



# Arts In Action

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## ***Thank You, Sturgis Honor Guard!***

The Sturgis Honor Guard, represented by Darell Pulscher (on the right) and Gordon Kotab (on the left) present a check for \$500 to Sturgis Area Arts Council Treasurer Francie Ruebel-Alberts (center).

The Sturgis Honor Guard is a group of hard-working volunteers that provide military funeral honors for our veterans at the Black Hills National Cemetery. We so much appreciate them as well as the work that they do to honor those veterans and families that have given all to help keep us and our country safe. Thanks, fellows! :)

## ***\$525 to the Sturgis Public Library from YOU!!***

Every year, when you send in your membership to the Sturgis Area Arts Council, we give you the opportunity to add a little extra something for the Sturgis Public Library. This year was no exception, and boy, did you guys do us proud!! On your behalf, we were happy to give them a contribution of \$525 for 2018! At right, Arts Council President Dedi LaRue presents a check to library director Julie Moore-Peterson.

We'd be lost without the wonderful folks at the Library - every month they offer their program room for our History at High Noon presentations and their beautiful Lushbough Room for our Armchair Travelers Book discussions, as well as space for other special events throughout the year. They also do the majority of the work coordinating and hanging the artwork each month for our Artist of the Month displays.



## ***Attention Snowbirds (and anyone planning a move)***



If you plan on being gone this winter  
OR you're moving from one place to another and you're on  
our mailing list, PLEASE let us know!!

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Contact Linda at 720-6361 or send an e-mail to [saacpublicity@hotmail.com](mailto:saacpublicity@hotmail.com) to let us know of any and all changes,  
please ~ we would most appreciate it!! :)

## *We love all of you, so we're giving you TWO fun events to help you celebrate Valentine's Day!!*

### *A seat at the table is waiting for you!*



On a wintery Friday night in February, local theater-lovers will enjoy local food and entertainment at the Arts Council's first Progressive Theater Event. The first 75 people to purchase a ticket to this February 15th event will be guaranteed a literal place at the table of delights.

The SAAC Drama Committee is excited to present three different one-act plays at three local Main Street venues. Beginning at 7:00pm that evening, 25 theater patrons will locate at each of the three venues and each group will then rotate to the other 2 fun spots as the evening 'progresses.'

The makeshift theaters are within a block's walking distance of each other, so all ages will enjoy a short walk down Main Street. Food will be provided as part of the ticket price at each stop along the theater pathway. A cash bar will also be available.

Tickets go on sale January 15 from Marlene (347-1375), Gary (890-2189), or Chris (347-1795). You may call to reserve a spot for you and your party, but payment must be received before the event as there are only 75 seats available and we want to fill each site. The ticket price for the productions and food is \$20 for one ticket with a discount price of two tickets for \$35.

If you have the acting bug, but can't commit to a long play or the summer musical, this is the time for you to volunteer to be in one of the one-act plays. Call one of the numbers above, find a friend or two, and we will help you find a spot to cultivate and share your inner actor.



### *Big Band music and sweets!*

Dave Martinson's Big Band will perform Sunday, February 17th, at 2:00pm in the Sturgis Community Center Theater as we continue our Valentines tradition of wonderful entertainment mixed with a taste of chocolate.

Many of you will remember this group from our USO show a couple of years ago - they brought the house down then and they've going to be just as wonderful this time around!!

The group consists of a 17 piece band along with two vocalists. They'll be performing Big Band music from the 1920s to the present, with an emphasis on music from the '30s & '40s. Many of their songs will have the "Love" theme in honor of the weekend.

Along with the music, we'll be doing a chocolate tasting event - we'll have lots of folks making lots of chocolate yummys for you to sample!

Admission price for this afternoon of music and chocolate is \$15 for Adults, \$10 for Seniors and \$5 for Students. Bring someone you love - or give YOURSELF a little love - and join us for this afternoon of music and sweets! :)

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## Artists of the Month



Our January Artists are the Art Students of the Stagebarn Middle School. Their work will be on display at the Sturgis Public Library in January.

Our February Artists are the Sturgis Brown High School Art Students. Here's a bit about them:

The Sturgis Brown High School Art Department, under the direction of art teachers DeVee Dietz and Anna Tescher, will display a variety of 2-D and 3-D artworks from the Introduction to the visual arts, Art1/Photo1, and the 3D Sculpture classes during the month of February.

The Visual Arts provides opportunities for students to create a wide variety of original artwork through various mediums and resources while developing problem solving and innovative thinking skills. The courses help students understand what drawing is and its purposes. Students utilize the elements and principles of design in their planning and production of art.

Projects on display include:

Introduction to Visual Arts Classes: Line Design, Realistic Animal Sketches, Scratch Art, Drawings, Abstract Expressionism, Triptych of Color Schemes Paintings.

Art 1/Photo 1 Class: Scratch Art, Perspective Art Museum

3D Sculpture Class: Pottery, Giacometti Sculptures, "7 Deadly Sins" Chicken Wire Sculptures

In the many courses provided to the students at SBHS, students have the opportunity to recognize the important influences the arts have on our daily lives, learn how to appreciate many art forms, aesthetic awareness, and discover an outlet for personal expression.



## Armchair Travelers Book Club

Armchair Travelers Book Club will begin the New Year with a discussion of literature dealing with the Ancient Western World, meeting at 12:00 noon on January 3rd in the Lushbough Room of the Sturgis Public library. Books are available in the library for this and suggested books are displayed in the library near the check out desk.

The topic for February 7th is Spies and our March 7th discussion will focus on Lawyers in Fiction - same place and time as in January. Interested readers are always welcome even if they haven't had a chance to read specifically for the discussion.

If you have questions, please contact Dorothy Pulscher at 720-5467 or [dapulscher@gmail.com](mailto:dapulscher@gmail.com)

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~ Oscar Wilde

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History at High Noon is ready to start 2019 with two interesting

programs. On January 18 in the program room in the Sturgis Public Library Jim Holland will present a program titled "Ships of the South Dakota Navy". There will be photos and maybe even a movie. Sounds like fun. We always start at high noon, be sure to come and enjoy.

Larry Stomprud will share a program titled "Sulphur, 1909 to 2018" on February 15, also in the Sturgis Public Library. It is always good to have a program by one of our good neighbors out in the country. So many families and communities have shared their stories and we are happy to have yet another one.

History at High Noon will have a temporary new home starting with the March program. We will be at the Sturgis Community Center while the Sturgis Library is being remodeled. It will be at the same time-noon. We will have more details about this move in the next SAAC newsletter. We are very grateful to have such a good place to be with lots of available parking and handicap access. You will be interested to know that David Super will be giving a program on the Sheriffs of Meade County on March 15.

The History at High Noon committee: Diana Hayes, Bonnie Lange, Richard Moeller and Dode Lee are always open to ideas and offers from you to present a program. Start working on those family histories, you will find it fun, and, of course, a lot of work. However, it is such a good thing to do - you won't be sorry.

## *Sturgis Area Arts Council's Upcoming Events*

**Thursday, January 3**

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

**Thursday, January 10**

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

**Friday, January 18**

History at High Noon  
Sturgis Public Library, 12:00 Noon

**Thursday, February 7**

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

**Thursday, February 14**

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

**Friday, February 15**

History at High Noon  
Sturgis Public Library, 12:00 Noon

**Friday, February 15**

Progressive Theater  
Downtown Sturgis, 7:00pm

**Sunday, February 17**

Big Band Concert and Chocolate Tasting  
Community Center Theater, 2:00pm

**Sunday, March 17**

Colcannon in Concert  
Community Center Theater, 2:00pm



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## *Colcannon bringing Irish Cheer!!!*

We are thrilled to announce that our favorite Irish group, Colcannon, is returning to Sturgis to bring Ireland to us on St. Patty’s Day! They will present a concert on Sunday, March 17th, at 2:00pm in the Sturgis Community Center Theater. Admission is \$15 for Adults, \$10 for Seniors and \$5 for Students.

Colcannon .....Authentic, Joyous Irish Music.... traditional with a touch of chamber music and music hall, they play Irish music with panache, warmth and wit. Timeless songs and great musicianship transport audiences to another time and place. Colcannon has developed a distinctive, inventive, and contemporary musical style while still keeping in firm touch with the

heart and essence of traditional Irish music. Colcannon’s concerts are renowned for their energy, for singer/ frontman Mick Bolger’s irrepressible sense of humor and sly wit, and, of course, for the music; music that expresses flights of joy, deep sorrows, and an unquenchable zest for life.

Colcannon’s appeal crosses lines of age, gender and ethnic background. For while the musical focus is on the beautiful wealth of traditional Irish music — all acoustic instrumentation, traditional as well as original tunes and songs, with some of the songs in Mick’s native Irish language — Colcannon’s true message is the story of the resilient and joyous human spirit.

Read more about the group and listen to their music at <https://www.colcannon.com>

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## Looking Ahead To the Easter Season



Although we're in the grips of winter, it is time to think about making plans for an annual spring event—the Arts Council's Annual Easter Cantata.

Our 2019 Cantata is planned for Palm Sunday, April 14th, and Tuesday, April 16th. This is the 13th Annual Easter Cantata and it will once again be performed at the Grace Lutheran Church in Sturgis. It continues to be a community favorite—both for the singers and for our large audiences.

Marlene Kotab will coordinate and conduct the cantata. Because of space issues, the choir is limited to approximately 75 singers. If you are interested in singing with this fine group, you can contact Marlene by calling 347-1375 or emailing her at [kotabgmc@rushmore.com](mailto:kotabgmc@rushmore.com).

Rehearsals will begin Sunday, March 3rd, and run every Sunday from 1:30–3:00pm, with one Thursday practice (on April 11th) at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 1061 Sherman Street in Sturgis. Singers should plan to attend all/most of the rehearsals. Please join us for this amazing event.

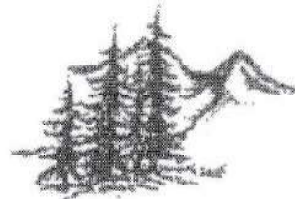


Leapin' Lizards!  
Get ready, Sturgis!  
One of the world's most-loved musicals is coming to life on our stage on June 20th-24th, 2019. The Sturgis players are excited to present "Annie" for the summer musical.



The musical will offer roles for both adults and children. Title roles include Daddy Warbucks and his secretary, Miss Farrell, Miss Hannigan, the orphanage's matron and her convict brother Rooster and his girlfriend Lily. Of great importance is the role of Annie (originally designed for a spunky 11-year-old redhead). Annie must have a strong voice—both speaking and singing since the role includes vocal solos. There are other children's orphan roles (boy and girls) with speaking/singing roles for a number of kids ranging from approximately ages 8-13.

Auditions will be held on SUNDAY and MONDAY, May 5-6, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Our normal rehearsal schedule is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Minimal missed rehearsals are allowed, so make plans now to be in this great theater event for the whole family.



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It's time to renew your Arts Council membership for 2019! To ensure that you continue to receive your newsletters and postcards of upcoming events please send your membership in as soon as possible as we begin the new year. Doing so assures you that you'll know what's coming up, and it also means that you have a voice in the activities of the Arts Council and ensures that the work of the Arts Council continues with no interruption.

Membership is important to you and membership is vital to our organization. We can't do it without your continued sponsorship and support and we thank each and every one of those folks on the list to the right for being involved and sending in their membership for 2019.

Remember - Art is the HeART of the community of folks, some young and some not as young, that the Sturgis Area Arts Council serves.

Want to join us? If you flip this page over you'll see a form on the back page. Simply fill it out and stick it in the mail along with your check in the amount you'd like to contribute. If you don't want to mutilate this lovely newsletter you can also go to our website ([www.sturgisareaartscouncil.org](http://www.sturgisareaartscouncil.org)) - click on the membership tab on the right and print out the form. We'd love to have you!!



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