



## 2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 1-3, 2025 (as of 8-18-25)

Historic 1876 Deadwood, South Dakota

*A National Historic Landmark City*

**Venue:** Muley Lodge, 20829 Mattson Lane, Deadwood, SD

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

**1pm - Insider Tour: CLOVERLEAF MINE SURFACE and Fall Foliage TOUR @ Roubaix** (must register-bus transportation provided with guide from *History Below the Pines* - walking required )

**4pm - Insider Tour: Deadwood -HISTORIC GREEN DOOR CLUB**  
(Main St. above Sick Boy's Motorcycles)

**5:30pm - Welcome Mixer** with *complimentary* light hors d'oeuvres, wine and beverages **for members only** at **Muley Lodge** featuring:

**RANDY BENDER**, historian, *Stories & Songs from Old Fort Meade*

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

(Note: all presentations are in the in the Barn unless noted)

**7:30am** **Welcome Table and NETWORK CAFÉ open** with *complimentary coffee bar, variety pastry and more*

**8am** **Welcome. Board Introduction and Sponsor Thank You,**  
**TIM VELDER**, *President, Board of Directors*  
**Welcome, CHARLES EAGLESON**, *Deadwood City Commissioner*  
**Conference Notes**, Laura Hovey Neubert, *Executive Director*

**8:30am** **JACQUELINE WYATT**, *The Vore Site-Communal Bison Hunting During A Time of Transition*

**9am** **CATHY DRUCKREY**, *Saving and Restoring the CCC Camp #1789- Pactola Barracks in Silver City*

**9:30am** **LEVI KESSLER**, *History Below the Pines presents Black Hills Forgotten History*

**10am** **BRAD TENNANT**, *West of the 100th Meridian*

**10:30am** **JUSTIN HORN**, *Bear Butte or Bust: Lieutenant G.K. Warren's Three Western Expeditions*

**11am** **TIM VELDER**, *Running Antelope-The Chief of the \$5 Bill*

**11:30am** **DAVID WOLFF**, *Monopoly and Competition: Railroads Arrive in the Black Hills, 1885-1893*

**12pm** **NETWORK CAFÉ**— *complimentary BUFFET LUNCH*

**12:30pm** **KEYNOTE: KEVIN KUCHENBECKER**, *notable Historic Preservation projects* and **JIM WILLIAMS**, *Deadwood History Update*

**1:30pm** **PAUL HIGBEE**, *Fayette Cook: Pioneer Educator and Fruit Farmer*

**2pm** **DILLON HAUG**, *Undefeated in 1935: Black Hills State University Yellow Jackets football team*

**2:30pm** **JIM MCKEOWN**, *The Kids Were Great: the 1954 Deadwood Basketball Team*

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### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND continued

- 3pm** **DAWN NEWLAND**, *Who Was That Man: KID CURRY?*
- 3:30pm** **DAVID SUPER**, *Bitten, kicked and stomped-Deadwood's first college-trained veterinarian*
- 4pm** **CHRIS HILLS**, *Thomas H. Mallory: the Forgotten Father of Deadwood*
- 4:30pm** **SAM HERLEY**, *Deadwood Dick, Devils Nest, and the Doc Middleton-James Gang Connection –Wild West of the 1870's*
- 6pm** **POETRY SLAM Open Mic** with South Dakota State Poet Laureate, **BRUCE ROSELAND** and **JOHN NELSON**, South Dakota State Poetry Society Editor. Music by: **NEMO YACHT CLUB** **ALL POETS AND PUBLIC WELCOME!**  
 (Mixer-style with comp hors d'oeuvres and beverages) - **Lodge**

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

- 7:30am** **Welcome Table and NETWORK CAFÉ** open with complimentary coffee bar & pastry
- 8am** **JOHN HENRIS**, *Counting Cones and Catching Squirrels: Reforesting the Northern Black Hills, 1905-1923*
- 8:30am** **JEANIE KIRKPATRICK**, *Vi Cowden-from a Soddie to the Blue Skies, Just One Woman Doing her Job*
- 9am** **JOHN NELSON**, *Brand Investigator Jack Nelson: Livestock Detective*
- 9:30am** **HAROLD O'DONNELL**, *The Prairie Pantry: an examination of the multitudes of natural foods available on the northern plains*
- 10am** **MARY CHANTRY NELSON**, *Rex Alan Smith (1921-2010): The making of a Black Hills author and historian*
- 10:30am** **PAUL HORSTED**, *South Dakota Yesterday & Today*
- 11am** **"Legally Speaking: Why the Black Hills Are Not for Sale!"**  
**MARIO GONZALEZ**, Presenter with Guest Panel: **MARNIE COOK**, **BRUCE ELLISON**, and **DONOVIN SPRAGUE** Moderator: **TALLI NAUMAN**
- 12pm** **NETWORK CAFÉ- complimentary BUFFET LUNCH**
- 1pm** Keynote: **KAREN HOLZER**, *America's 250th: South Dakota's Story* & **DAVID GRABITSKE**, *South Dakota State Historical Society 250 Plans*
- 2PM** **AWARDS and HONORS: TIM VELDER** and **LAURA HOVEY NEUBERT**  
 West River Notables - **KAREN HOLZER** and **KRISTYN WARD**  
*KIDS WRITE HISTORY!* Announcement, **BILL O'DONNELL**  
 2024 Prizes: Amateur/Professional-**PAUL HIGBEE**  
 Cash Award - **LORI TERRILL**, Leland D. Case Library for Western Studies  
**Bobbi Sago Conservation Merit Award: RICHARD CARLSON**  
**Helping Hand Award**  
**Zoom Zoom Award**  
**Herb Blakely Award**