



# Arts In Action

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## Big Band music and sweets!



The Dave Martinson's Big Band will once again be playing for our Valentine's Music & Chocolate Event. The band is a 17 piece "Big Band" with two vocalists. The group has played for a variety of

events in recent years, including the Sturgis USO show, the Hospice Ball and at Main Street Square in Rapid City. They will perform swing music and ballads from the 1920's through the 1060's.

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! Please join us on Sunday, February 16th, at 2:00pm in the Sturgis Community Center Theater as we continue our Valentines tradition of wonderful entertainment mixed with a taste of chocolate.

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! :)

## Bookshelf Journeymen

The book club that has been meeting at The Meade County Senior Center has decided to call itself Bookshelf Journeymen.



This club meets on the third Thursday of every month at 10:30am in the downstairs library at the center.

At the meeting on January 16, 2020 the group will discuss books about renewal and having

a fresh start. A list of books can be found at [bookriot.com/2016/10/04/100-must-read-books-about-starting-over/](http://bookriot.com/2016/10/04/100-must-read-books-about-starting-over/). Our February 20th topic isn't decided yet, but we'll come up with something fun!

If you have questions, please contact Dorothy Pulscher at 720-5467.

## Progressive Theater Returns in February

Theater-goers in Sturgis will want to put Friday, February 21st, on their arts calendars. This is the date for the return of the popular Progressive Theater event.



Three different one-acts plays will be held at three different venues on Main Street – one play each at Stingers Saloon, the Sturgis Wine Bar, and the Fireside. Delicious food will be served at each location along with a cash bar option from each establishment. Three groups of 28 audience members will “progress” to each of the venues throughout the evening.

Reserve tickets for this event will go on sale at 12:00 NOON, on Friday, January 24th (and no earlier) by calling Marlene Kotab (347-1375) or Chris Kaitfors (347-1795). The \$20 tickets will be sold individually with a limit of 6 tickets available to each caller. The audience will be limited to 84 people (28 in each group). The tickets sold very quickly last year and the drama committee expects the same response this year.

Don't miss this unique theater opportunity presented by the Sturgis Area Arts Council.



### *Armchair Travelers Book Club*

Armchair Travelers Book Club will be starting the new year with a January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting during which they will discuss “Your Favorite Book” Regardless of the subject of your favorite, please bring it and tell us what you love about it.

At our February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting the group has decided to discuss books about starting over. The March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will focus on Native American women.

The librarians at the Sturgis Public Library will display examples of the topic for each month near the checkout desk – please ask them if you need ideas.

Armchair Travelers Book Club meets in the Lushbough room at the Sturgis Public Library on the first Thursday of every month at 12:00noon. It is open to all interested readers. It is co-sponsored by the Sturgis Public Library and the Sturgis Area Arts Council.



Our January 17th History at High Noon Program will feature Tim Velder as our program speaker.

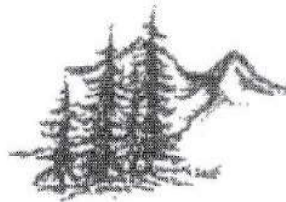
His program will be titled “Frozen and Boiled - Weather records in 1936”.

For our February 21st program, Mark Keffeler will be presenting his program on the Keffeler Family’s history.

We welcome one and all to these fun and informative programs about this place we call home and the people that make it what it is. We meet the third Friday of most months at 12:00 (High Noon!!) in the new community room at the Sturgis Public Library. You’re more than welcome to bring your lunch and enjoy it during the program. The library always has the coffee pot on as well.

Do you have an idea for one of our program? We’re always looking for new ideas and new faces to help share pieces of history. Our committee consists of the following folks (Dode Lee, Diana Hayes, Bonnie Lange and Richard Moeller). Please don’t hesitate to get in touch with one of them and give them your ideas. If you don’t know any of them you may send an e-mail to us at [saacpublicity@hotmail.com](mailto:saacpublicity@hotmail.com) and we’ll forward it on for you.

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### SAAC's Upcoming Events

**Thursday, January 2**

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

**Thursday, January 9**

Sturgis Area Arts Council Meeting  
Sturgis Library Community Room, 7:00pm

**Thursday, January 16**

Bookshelf Journeymers  
Meade Co Senior Center, 10:30am

**Friday, January 17**

History at High Noon  
Sturgis Library Community Room, 12:00noon

**Thursday, February 6**

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

**Thursday, February 13**

Sturgis Area Arts Council Meeting  
Sturgis Library Community Room, 7:00pm

**Sunday, February 16**

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

**Thursday, February 20**

Bookshelf Journeymers  
Meade Co Senior Center, 10:30am

**Friday, February 21**

History at High Noon  
Sturgis Library Community Room, 12:00noon

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Progressive Theater

### Artists of the Month

The Stagebarn Middle School Art Students are our January Artists.

The Art Show of Stagebarn Middle School showcases work by our 7th Grade Art Students. Their Second Quarter Projects include Watercolor Contour Portrait compositions, which are inspired by the work of Alexander Calder.



On display from their First Quarter Artists are Value Study Paintings, which are inspired by South Dakota Artist Dustin Twiss.



The shades of gray photos here don't do their work justice! Please head on down to the Sturgis Public Library during the month of January to see them in all their glory.

Our February Artist is still to be determined at the time this newsletter went to print.... If you're an artist and would like to display your work some month, please go on down to the library and talk to Julie, or give Ruth a call at 720-2293.

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## \$605 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 \$605 for 2019! At left, Arts Council President Dedi LaRue presents the check to library director Julie Moore-Peterson.

We'd be lost without the wonderful folks at the Library - every month they offer their community 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

## Calling All Singers to Join the 2020 Easter Cantata Choir

Marlene Kotab, coordinator for the Sturgis-Area Easter Cantata, invites all singers to join the 2020 cantata choir.



The 14th Annual Cantata performances are slated for Palm Sunday, April 5th, and Tuesday, April 7th, at 7:00pm each evening.

Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, February 23rd, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church and will continue every Sunday through March 29th. There is one Thursday evening practice on April 2nd at 7:00pm. Please plan to attend most of the rehearsals.

If you are interested in singing with this fine group, please contact Marlene at 347-1375 or at [kotabgmc@rushmore.com](mailto:kotabgmc@rushmore.com). The cantata continues to be a community favorite for the audience and is one of the few opportunities to sing in a large choir. It is a faith-filling experience for all singers. Contact Marlene today to reserve your book and a spot in the choir.

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## 2020 Membership

As this article is written the Holidays surround us... "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" We had a wonderful audience enjoy the 41st Annual Christmas Concert. What a tremendous way for the Arts Council to exhibit the musical talent of our community and surrounding areas! Remember, if you are a member of the Arts Council, you will be privy to advance information of upcoming events. This newsletter issue introduces the One Acts and the Big Band Concert; performances are just around the corner! All you need to do is complete the membership form and include your check or cash. Give that to a member of the Arts Council or drop it in the mail! We look forward to hearing from you!

## Upcoming Library Events

These are planned events at the library in Jan & Feb. Please check with them for more details - there are other events in the works that haven't been finalized yet!

- January 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30 ~ Yin & Yoga
- January 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30 ~ Couch to 5K Walk/Run Club
- January 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-6:00 ~ WellFed Cooking Club
- January 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-2:00 ~ Get Crafty
- January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30-6:30 ~ Adult Game Night
- January 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30 ~ Family Orienteering
- January 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00-7:00 ~ Books On Tap (at brewery)
- February 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30 ~ Yin & Yoga
- February 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30 ~ Couch to 5K Walk/Run Club
- February 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-6:00 ~ WellFed Cooking Club
- February 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-2:00 ~ Get Crafty
- February 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30 ~ Adult Game Night
- February 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30 ~ Family Paint Night
- February 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 ~ Books On Tap (local bar)

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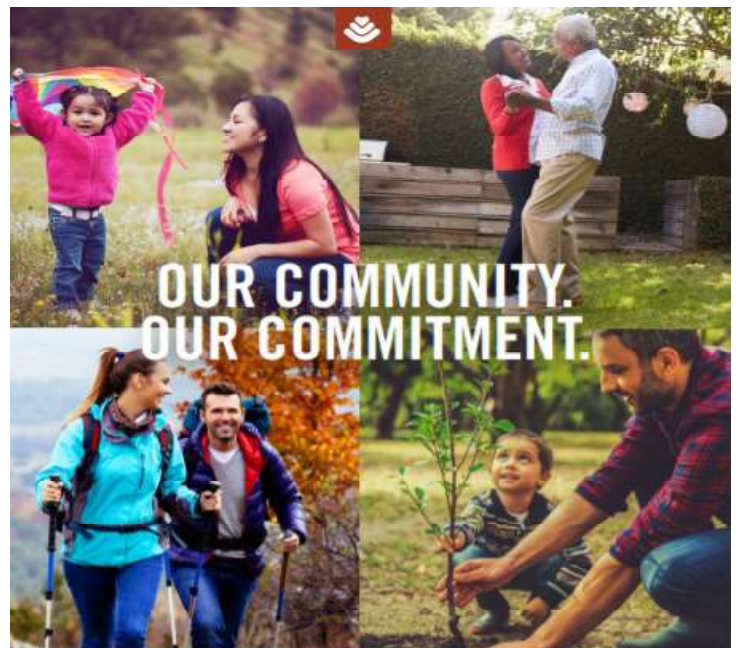
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