



# Arts In Action

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Calling all actors and actresses to audition for “Annie”, our 2019 Sturgis Summer Musical. All ages are welcome to audition. There are plenty of singing, non-singing, speaking and non-speaking roles. 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 Come be a part of this delightful play.

Auditions will be held Sunday, May 5th, & Monday, May 6th, from 6:00-8:00pm at the Grace Lutheran Church, located at 1061 Sherman Street in Sturgis. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and continue Mondays through Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm each evening. If chosen for a part, you should plan to be at all the rehearsals scheduled for your role. Limited absences are allowed. Parents of children cast in the play are asked to help supervise the child actors during rehearsals. A volunteer schedule will be set up.

We are also in need of costume designers and seamstresses and painters and carpenters for the set. Call Marlene Kotab (347-1375) or Gary Nelson (3890-2189) to volunteer.

Roles: Annie—must have a strong singing and acting voice

Orphans: Molly, Kate, Tessie, Pepper, July, Duffy

Girls/Boys orphan roles (ages 8-13)

Oliver (Daddy) Warbucks

Secretary, Miss Grace Farrell

Orphanage matron, Miss Hannigan

Convict Brother, Rooster Hannigan

Girlfriend, Lily St. Regis

Sandy—Annie’s dog

Drake and the Servants

New Yorkers/Chorus

Star(s)-to-be—dancing, solo(s)

Usherette-sings with ensemble

Plan now for a fun summer production.

There’s room for everyone!

Non-singing roles

Apple Seller

Lt. Ward—policeman

Bert Healy—Radio Show Announcer

Bundles—Orphanage Laundryman

President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Louis Howe—Aide to FD



Thursday, June 20th at 7:00pm

Friday, June 21st at 7:00pm

Saturday, June 22nd at 7:00pm

Sunday, June 23rd (matinee) at 2:00pm

Monday, June 24th at 7:00pm

Sturgis Community Center Theater  
1401 Lazelle St.

Tickets are

\$15 for Adults

\$10 for Seniors

\$5 for Students

Little ones are free!

(Cash or Check only at the door)

Advance tickets will be available in June at  
County Drug and Rockingtree Floral



The May 17<sup>th</sup> History at High Noon program will be “Bob Lee-Revisited”. We will hold this program at the Sturgis Community Center’s Meade room. Davis Super will be reading a paper titled “Companies of the Damned” that Bob gave at a history conference. David says it is an interesting story and one that he helped Bob research. Also, May is Bob’s birthday month - he would have been 99 on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

After this program History at High Noon will be taking their summer vacation and will start with new programs in October. We may be back at the library - if not, we will be at the Sturgis Community Center. We thank them both for giving History at High Noon a home. Be sure to let any of the committee members know if you have an idea for a program or would like to give a program. Committee members are Diana Hayes, Bonnie Lange, Richard Moeller and Dode Lee.

## ***Green Thumb Gala Time to Think Spring!***

The Sturgis Public Library is planning their favorite event - the “Green Thumb Gala” fundraiser. They’re once again asking people to donate a plant in a decorated or creative pot; or anything garden related. They’re always amazed at the talented artists and gardeners in our community, so get your creative juices flowing and turn in your contribution!



Please take your items to the Sturgis Public Library by May 6<sup>th</sup> to be part of this year’s event. The plants will be on display in a silent auction held the week of May 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. The bidding will end at 4:30 pm on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have the winning bid you may pick up your prize and enjoy refreshments from 4:00-5:00 that day.

## ***Armchair Travelers Book Club***



Biographies of women who have accomplished something of note are on the agenda for the Armchair Travelers’ discussion on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The group will meet in the Lushbough Room of the Sturgis Public Library at 12:00 noon. If you haven’t read one such bio already, come anyway and learn about what others have discovered. Your summer reading may have a boost with new worlds to explore.

On June 6<sup>th</sup> the travelers will discuss Australia – same time (12:00noon) and place (Lushbough Room at the Library). The land down under offers lots to learn about both in fiction and non-fiction. This is a perfect way to learn about the people and the country without one single reservation. No long airplane ride to endure either.

As always, the librarians will display books on the monthly theme from the stacks at a table near the check-out desk. This open book club welcomes all interested readers and is co-sponsored by the Sturgis Public Library and the Sturgis Area Arts Council.

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## *Book Signing*

Former Sturgis resident and author Carol Armbrust is hosting a book signing of her novel, “The Disinterment”, on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:00-6:30pm at the Sturgis Public Library.

Carol grew up in the Rapid City area, so the beautiful Black Hills feel like home to her wherever she lives or travels. Although she lived mostly in the Rapid Valley area growing up, as an adult, she lived in Rapid City, Sturgis, Spearfish, and Hot Springs. Carol has been living on and off and on again in Ohio since 1986, where she presently resides. She teaches English composition at the local community college. Her experiences while growing up, her various jobs, and her family have all inspired her writing. Carol also has published a book of her poems and short stories, “Boxes and Buckets” and a children’s picture book “Star Gazer”. During this book tour, she will also have scheduled book signings at the Sioux Falls library on May 18th at 2:00pm; at the Hot Springs Library on May 22nd, and at Mitzi’s Books at 12:00pm on May 23rd.

A bit about her novel “The Disinterment” After their father’s death, an older brother, Ben, asks Ella to exhume their father’s remains to bury him in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Dredging up long-forgotten emotions about how she felt about her father’s abuses, Ella wrestles with whether or not to honor her ailing brother’s request. The Disinterment follows Ella and her sister Evie as they resolve the issues that arise from disturbing their father’s remains. Ella’s quest to put all the corpses in their rightful places reveals long-held secrets, sibling loyalties, and family history.





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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 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](http://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 23rd, and their second concert will be Sunday, July 21st. 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.

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*"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music."*

. . . . . *Billy Joel*

**We are proud to support the  
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## Sturgis Area Arts Council's Upcoming Events

**Thursday, May 2**

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

**Sunday, May 5 & Monday, May 6**

Auditions for "Annie"  
Grace Lutheran Church, 1061 Sherman St.  
6:00-8:00pm

**May 6th-10th**

Green Thumb Gala at the Sturgis Public Library

**Thursday, May 9**

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

**Friday, May 17**

History at High Noon  
Sturgis Community Center  
Meade Room, 12:00 Noon

**Thursday, May 23rd**

Book Signing by Author Carol Armbrust  
Sturgis Public Library, 5:00-6:30pm

**Thursday, June 6**

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

**Thursday, June 13**

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

**Thursday, June 20 - Monday, June 24**

"Annie"  
Sturgis Community Center Theater  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday at  
7:00pm  
Sunday at 2:00pm

**Sunday, June 23**

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

# THE BLACK HILLS PLAYHOUSE



The Black Hills Playhouse has announced their 2019 season and here's what's coming up this summer. For more information about the Playhouse or to buy tickets please visit their website - <https://www.blackhillspayhouse.com>

**“Sherwood - The Adventures of Robin Hood”** June 14 - 30  
Packed with thrills, romance, laughter, and immortal characters like Little John, Friar Tuck, and Maid Marian, Sherwood: The

Adventures of Robin Hood tells the enduring story of a hero of the people who takes on the ruthless powers that be. So get ready to duck a quarterstaff or two – you won't want to miss a moment of the swashbuckling fun!

**“Side Show”** July 5 - 21

Based on the true story of conjoined twins Violet and Daisy Hilton, Side Show is a moving portrait of two women joined at the hip whose extraordinary bondage brings them fame but denies them love. Told almost entirely in song, the show follows their progression from England to America, around the vaudeville circuit, and to Hollywood on the eve of their appearance in the 1932 movie Freaks.

**“Mamma Mia”** July 26 - Aug 11

Mamma Mia! has been entertaining audiences since its West End opening in 1999 and Broadway opening in 2001, winning five Tony Awards in 2002. Mamma Mia! centers around bride-to-be, Sophie, trying to find her long-lost father to walk her down the aisle. Not knowing which of the three possible men from her mother's diary to invite, she brings all three of them back to the island last visited 20 years ago. With ABBA classics like “Dancing Queen,” “Waterloo” and the title number, this smash hit musical is sure to have you dancing in the aisles!

**“Steel Magnolias”** August 16 - 25

Steel Magnolias is the bittersweet story of six women who gather under the dryers at Truvy's Beauty Salon to share gossip, laughter, recipes and beauty secrets on four significant days across three years of their lives. When tragedy strikes, they face it with sass and strength, supporting each other through thick and thin. By turns hilarious and poignant, Steel Magnolias is a heartwarming portrait of friendship and love.

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*“The stage is a magic circle where only the most real things happen, a neutral territory outside the jurisdiction of Fate where stars may be crossed with impunity. A truer and more real place does not exist in all the universe.”*

*P.S. Baber, Cassie Draws the Universe*

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## 2019 Black Hills Bluegrass Festival



Who – Black Hills Bluegrass Association

What - 39th Annual Black Hills Bluegrass Festival

When – June 14, 15, 16, 2019

Where – Rush No More RV Resort & Campground

Show Times: Friday 6:30 pm; Saturday 1:30 and 6:30 pm; Sunday 10 am.

Price (at the gate) Single Show \$20; All Day Saturday \$45; Kids under 12 Free  
Advance tickets available online [www.blackhillsbluegrass.com](http://www.blackhillsbluegrass.com)

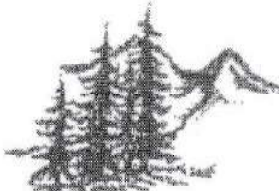
### Bluegrass Festival Announces New Location

The Black Hills Bluegrass Festival is excited to announce our move to the Rush No More RV Resort and Campground located off I-90 Exit 37 near Sturgis. It is just one mile from our previous location. The Rush No More Campground has wonderful facilities and offers a large number of RV and tent camping sites as well as some deluxe sites and cabins, swimming pool and a play area for kids. There is a lovely concert area with shade trees, a covered pavilion, a couple of indoor areas for jamming and a large building in case of rain. For camping reservations call 605-347-2916 or email [info@rushnomore.com](mailto:info@rushnomore.com), website [www.rushnomore.com](http://www.rushnomore.com).

Dates for the 39th Annual Black Hills Bluegrass Festival are June 14, 15, 16, 2019. Featured bands are Dave Adkins Band from Kentucky; Midnight Flight from Missouri; Blue Canyon Boys, The Stanleytones and The Cody Sisters from Colorado.

Tickets are available for a single show, all day Saturday or the whole weekend. Shows are scheduled for 6:30 Friday evening, 1:30 and 6:30 on Saturday. There will be instrumental workshops hosted by the band members on Saturday morning and kids activities are planned for Saturday afternoon. The Gospel Music Show on Sunday morning is from 10 am till noon, with a free will offering.

Food will be available for purchase from the campground kitchen throughout the festival. Breakfast will be available both Saturday and Sunday morning. No Dogs or Coolers are allowed in the concert area.



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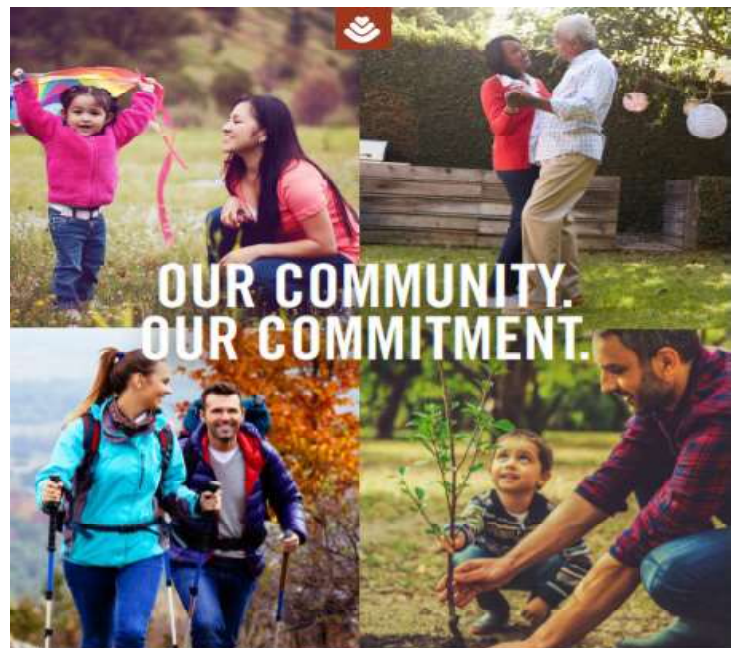
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