

# HISTORIC BLACK HILLS STUDIOS

HOME OF THE FASSBENDER PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

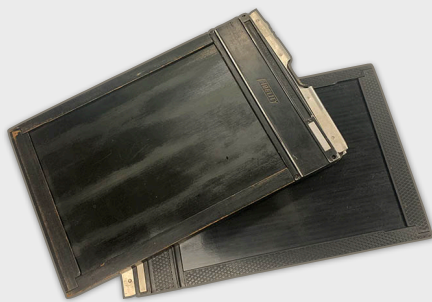
## Old Camera Project

The Century No. 7 camera was featured in our last newsletter.

Efforts to make new pictures with the camera are slowly coming along.

A slow process of putting light-sensitive paper in various film holders was used to determine if the holders had any light leaks. Eventually, film holders were used in the camera to also determine if the camera had any light leaks.

It was determined that there were some leaks in both the camera and some of the holders. A few of the film holders were determined to be satisfactory to load the actual film and use the camera. The bellows on the camera also had some leaks, but were mitigated by draping light blocking material to minimize the effect. (Cont. on pg. 2)



5" x 7" film holders

## Photography Quote:

"A portrait is not made in the camera but on either side of it."

— Edward Steichen



## West River History Conference

The 30th West River History Conference was held Oct. 5-8, 2022. The event was held at the event barn and State Game Lodge at Custer State Park. Chautauqua style performances closed out the conference at the convention center in Keystone. (More on pg. 2)



**Above:** Attendees at the West River History Conference.



**Left:** West River History Conference board Vice-President Tim Velder introduces a presenter.

**Below:** Award winners, from left: Richard Carlson, (Zoom Zoom Award); the late Jace DeCory (Bobbi Sago Conservation Merit Award), Karen Holzer (Helping Hand Award), David Wolff (Bobbi Sago Conservation Merit Award)





## Camera Project

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Once exposures were made, a chemical process was used to develop the paper and films to inspect the images.

Although tanks are typically used for the developing process, I used trays to submerge the papers and films in the appropriate solutions in a specific order and for specific times according to temperature. The entire process had to take place in complete darkness. (Yes, the room had to be inspected for light leaks also!)



Trays used for processing



At left, a 5x7 film processed into a negative. At right, a 5x7 sheet of printing paper used to check for light leaks in the camera.

## Photography Community

•**Black Hills Focus Group**  
([historicblackhillstudios.org/BHFG](http://historicblackhillstudios.org/BHFG))

•**Black Hills Photography Club**  
([blackhillphotographyclub.com](http://blackhillphotographyclub.com))

•**Black Hills Photo Shootout** and related photography events  
([blackhillphotoshootout.com](http://blackhillphotoshootout.com))

•**Historic Black Hills Studios** on Facebook.

## West River History Conference (cont.)

The conference theme for 2022 was “We Write History” and featured presentations from area historians and performers. Several youth were recognized for the “Kids Write History” project.



**Above:** Randy Bender delivers a performance at the community center in Keystone.



**Left:** Dr. Ben Jones, State Historian and Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, speaks at the conference.

**Below:** WRHC board member Julie Stoll, right, with “Kids Write History” awardees Billi Buckhaus, Paisley Slocum and Cora Stoebner.

