

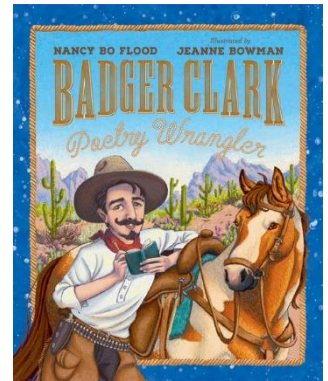
To: South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees
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Subject: Foundation Board Updates
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Leadership Update

Lt. Gov. Tony Venhuizen, Foundation Board President, stepped down from the executive committee but will remain on the board. Patricia Miller has been elected to fill his term through December 31. We thank Val Simpson who served as the Interim President during the transition. The Board Development Committee is actively vetting new committee members and board candidates for terms starting in 2026. If you have any recommendations, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Badger Clark Poetry Wrangler

Charles Badger Clark, South Dakota's first Poet Laureate, served from 1937–1957 and was known as the "Poet Lariat." Thanks to a generous donor, all expenses to print our new children's book, *Badger Clark Poetry Wrangler*, have been covered. It will be published by the South Dakota Historical Society Press. We are seeking additional donors to support the design, illustrations, printing, and marketing for upcoming publications. Gifts of \$5,000+ will be acknowledged in the publication.



Please consider a gift to help support these important projects:

- "A Special Place" (Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve memoir)
- David Wolff's "Black Hills History Tours" (Volumes 3–5)
- "The Amazing Pethecaka Buffalo Board Book" by Alfreda Beartrack Algeo
- "History of Badlands" by Philip Hall
- "George Washington" (Faces of Mount Rushmore SD Biography Series) by Gary Gregg
- "150 years of Commemorating the Battle of the Little Bighorn" by Sandy Barnard
- "Kylie and the Very Old Cat" (children's picture book, true story about Badlands fossil find by an 8-year-old girl) by Linda Marshall
- "General William Beadle" (graphic style biography) - written by Justin Blessinger, illustrated by Hector Curriel
- "Dust, Drought, and Creativity: North Dakota Folk Art in the 1930s" by Susan Wefald.

Adopt a Collection in the State Archives

We are looking for donors to adopt a digital collection in the State Archives. By adopting a collection, you'll not only support two digitization positions but also preserve South Dakota's local history. If you know someone who appreciates the work of our archives, please direct them to our special projects pages to make a contribution.

https://www.sdhsf.org/donate/special_projects/saving-sd-digital-collections.html

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Summer Fundraising Campaign

If you're in a position to give, we encourage you to make a donation to help support the programs and initiatives provided by the Foundation. Your gift helps ensure continued program support for the South Dakota State Historical Society. Contributions can also be designated to a specific project or to the area of greatest need. You can donate online at www.sdhsf.org/donate or by mailing your gift in the upcoming summer appeal.

Capital Campaign

We are excited to announce that Marcus Mahlen has taken over as chair of the Capital Campaign Committee, succeeding Tony Venhuizen. As the fundraising partner for the South Dakota State Historical Society, we are committed to preserving our state's history for future generations. During our silent phase of the capital campaign, we are seeking individuals who are passionate about history and capable of making a contribution of \$250,000 or more. If you can introduce us to potential donors who might be interested in supporting this important initiative, please contact Catherine at (605) 773-6003.

Upcoming Events

- *History Talks* – Register at www.sdhsf.org/events