

MUSEUM OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SDSHS Board of Trustees Report

July – September 2023

Exhibition

The museum staff met with Split Rock Studios to plan the new exhibits. The major development obtained through the kickoff meeting for Schematic Design II/Design-Build was reformatting the sections of Perspective-Collision-Collaboration. Once work is complete on designing the exhibit, staff look forward to robust public input. Also, staff has begun to develop lists of potential artifacts for inclusion in the new exhibit with an idea to rotate more objects through the exhibit.

We will debut a 360° tour of the old exhibit galleries at the South Dakota State Fair that is also presently online. The virtual tour is supplemented with videos by John Mollison, still photographs, and sound files. You may visit *Oyate Tawicoh'an* from the comfort of your own home 24/7.

Collections

The Society's collection committee continues to meet monthly to consider offered artifacts in light of the board approved rubric for accessions. Here is a list of recently accepted donations:

- Ceremonial Shovel from May 2, 2023, groundbreaking, used by Benjamin F. Jones
- Construction Collection, which includes bottles, stakes, and other paraphernalia found during renovation
- Norwegian Hat Box Collection, includes regalia, sewing items, and school items such as a bell, from Britton SD, 1900-1932
- *USS South Dakota SSN 790* flag, patch, and certificate, 2019-2023
- Uniform of USAF Thunderbirds member of support team member from South Dakota, 1980s
- Foot Locker for First South Dakota Regiment of Infantry, 1890s

Interpretation

Throughout the summer staff has made visits to local partner history organization in central and western South Dakota. Coming soon will be visits in the eastern part of the state.

The week of September 5-9, staff is attending continuing professional education at the conference of the American Association of State and Local History in Boise, Idaho.

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