



2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday and Friday, October 6th and 7th,

Custer State Park in the historic BARN event center
near the State Game Lodge
(conference registration required)

Saturday, October 8th

Keystone, SD - Chautauqua at the Keystone History Museum

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS on REGISTRATION—OPENS JULY 1ST

Do you have an historic story to tell or favorite family memory of life in early South Dakota or the Northern Great Plains? As a **SPEAKER** at the West River History Conference, your original research of an historic happening and/or family memoir can be shared as an oral history, PowerPoint, and/or written paper to a distinguished audience of regional historians, hobbyists and the general public. Your presentation will be preserved through publication in the annual Collected Papers or in the WRHC video archives. Amateur and professional submissions in all genres are welcome...but hurry to indicate your interest, the 1/2-hour time slots fill fast!

Join the fun and build your professional network; the thirty historic presentations are intertwined with insider tours of Custer State park: take a Jeep ride on a sunrise safari to the park's buffalo herd, explore the famous Badger Hole with guide Shebby Lee (Badger Clark's niece) and inspect the 1927 living quarters of President Calvin Coolidge at the State Game Lodge. Step lively to the poetry of Badger Clark (1937 Inaugural SD Poet Laureate) set to music by the BADGER SETT band, sing along with the BOWER FAMILY BAND (James Van Nuys and Co.), chat with vendors of antiquarian volumes and ephemera, view heritage art etchings and South Dakota Press books hot off the press, take in a western poetry reading and jump on board the 1880 Train with a seasoned guide. On Saturday, experience a turn of the century Chautauqua in Keystone, where the conference began in 1993.

We're celebrating 30 years, and ... **WE WRITE HISTORY!!**

To register as a speaker visit: www.westriverhistoryconference.org or 605.786.3344

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2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (as of 8-15-22)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5th - the HISTORIC BARN (Custer State Park Game Lodge grounds-park permit required at entrance)

3pm Welcome table opens with vendor set-up and shopping

3pm: Open FREE event on the grounds

In-Tour: Meet at the **NEW Bison Center at Custer State Park** tour, guided by **Julie Stoll**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th - Custer State Park at the HISTORIC BARN (near State Game Lodge-park permit required)

7am **Affordable Adventures** van departs Rushmore Express in Keystone for conference

7:45am **In-Tour:** Sunrise Safari on the Wildlife Loop by **Affordable Adventures**, guided by **Ann Delicate Thompson**

8am Welcome table with vendor shopping opens

7:30-9am Breakfast buffet and coffee bar at the **BARN** in Custer State Park

9:30am 30th West River History Conference **Welcome** with **Paul Higbee**, **President of the Board of Directors** and **Sponsors Recognition and 30th Conference Insider Tips**, **Laura Hovey Neubert**, Executive Director

10am Title: **Having a Baby in the 1920s Rural West River South Dakota; South Dakota State Board of Health Recommendations and Personal Experiences**
Speaker: **Mary Chantry Nelson**, Rapid City, SD

10:30am Title: **Neva Esmay Pulmer - Spreading Her Wings**
Speaker: **Tim Velder**, Sundance, WY

11am Title: **TBA**
Speaker: **Kevin Kuchenbecker**, Deadwood, SD

11:30am Title: **A History of the Reynolds Ranch and Stage Stop in the heart of the Black Hills.**
Speaker: **Ted Spencer**, Pierre, SD

12-2pm Buffet Lunch at State Game Lodge Restaurant and vendor shopping

In-Tour: US President's in SD: **Calvin and Grace Coolidge** and **Dwight D. Eisenhower** at the Historic State Game Lodge, guided by **Paul Higbee**

1:30pm Introduction of the West River History Conference Board of Directors and Guests, Paul Higbee, President



- Speaker: **Brad Tennant, PhD**, Aberdeen, SD
- 2:30pm Title: *History makes Headlines: historic newspaper stories of human interest c. 1980 to today*
Speaker: **Karen Holzer**, Spearfish, SD
- 3pm Title: *50 Years later: the 1972 Black Hills Flood*
Speaker: **Corey Christianson**, Pierre, SD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6th cont'd.

- 3:30pm Title: **TBA**
Speaker: **Dawn Johnson**, Hot Springs, SD
- 4pm Title: *The Life and Works of Jessie Y. Sundstrom from Custer SD*
Speaker: **Dillon Haug**, Spearfish, SD
- 4:30pm Title: *Vigilante "Justice" in the Black Hills 1876-1890*
Speaker: **Wayne Gilbert**, Belle Fourche, SD
- 5:30pm **VIP Sponsor Mixer**
- 6pm **'WE WRITE HISTORY!' Fundraising Buffet Dinner**
Welcome, **Paul Higbee**, WRHC President
Sponsors Recognition, **Tim Velder**, Vice-President
MUSIC PROGRAM: BADGER CLARK, the first South Dakota Poet Laureate's writings in music with **Pegle Douglas** and the **BADGER SETT** band
Announcement, WRHC DIGITIZATION PROJECT at Leland Case Library/Black Hills State University
'WE WRITE HISTORY ... TO THE WORLD!'
Keynote Speaker: South Dakota Historical Society and State Historian,
Ben Jones, PhD, Congratulations on 30th year
- 7:30pm WRHC President's Salon
- 8pm Return to Keystone-**Affordable Adventures** van departs for Rushmore Express Hotel.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7th - Custer State Park at the HISTORIC BARN (State Game Lodge grounds)

- 7:30am **Affordable Adventures** van departs Rushmore Express Hotel in Keystone for conference
- 8am-9am Welcome Table with vendor shopping/Breakfast Buffet and Coffee Bar
- 8:30am *On this Occasion-Future Plans, 30th West River History Conference, Paul Higbee*, President with **Laura Hovey Neubert**, Executive Director
- 9am Speaker: *Seventy-five Years of Easter Sunrise Services at Mount Rushmore National Memorial*, **Eileen Roggenthen**, Keystone, SD
- 9:30am Title: *Sheriffs of Meade County:133 years, 20 men*
Speaker: **David Super**, Sturgis, SD
- 10am Title: **TBA**
Speaker: **Jace DeCory**, Spearfish, SD
- 10:30am Title: *Phoebe and the Grier's of Homestake: a re-enactment bringing history to life from Phoebe Hearst and TJ and Mary Jane Grier*
Speaker: **Linda Wiley and Company**, Spearfish, SD
- 11am Title: *The Making of DIGNITY*
Speaker: **Dale Lamphere**, Whitewood, SD
- 11:30am Title: *The Violinist and the Sculptor: the story of Korczak and Dorothy Comstock Ziolkowski*
Speaker: **Paul Higbee and Ruth Ann Karlen**, Spearfish and Rapid City
- 12pm-2pm *Lunch Buffet, State Game Lodge Restaurant*
- 1:30pm *Highlights of Award Winners since 1993, Paul Higbee*, President
WRHC 2021 Presentations - **AWARDS and HONORS:** Board of Directors
KIDS WRITE HISTORY! Announcement and Winners
2021 Prizes for Presentations: Amateur/Professional
Helping Hand Award
Zoom Zoom Award
Bobbi Sago Conservation Merit Award
Herb Blakely Award



3:30pm 30th WRHC closes/final vendor shopping
 Return to Keystone-**Affordable Adventures** Van departs for Rushmore Express Hotel.
 IN-TOUR: **Badger Clark residence 'the Badger Hole' guided by Shebby Lee**, Custer State Park grounds

3:30pm-5pm Vendor Move-in Keystone Convention Center

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th - KEYSTONE, SD, 30th Celebration CHAUTAUQUA at Keystone Convention Center and Park, Keystone, SD PUBLIC WELCOME

9am Vendor Move-in—food and shopping at Keystone Convention Center and City Park, Old Keystone

10am **30th WRHC CHAUTAUQUA CELEBRATION** Activities include:
 music, oral history 'open mic', food, heritage arts, KIDS WRITE HISTORY! winners on display,
 vintage art exhibits, vendors, **James Van Nuys** and Co. (Bower FAMILY BAND fame), **Country Squire** music,
 Westerners-Corral #8 speakers, SD Humanities Council and SD Arts Council touring
 speakers and artists: variety talks, performances

1pm **But Nana...where was Deadwood's Chinatown? Book 4 of the But Nana series**
 Speakers: **Robin Carmody and Betty Jo Huff**, Deadwood, SD

Special Keystone In-Tours: **Big Thunder Gold Mine** **1899 Keystone Historical Museum**
1880 Train roundtrip 'Harvest Ride' to Hill City/Keystone and SD Railroad Museum*
 (Most tours free with conference badge or at reduced rate *)



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Laura Hovey Neubert MS, CESP,
Executive Director

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Register by mail

Print form below and mail with check.

WEST RIVER HISTORY CONFERENCE - REGISTRATION 2022



October 6-8, 2022 Locations: October 6th and 7th - Custer State Park at The BARN near the State Game Lodge and October 8th in Keystone, SD - 30th Anniversary CHAUTAUQUA

PRINT AND RETURN THIS FORM or register online:

www.westriverhistoryconference.org

Full Conference Rates

Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 6-8 includes all meals, mixer, tours and fundraiser event

\$125/person EARLY-BIRD Registration

July 1st - August 15th

\$155/person Registration

August 16th-September 30th

Transportation

15-passenger van, round trip to Custer St. Park daily, from Rushmore Express-Keystone, Oct. 6, 7 only, includes park entrance fee



\$35/person (optional)

VIP/Event Dinner

with Badger Sett band and Mixer Thursday, Oct. 6th

\$45/person

Collected Papers

WRHC books thru 2019 - many years available - please inquire

Pre-conference SALE

\$20 each + S-H/Tax

Vendor Booth with full registration

October 6-8 includes table with two chairs

\$225 /vendor

WRHC Hotel rates:

State Game Lodge

888-875-0001

Oct. 5, 6 only @ \$170 per night*



605.666.4483

October 5-8, Keystone @ \$75 per night *

*plus tax

State Game Lodge Rates good thru August 15th

30th West River History Conference Registration FORM

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird - Full Conference-- all meals, tours, etc. thru 8-15th | \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference from 8-16-22 thru 9-30-22 | \$155 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation surcharge (see details above) | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VIP Mixer/Dinner only - Thursday evening, October 6 | \$45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WRHC Collected Papers book SALE: Year _____ # _____ | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor Booth with Full Registration thru Aug. 15th -limited | \$225 |

TOTAL

Name(s) _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Phone/Email _____

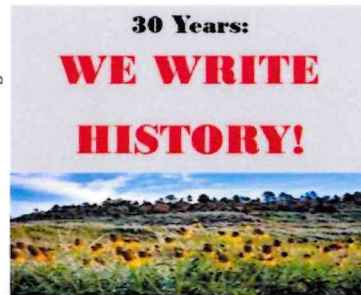
Refund Policy: Due to unforeseen circumstance only 100% refund for cancellation by September 30th with payout after November 1st. **No refunds after October 1st.**

- Check - Mail-Make to: WRHC, 1327 State St., Rapid City, SD 57702
- Credit Card-- online registration

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