



To: South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees  
South Dakota Historical Society Foundation Board  
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### **Foundation Board Updates**

Serving on the Foundation executive board for 2024: Tony Venhuizen, president; Val Simpson, vice-president; Eric Jennings, secretary; Patricia Miller, treasurer.

Retiring from the Foundation board is Sue Gates and Linda Lea Viken. In addition to serving as Secretary of the executive board, Sue spearheaded the membership committee. We will continue to use her talents on the membership committee in 2024. Linda Lea kept us in line as parliamentarian of the board and provided her keen eye and legal expertise on the policy committee. Although she says she is retiring, we hope to keep her engaged in the future.

We are excited to announce six new board members joining the Foundation in January. (Serving a three-year term 2024-2026)

Laura Armstrong, Rapid City  
Casey Derflinger, Spearfish  
David Johnson, Watertown  
Marcus Mahlen, Sioux Falls  
Nathan Sanderson, Pierre  
Bill Peterson, Sioux Falls

**Capital Campaign** – The Foundation is in the quiet phase of the capital campaign. If there are individuals that have a passion for what we do, please introduce them to our team at the Foundation and the State Historical Society. A special thanks to those that have made a personal pledge to the campaign. Call Catherine at (605) 773-6003 to connect.

**Oral History Project** - Interviews for *Changing Times of Women* and *Politics of the 70s, 80s, 90s* continue.

- This fall we have interviewed Margaret Denton, Marcia Donnan Mitchell, Rich Garry, Lars Herseth, Judith Meierhenry, Mary Lynn Meyers, Patricia Miller, Larry Piersol, Ron Williamson, and Steve Zellmer.
- We continue to identify donors to assist with the funding for the oral history projects. Please send leads to Catherine Forsch.

### **Adopt a collection in the State Archives**

The Henry J. King Collection was adopted by Chuck & Bonny Schroyer and the Abbie F. Whitney Collection was adopted by Paul A. Brewer. Thanks to their donations the collections can now be found in the SD Digital Archives.

Please help us to identify prospects to adopt a digital collection in the State Archives. By adopting a collection, you will not only save the jobs of two digitization specialist, but you will preserve South Dakota's stories told through local photographs and documents. For more information go to [https://www.sdhsf.org/donate/special\\_projects/saving-sd-digital-collections.html](https://www.sdhsf.org/donate/special_projects/saving-sd-digital-collections.html) or call Catherine Forsch.

### End of Year campaigns

- End of Year Giving - If you find yourself in the fortunate position of being able to make a charitable gift this holiday season, please consider a gift to help preserve South Dakota's history. Your gift can be designated to a specific project or to where the need is the greatest. [www.sdhsf.org/donate](http://www.sdhsf.org/donate)
- GivingTuesday refers to the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. It was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good and has inspired hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. Our campaign goal for GivingTuesday is \$10,000. Last year we had **100% board giving** which is our goal this year too. Please consider joining the Foundation board with a GivingTuesday gift or end of the year gift.

**Holiday gifts.** Don't forget to purchase your South Dakota holiday gifts from the Heritage stores run by the Foundation. As a State Historical Society member, you receive a 10% discount on store purchases. Call Kim or Holly to receive the discount, 605-773-6001.

[www.sdhsf.org/store/shopnow.html](http://www.sdhsf.org/store/shopnow.html)

### Upcoming meetings

- Share Your Voice sessions. Come 15 minutes early for meet and greet opportunities. Light refreshments will be provided.
  - Sioux Falls - Dec 1 @ Noon, Siouxland Libraries Downtown
  - Hot Springs - Dec 5 @ Noon, The Mammoth Site
  - Deadwood - Dec 6 @ 4:30pm, Days of '76 Museum
  - Chamberlain - Dec 13 @ Noon, Cozard Memorial Library
  - Aberdeen – Jan. 25 @ 4:00pm, K.O. Lee Aberdeen Public Library
  - Check back for dates in Brookings and Rosebud.
- History Talks - via Zoom at 7pm CT / 6pm MT | Register at [www.sdhsf.org/events](http://www.sdhsf.org/events)
  - 12/14/2023 – Author, Linda M. Clemmons shares the story of *Unrepentant Dakota Woman: Angelique Renville and the Struggle for Indigenous Identity, 1845-1876*
  - 1/16/2024 How do illustrated children's books get started? Panel on creating an illustrated children's book, featuring *Georgia Jipp: Blizzard Pilot* team: author Laura Dean, illustrator Jeanne Bowman, designer Angela Corbo Gier, and editor Nancy Tystad Koupal. This engagement is supported by the Arts Midwest GIG Fund, a program of Arts Midwest that is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional contributions from the South Dakota Arts Council.
  - 2/20/2024 Author, Gary Clayton Anderson, will discuss the book *Gabriel Renville*
  - 3/19/2024 Author Angelica Shirley Carpenter, "*Born Criminal: Matilda Joslyn Gage, Radical Suffragist*" and "*Voice of Liberty*", will present.
  - 4/9/2024 Author Paul Higbee, *The First Strike: Doolittle Raider Don Smith* will present.
- Legislative Reception – Thursday, 1/11/24 – Pierre, 4:00PM – 6:00PM ALL Board / Trustees Invited