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History at High Noon

Exciting News! History at High Noon will be presented at 12:00 Noon on Friday, October 16th, in the Sturgis Community Center Theater.

Once again David Super will be our guest historian. He will be speaking about the history of music in our community.

The theater is a spacious venue with lots of seating - allowing us to be physically distanced as needed. In addition, if you're not comfortable in a public venue, you can enjoy Dave's presentation via Zoom on your computer, laptop, ipad or smart phone. Just email us at saacpublicity@hotmail.com, for the Zoom link!

Hope to see you or hear from you to enjoy the History of Music in Sturgis by David Super!

2021 Membership

Happy Fall and Happy SAAC Membership time!!! As you know from years past, your annual membership to SAAC provides the Sturgis Area Arts Council the funding to keep running. Your membership helps cover the cost of mailings and other forms of communication, the cost of advertising along with the cost of labor to put all of the aforementioned together. Keeping in touch is more important than ever this year!

Besides this beneficial support, by adding \$10 or more to your membership, you're giving a gift directly to the Sturgis Public Library. Each year, the Library provides SAAC meeting space and equipment for meetings and events such as History at High Noon. As mentioned in the article below, your gifts to the Library from last year's membership amounted to \$630!

There is a membership form on the back page - please consider filling it out and renewing (or starting) your membership for 2021. We look forward to hearing from you soon. There are many exciting things in the works and your support helps to keep that excitement hopping!

\$630 to the 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 \$630 for 2020! Arts Council President Dedi LaRue (right) presents the check to library director Julie Moore-Peterson.





SD Festival of Books goes Virtual

With the coronavirus pandemic continuing and the health of readers and writers in mind, the 2020 South Dakota Festival of Books is an all-virtual experience in 2020.

The Festival, which started in September and continues through October, is in its 18th year of bringing readers and writers together. In lieu of in-person events, the 60-plus authors on the 2020 roster will discuss books, teach workshops, and interact with fans via Zoom, Crowdcast and Facebook Live. The lineup includes local favorites and perennial bestsellers.

For all the information visit their website:
<http://sdhumanities.org/festival-of-books/virtual-2020>

Armchair Travelers



Thanks to all who have been staying in touch by email through the past months of being unable to meet face to face. We're pleased to note that email discussions have been insightful, delightful, and a beautiful way to stay connected.

We hope that one day soon we will be able to meet in a room to see each other and laugh together,

Until then, Francie and Dorothy have decided on topics for the fall and early winter reads. Our November 5th meeting will center on stories about the Sea. Around December 3rd, we are hoping you will share a Christmas memory. We will begin the new year around January 7th with a discussion about novels set in Greater New York City. On February 4th we will welcome reviews of books by Latin American authors. As always, Francie will research possibilities in each of the categories – except the memory lane. We look forward to hearing from you all.

Want to be part of the group?
 Please e-mail Dorothy at
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Coronavirus Halts Christmas Concert

By Marlene Kotab, Concert Chair

When the COVID-19 concert cancellation cascade started in early March, members of the SAAC board voted to cancel the Easter Cantata. Then as time passed, the Drama Committee deemed it pointless to continue plans to hold the scheduled summer musical, "9 to 5". No concert-goer could have imagined the pandemic would continue to influence closings and cancellations well into December. But SAAC finds itself in the position of doing just that with the cancellation of its 42nd Annual Community Christmas Concert.

This annual concert was postponed once or twice in its 41-year history. But, unlike 2020, the concert was only delayed one week because of inclement weather. This year the concert is cancelled because of a storm, but not a storm that is as short-lived as a blizzard. Despite a hope for "getting back to normal," SAAC has concluded that it would not be safe (nor possible) to hold the concert. No choirs are producing beautiful music in local churches and after evaluating the safety for singers and audience, it is our conclusion that if just one person walked out of the Community Center Theater with COVID-19, we would not be able to forgive ourselves.

Thanks to all who have continued to support SAAC and the arts in Sturgis. We look forward to a time of celebration when we present the 2021 concert!



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Events at the Sturgis Public Library

Pumpkin Painting Contest

Now-Oct. 15- Paint a pumpkin with your favorite book character and share pictures with the library for a chance to win 4 passes to the Spearfish Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch. Winner picked Oct. 16th

Bags of Books - Book Sale

Oct. 8-10- Stop in the library for books to add to your own shelves in trade for a donation.

Adoptable Pets

Oct. 10, 1-3 pm @ City Park- Join us at City Park to adopt a mini stuffed cat or dog. You will be given the supplies to build their pet house and have fun! We will have a friend or two from the animal shelter joining us as well, just in case you need a larger new pet to take home.

Women's Coffee & Confidence

Oct. 24th 9:30-10:30 @ Sturgis Library Balcony- Join a small group of women for coffee on the balcony at Sturgis Library to talk, listen and "fill your cup" of confidence. Bring a jacket or cozy blanket for the cool weather. **Tentative to weather

Book Around the Block

Oct. 24th, 9-3pm - Read a short story as you walk around the library block! Book pages will be posted on business windows for you to enjoy from 9-3pm.

Virtual Story Hours are held

Tuesday and Wednesday Mornings

View on our Facebook, Blog, or YouTube channel

Maker-Mondays

Oct. 5th & 19th - On Monday, Oct. 5th you can pick up your Maker-Monday Spiders and Spider web craft bag from the library lobby. On Monday, Oct. 19th we will have a mystery craft bag available for pick-up.

Digital Spotlight

Oct. 12th- Featuring CultureGrams, an online resource for reliable cultural information on the countries of the world. Join Miss Kathy as we explore this fun resource. View on Facebook, our Blog, or our YouTube channel.

Sculpture Walk?

An exciting new possibility for the our community is a Sculpture Walk for Main St, which will include the potential of 4-6 new sculptures on display for each of us to enjoy on a pleasant walk down Main St. The Downtown Community Foundation is working on the project with the help of the Sturgis Area Arts Council and other organizations in Sturgis. Using our theme of “City of Riders,” the door is wide open to bicycles, wagons, horses, cowboys, etc.; topics that will include our rich heritage, our diverse economy and current activities, plus whatever artists translate using our theme of City of Riders. The hope is to have the “Walk” on display by next summer so keep in touch! We’re excited!

“Unfollow” Discussion was held


Sturgis Area Arts Council is pleased to report a successful response to the South Dakota Humanities Council One Book South Dakota – Unfollow by Megan Phelps-Roper. With a grant from SDHC we were able to provide readers in our area with the opportunity to read this memoir and have scholar Molly Barari lead a Zoom discussion of the book. Armchair Travelers were able to read and discuss the book by email over the course of a week in early September. At least one book club in Sturgis was able to read and discuss the book at its September meeting. We are grateful for support from the Sturgis Public Library and the Sturgis Chamber of Commerce as well as the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Elliott Gift

Once again, S.A.A.C. will be able to use the Black Hills Foundation gift left to us by Al and Laverne Elliott.

As you may remember, last year the monies given us were used to sponsor our musical production, Annie.

Even though it wasn’t possible to bring you such a production in this year of COVID, we are planning for the future by an addition to our needed list of audio equipment. That equipment is so important when bringing a live show to life! By the next time you are able to attend a full house production in our live theater, we’ll be able to once again thank Al and Laverne Elliott for a wonderful gift to the Sturgis Area Arts Council!



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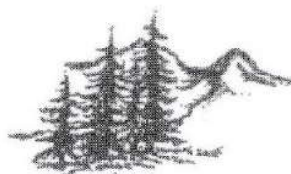
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