

HISTORIC BLACK HILLS STUDIOS

HOME OF THE FASSBENDER PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

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South Dakota Governor William J. Bulow fishing in Spearfish Creek. He was governor from 1927-1931.



This Swarm Day float from 1929 reflects an issue of the times. The Women's Christian Temperance Union promoted keeping the prohibition of alcohol.

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Road Show

Attendees once again helped identify more than a hundred portrait and wedding photos that are part of the Fassbender Photographic Collection. Collection volunteers spent a Saturday at the Snappers Club in Spearfish to help visitors go through stacks of images and make the identifications. Many of the prints formerly hung in the storefront windows of Black Hills Studio when it was still operating in Spearfish.



Above: Attendees search through the stacks of unidentified prints at the Snappers Club.

Left: Barbara (Morcom) Matson found two prints of herself.

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The “Friendly Service” Mobilgas station opened in August 1935 in Spearfish. Construction was done by Thompson Brothers Construction and was turned over to A.L. Clark, a local Second-Vacuum distributor.



This Adams Museum image is dated June 1962.



The Liberty Motel (pictured here in 1962) was located in Deadwood across from current day Twin City Hardware.

2025 Conferences

May 7-9, 2025

South Dakota State Historical Society state conference in Deadwood.

The 2025 Annual History Conference will be in Deadwood on May 8th and 9th. The theme is “Historical Mysteries: In Search of the Buried Past.”

October 1-3, 2025

West River History Conference in Deadwood.

The theme for 2025 is “Historic 1876 Deadwood: LIVING the PAST!”

(www.westriverhistoryconference.org)

Road Show (cont.)



Above: Working the tables of prints looking for familiar faces.



Left: Patricia (Weber) Dias holds a portrait of her younger self.

Below: Dick King found his portrait from decades ago.

