

HISTORIC BLACK HILLS STUDIOS

HOME OF THE FASSBENDER PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

Road Show

Be on the lookout for the Fassbender Road Show this fall. The road show is an opportunity for you to help us identify photos in the collection. In addition, you can inquire about volunteering to help with the ongoing cataloguing of the photos and items in the collection.



We had a successful event at the Snappers Club in April and would like to schedule events in Lead and Deadwood as well. Keep an eye on social media and at blackhillshistory.org for details.



Photography Quote:

“There is one thing the photograph must contain, the humanity of the moment.”
— Robert Frank



Conference Season

Conferences for the Association of South Dakota Museums (ASDM) and West River History Conference were held this fall.

ASDM attendees gathered at the Crossroads Convention Center in Huron, SD in September with the theme “Sparking Innovation in your Museum”.

The West River History Conference (WRHC) was hosted at Crazy Horse Memorial. Nearly 100 attendees heard presenters and were able tour the memorial, a nearby abandoned gold mine and the original cabin of South Dakota’s first poet laureate Badger Clark.



Above: Attendees at the ASDM conference touring the Centennial Stone Church Center in Huron. The church is hosting the Smithsonian Exhibition Highlighting Rural Innovation. The Smithsonian exhibit is making its way around the state and will open at the Dacotah Prairie Museum in Aberdeen Oct. 12.

Right: Larry Hutchings spoke about creating mounts for museum artifacts.

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Recently Digitized



Deadwood History, Inc. / Adams Museum Collection

In 2016, we purchased a camera to help with the digitization tasks in the collection. The camera was used mostly for capturing large negatives and glass plates. Over the years, it has proven valuable in captured large documents (too large or fragile for a flatbed scanner). Recently, it also was useful in capturing some framed tintypes. The frames didn't allow for a good scan on a flatbed. Using the copy stand and camera, the images, along with the ornate frames were digitized.



West River History Conference Awards

Herb Blakely Award: Brad Tennant
Zoom Zoom: Tim Velder
Bobbi Sago Award: Randy Bender, Joyce Jefferson, Karla Scovell
Best Paper Awards:
Amateur-Tim Velder, Lee Stroschine
Professional- James McKeown, Talli Nauman

More info at:
westriverhistoryconference.org

Conferences (cont.)



Right: South Dakota Railroad Museum & 1880 Train Depot Executive Director, Rick Mills speaks to attendees at an opening reception for the WRHC in Hill City.



Below: A tour of the Gold Mountain Mine interpretive site was part of the West River History Conference.



Right: Author and presenter Dr. David Wolff speaks at the conference.

The West River History Conference will hold a joint event with the South Dakota State Historical Society in the fall of 2025 in Deadwood.

