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Easter Cantata Choir begins rehearsals

Sixty-two area singers from churches located here in the Black Hills will join as one voice in the performance of the Easter cantata, "What Love Is This?".

This 14th annual Sturgis-area cantata leads the listener along a rugged path to the cross, a symbol of Christ's sacrifice and love. The work is the creation of Lloyd Larson along with a collaboration of esteemed colleagues who share both superb musicianship and a deep faith.

Rehearsals began February 23rd and will continue until the performances on Palm Sunday, April 5th, and Tuesday, April 7th, at 7:00pm each evening at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 1061 Sherman Street in Sturgis. Marlene Kotab will once again conduct the choir and Randy Bender will serve as our narrator for the cantata.

A reception in the church basement will follow each performance. Performances are free to the public. An opportunity for a freewill donation will be available. Come join us in this Easter celebration.

Thank You, Sturgis Honor Guard!



The Sturgis Honor Guard, represented by Darell Pulscher and Gordon Kotab, presented a check for \$200 to the Sturgis Area Arts Council at our December Christmas pot-luck meeting.

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 \sim 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! :)

Pictured is Darell Pulscher along with President Dedi LaRue on the left and Treasurer Francie Ruebel-Alberts on the right.

2020 Membership

Have you paid your Sturgis Area Arts Council membership yet for 2020? If you have, your name is included in this issue's membership list on page seven; if you haven't, we look forward to seeing your name in our next newsletter!

Your membership contribution allows the Arts Council to communicate with you, our members, every month. You know what's happening, what's new, what's "artsy" in your community! See your name soon!

THANK YOU for your support! A membership form is on the back of this newsletter - or go to our webpage www.sturgisareaartscouncil.org click "Membership" on the right to download and print and mail it in.



Arts In Action





Armchair Travelers Book Club

Armchair Travelers Book Club will meet Thursday, March 5th, to discuss Native American Women and their roles in their communities. The group decided to study "scents" for the Thursday, April 2nd meeting and the work of JoJo Moyes for our discussion on May 7th The group meets at noon on the first Thursday of every month in the Lushbough Room of the Sturgis Public Library.

This is an open book club, welcoming all interested readers. It is sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council and the Sturgis Public Library. Even if you haven't read on the current topic, please come join us.

Need a reading idea? Stop at the library – they always have a display of possible ideas for you to choose from.





We have something unique for March and April. David Super will be presenting a "two part" music series. Part One - which will be on Friday, March 20th, is titled "Music in Sturgis: Learning to play and sing" He'll include remembrances about many of the music teachers we've had in the area.

Part Two – which will be Friday, April 17th, is titled "The Choir Loft to the Sturgis Bars" and will be a presentation on music played and the people playing it ... from the choir loft to the bars and everything in between.

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 and we'll be happy to forward it on for you.

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Artists of the Month



Our March Artist is Vicki Hoffman She's not comfortable writing bios (we can sympathize), but she did tell us this. "After retiring from nursing I set out to learn how to draw and paint. After a few years of practicing, I've found mediums and subjects that I might be better at. Being good at anything takes a lot of work"





Our April Artists are the Sturgis Brown Art Students of DeVee Dietz (who teaches Introduction to the Visual Arts as well as Art 2-Advanced Painting) and Anna Tescher (who teaches 3D Sculpture as well as Art/Photo1). In this show s wide variety of original artwork will be displayed along the following guidelines.

3D Sculpture ~ Advanced students work utilizes techniques of sculpting and design. Students will get to build on their previous knowledge of sculpting and composition by creating one of a kind clay pieces, glass slumping, wire sculpture and stained glass pieces.

Art/Photo 1 ~ Students work with a number of different mediums, including graphite and

acrylic paint, as well as digital art while working in Photoshop.. Students utilized the elements and principles of design in their planning and production of their final art pieces. The projects displayed are in the area of design, drawing, and photography.

Introduction to the Visual Arts ~ Students worked with of number of different mediums, including graphite, colored pencil, acrylic paint, oil and chalk pastels. They utilized the elements and principles of design in their planning and production of their final art pieces. The projects displayed are in the area of design, drawing, painting, hand building techniques of pottery, and linoleum block printing.





Abstract Expressionism is a part of our Visual Arts class - As

songs evoke emotion and people feel strongly about certain songs, the same is true in art. Artists use line and color to create a piece with a strong statement. Students learned about different types of lines and colors and how they can show emotion in an artwork. Then they listened to different genres of music for just two minutes each and drew how the songs made them feel. They selected one song and created an artwork based on how the song made them feel using line, shape, and color, along with movement and balance.

Art 2 – Advanced Painting ~ Advanced students' work utilizes techniques of drawing and painting; primarily acrylic, watercolor, and pastels. Some paintings students have stretched their own canvases, and after studying famous artists styles and art movements, they painted their own unique painting based on one select style.





Bookshelf Journeyers

Bookshelf Journeyers Book Club will meet at 10:30am on Thursday, March 19th, and Thursday, April 16th, in the library (on the lower level) of the Meade County Senior Citizens' Center.

Discussion topics will be announced as they become available. All interested readers are welcome to attend.

If you have questions, please contact Dorothy Pulscher at 720-5467 or by email at dapulscher@gmail.com

Events happening at the Sturgis Public Library

Thursday, March 12th WellFed Cooking Club ~ Shamrock Bingo & Treats

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, March 26, 27 & 28 Family Game Nights: An "Upside-Down" Escape Room (Families must reserve a 1-hour time slot for this.) Starting at 5:30pm

Friday, March 27th Books on Tap @ The Hotel Sturgis 6-7pm (Newly formed book club focused on a theme rather than title) March theme: non-fiction

> April 19th through the 25th is National Library Week Special treats all week long!!

> Passive "Book-opoly" challenge for March and April

April 20th, 22nd, and 24th Reading to kids at the Hotel Sturgis from 4:00-5:00pm each evening.

Saturday, April 25th

Library Party!! Door prizes, games, drawing for a prize from those who attended library programs in March & April. A prize will be awarded to the patron who collects the most stars for attending programs in March and April. For each program they attend they will receive a star to place on their "Library Card" that will be provided to participants.

For more details on these events please call the library at 347-2624

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Northern Hills Community Band

We're pleased to help sponsor them again this summer!!



Tentative dates of June 28th and July 19th have been proposed by the band, but they're not confirmed yet

Please look for final details in our next newsletter ;)



We are proud to support the Sturgis Area Arts Council.





Sturgis Area Arts Council's Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 5 Armchair Travelers Book Club Sturgis Public Library, 12:00 Noon

Thursday, March 12 Sturgis Area Arts Council Meeting Sturgis Library Community Room, 7:00pm

Thursday, March 19 Bookshelf Journeyers Book Club Meade Co Senior Center Library, 10:30am

Friday, March 20 History at High Noon Sturgis Public Library Community Room, 12:00noon

> **Thursday, April 2** Armchair Travelers Book Club Sturgis Public Library, 12:00 Noon

Sunday, April 5 Easter Cantata "What Love Is This?" Grace Lutheran Church 1060 Sherman St. 7:000pm

Tuesday, April 7 Easter Cantata "What Love Is This?" Grace Lutheran Church 1060 Sherman St. 7:000pm

Thursday, April 8. Sturgis Area Arts Council Meeting Sturgis Library Community Room, 7:000pm

Thursday, April 16 Bookshelf Journeyers Book Club Meade Co Senior Center Library, 10:30am

Friday, April 17 History at High Noon Sturgis Public Library Community Room, 12:00noon

Sunday and Monday, Mary 3rd and 4th Auditions for our summer musical "9 to 5" Grace Lutheran Church 1060 Sherman St. 6:000-8:00pm both evenings



The Sturgis Area Arts Council Drama Committee is excited to announce this summer's production of the hit musical, "9 to 5."

Three female friends take charge of their office as they learn there is nothing three strong women can't do, even in a man's world. Pushed over the edge, the three coworkers devise a plan to get even with their boss, a sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot. Violet, Judy, and Doralee act out their wildest fantasy – giving their boss the "boot." While the women keep Hart, the boss, under wraps, they completely makeover the office into a woman's dream workplace.

This high-energy show has music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and is based on the fantastic 1980 movie of the same name. It is set in the late 1970s and is a hilarious story of friendship and revenge. It is ideal for a large, mostly female cast, but has opportunities for talented men and extras.

The cast breakdown includes:

FEMALES: 3 main roles for Violet, Judy, and Doralee. Missy (Hart's clueless wife), other secretaries – Roz (the office gossip and snitch), Maria, Kathy, Margaret, and a variety of office workers

MALES: Franklin Hart (the chauvinist boss), Joe (office accountant), Dwayne (Doralee's husband), Josh (Violet's teenage son), Dick (Judy's soon to be exhusband), and Tinsworthy (Hart's boss)

ENSEMBLE: office employees, police officers, hospital employees

A uditions are Sunday and M onday, M ay 3-4 from 6:00-8:00pm both evenings at Grace L utheran Church, located at 1061 Sherman St. in Sturgis. Practices will be M ondays through Thursdays and minimal absences will be expected.

Performances are June 19-22 at the Sturgis Community Center.

Call for Artists ~ Art for State Buildings proposals

South Dakota artists have until **March 9th** to submit purchase proposals for the Art for State Buildings Program. This program was created to add the work of talented SD artists to the states' permanent art collection for display in area of state government buildings. Work purchased will be installed in public access areas of the Capitol and/or other state buildings on the Capitol Complex in Pierre.

Proposals should be submitted to the SD Arts Council. Artists whose body of work has contributed to the state's cultural heritage and development are encouraged to apple. Proposals will be reviewed by an advisory committee to the SD Arts Council. Selection will be based on quality of the work - the artwork's relevance to SD culture, history, heritage or environment - experience of the artist, and permanence and safety, as required for public artworks

For a complete request for proposal, visit: https://artscouncil.sd.gov/directories/artstatebldgs.aspx or call them at 605-773-3301 or e-mail them at sdac@state.sd.us



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