

2023 WRHC Schedule of Events

MINING HISTORY: The Company Town-Lead, SD

Wednesday, October 4th @ City of Lead downtown

2pm-5pm Registration table opens-vendor move-in to Black Hills and Ft. Pierre Roundhouse

2pm Guided Walking Tour - 'City of Lead' with Terrence Smith, Lead Historic Preservation Commission

5PM-7pm WRHC Member Mixer at Sanford-Homestake Education Center

Guest Speaker: KELLY KIRK, Executive Director, Sanford-Homestake Education Center
'How Homestake Mine became the international Sanford Laboratory'

Guest Speaker: DAVID WOLFF, PhD
'The Success Story of Homestake Mine and the Leaders behind it.'

Thursday, October 5th @ Ft. Pierre and Black Hills Roundhouse

7:30am Registration opens-Coffee Bar

8am Welcome-PAUL HIGBEE with City of LEAD reps

Sponsor Recognition-TIM VELDER

Conference Notes- LAURA HOVEY NEUBERT

8:30am HAROLD O'DONNELL, 'Sovereignty between Indigenous Tribes of the US and ' the American Federal government'

9am LEE STROSCHINE, 'David C. Comstock alias John J. Dunn: Who was this man?'

9:30am DEBRA SHATTUCK BURTON, PhD, 'Bloomer Girls Baseball in western South Dakota'

10am Vendor-Coffee Break

10:30am JUSTIN McGEARY, 'A Review of the Princeton Guide to Historical Research by Zachary Schrag' (Princeton 2021)

11AM KAREN HOLZER, 'From Shoebox to Memoir'

11:30am South Dakota Historical Society PRESS Rep, 'How to get published with SDHSP' 1

12pm PAUL HIGBEE, 'Frank Thompson: the man who saw it all'

12:30pm Luncheon Buffet

12:45pm Guest Speaker, FRANK VAN NUYS, PhD
'The Age of Norbeck: "Conserving, Protecting, and Improving" South Dakota's Wildlife and Parks'

1:30pm DAVID VARDIMAN, 'Black Hills Gold Discovery before 1874'

2pm SUSAN SANDERS, 'LEAD: City of Snow'



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2:30pm TIM VELDER, 'USS Wyoming'

3pm Vendor-Coffee Break

3:30pm DAWN NEWLAND, 'She Delivered the West: the history of Luella Colman Graham'

4pm PEG APLAN, 'Poker Alice'

4:30pm Guest Panel discussion: 'Historic Preservation in a Changing World'
with PAUL HIGBEE, moderator and KEVIN KUCHENBECKER, JENNA CARLSON DIETMEIER, and others

5:30pm VIP & SPONSOR Member MIXER- Wine, beverages, hors d'oeuvres,
music by BRUCE NEUBERT and JAMES VAN NUYS, guitarists

Meet the Author Book Signing and WRHC vendor sales

6pm WRHC Member FRIENDS dinner with special guest speaker (TBA)

Friday, October 6th @ Historic Homestake Opera House

8am Welcome Table opens-Coffee Bar-Historic Homestake Opera House TOUR

9am STEPHEN CUSULOS, 'Oh West, Where Are Thou? South Dakota and the Cowboy Mythology'

9:30am JIM McKEOWN, PhD, 'Striking Gold: the 1918 Lead Basketball Team'

10am TALLI NAUMAN, 'Dreadful sorry Clementine: a former underground miner
recalls Lead's legacy'

10:30am Vendor-Coffee Break

11am EILEEN ROGGENTHEN, 'Keystone: from Boom to Bust to Monumental Revival'

11:30am Hot Springs WESTERNERS Corral- Presenter-TBA

12pm BRAD TENNANT, 'Native American History is Not Part of United States History'

12:30pm Buffet luncheon

Commemorative for Friends of WRHC, KIDS WRITE HISTORY!, WRHC Awards

2:30pm Member Mixer-Tour 'Homestake Mansion' with GARY AND SANDRA COE

Mark your calendar for the WRHC coming October 2-4, 2024



WEST RIVER HISTORY CONFERENCE - LEAD, SD-REGISTRATION 2023

October 4-6, 2023 Locations: October 4th-Lead and Central City/Homestake-Sanford Lab
 Oct. 5th-Black Hills and Ft. Pierre Railroad Roundhouse Oct. 6th-Historic Homestake Opera House

PRINT AND RETURN THIS FORM or register online: www.westriverhistoryconference.org

Member FULL Conference Oct. 4,5,6 includes meals, mixers, tours, book specials, and FRIENDS events	Early Conference Oct. 4,5,6 includes all meals and tours (no FRIENDS events) Without membership	Vendor Booth with full registration October 4,5,6 includes table with two chairs, promotional	Collected Papers WRHC books To 2021- many years available - please inquire Member only SALE	VIP & FRIENDS Dinner and Mixer Thursday, Oct. 5th \$40 pp (without membership)
\$135 per person with membership	\$155 per person (after August 1st - \$175)	\$255 /vendor EARLY BIRD without membership (after August 1st - \$275)	\$20 each available at conference	

31st West River History Conference Registration FORM

- Member - Full Conference- all meals, tours, FRIENDS events, book specials, etc. **\$135**
 - WRHC FRIENDS membership \$35 or \$75 VIP (one year) **\$35 or \$75 VIP circle one**
 - Early Bird - Full Conference without membership thru July 31 **\$155 (after August 1st - \$175)**
 - VIP & FRIENDS dinner and mixer event - Thursday evening October 5TH only **\$40**
 - Early Bird-VENDOR Booth with full registration thru July 31- **\$235 (after August 1st - \$275)**
- LEAD and Central City TOURS ONLY October 4th **\$15 per person**

Name(s)

Address/City/State/Zip

Email

TOTAL

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 only

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