and would also like to meet with other art clubs in our area. For more information, please visit our website at www.bhaa.info, our Black Hills Art Association facebook page, mail us at BHAA Box 1202, Spearfish SD 57783, or contact BHAA president Cathy Rezek Hoscheid at cathyhoscheid@gmail.com.



Northern Hills Community Band



Once again, the Sturgis Area Arts Council is so very pleased to p sponsor the Northern Hills Community Band as they present two summer concerts in the Sturgis City Park.

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 first concert here in Sturgis will be Sunday, June 24th, and their second concert will be Sunday, July 22nd. Both of these concerts will be at the east end of the Sturgis City Park (near the concession stand) and both concerts 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.

From the Ft. Meade Museum



“Sgt. Puregood’s Traveling Medicine Show” will be presented on Friday evenings from June 15th through July 27th at 7:00pm at Harley Davidson Point. Come hear the exciting adventures of Sgt. Puregood and Soapsuds Sal, witness mystifying miracles, and learn about the amazing properties of Puregood’s Perfected Panacea! This event is FREE!

Fort Meade Cavalry Day

At Barry Stadium, Fort Meade - Saturday, June 16th from 1:00-7:00pm
Celebrate the 140th Anniversary of Fort Meade with Native American Dancers, Pony rides, Children’s Rodeo, Old Tyme Photos and more! Throw a tomahawk, try your hand at the archery range, visit the pistol and rifle range, or sit back and enjoy an ice cold sarsaparilla. Top of the day with a Dutch Oven Dinner and program. All events are free, except for the dinner - tickets will be available at the Chamber, Ft. Meade Museum, and selected locations around town

Book Launch and presentation of: "Fort Meade: Peacekeeper of the Black Hills" Come meet the book’s author, Lee Stroschine, on Sunday May 6th from 2:00-4:00pm. as we launch this new book!

New Exhibit Dedication for 'The Flags of Old Fort Meade' on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th at 1:00pm. There will be free admission to the museum all day.

For more information on these events please see out website: <http://www.fortmeademuseum.org/> or find us on Facebook @ Old Fort Meade Museum

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School Music Concerts



It's end-of-the-school-year concert time!

Here are the local ones...

Williams Middle School Choir
Monday, May 14th, at 7:00pm in the Community
Center Theater

Williams Middle School Band
Thursday, May 10th, at 7:00pm in
Grunwald Auditorium

Sturgis Brown High School Band
Monday, May 7th, at 7:00pm in the
high school west gym

Sturgis Brown High School Choir
"A Selection From Torb's Record Collection"
Thursday, May 3rd at 7:00pm in the
high school west gym

Sturgis Elementary won't have concerts, but they have
talent day! It will be Thursday, May 24th.

Kindergarten and 1st grade will be at 9:30am and
2nd-4th grade will be at 10:30am.

Both are in the Sturgis Elementary School gym

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so happy to pass all
those \$10s along!



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Thanks to each and every one of you for your support - not
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and put up displays and use it for discussions....the list goes
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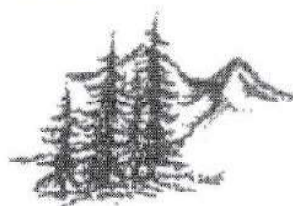
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