





## 2023 SD HISTORY CONFERENCE & GOVERNOR'S HISTORY AWARDS

October 27, 2022

Kevin Kuchenbecker City of Deadwood Historic Preservation Office 108 Sherman Street Deadwood, South Dakota 57732

Dear Kevin,

The **South Dakota State Historical Society brings the South Dakota History Conference to Pierre on April 21 – 22, 2023**. The 2023 conference will be held at the Ramkota River Center. The theme, *Great Faces, Great Places – History Makers in South Dakota*, will share the stories and histories of South Dakotans throughout our state. Presentations will range from Mattie Goff Newcombe, to suffragists, to Congressman Ben Reifel, to Gertrude Simmons Bonnin, and more.

The conference draws between 120 - 150 history lovers from across the state and surrounding region, including state and local historians, educators, and students. We also draw in non-historians who are attracted to the subject matter. The conference goals and activities are designed to serve and educate the public. In addition, teachers can receive credit hours for attending.

The South Dakota State Historical Society is a statewide organization which provides tools for defining our diverse cultural identities and understanding our past. Our mission is to promote, nurture and sustain the historical and cultural heritage of South Dakota. We strive to do this in several ways, such as making the past available for the lifelong education and enrichment of all. The annual history conference is one avenue toward life-long learning.

We hope that you will consider supporting our efforts to deliver a quality conference. The Friday evening reception will be held at the National Register listed Pierre Post 8 American Legion cabin. We thought we would ask Deadwood historic preservation to sponsor half of this reception cost (total is approximately \$3000), at \$1500, if possible. As an event sponsor, you will be recognized in our promotion for the event and will be thanked from the podium as an event sponsor during our reception and at the main conference. Deadwood will also receive four tickets to the sponsored Friday evening reception with reserved seating.

We are grateful for your consideration. Katie Shroyer, with the South Dakota Historic Preservation Office, will be your sponsor contact. Please feel free to call her at (605) 773-2907 to learn more. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Ted M. Spencer, State Historic Preservation Officer Your support will help us to continue our history conference tradition of passing on South Dakota stories.

The South Dakota Historical Society Foundation is the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society and an approved 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt, charitable organization.

## Yes, count on our support. We want to keep South Dakota history alive. (SDHSF Tax ID 46-03-70475)

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