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Colcannon in Concert

Irish music on St Patrick's Day...?? How perfect is that?!?!?

On Sunday, March 17th, Colcannon once again returns to Sturgis to present a warm and engaging concert experience through the vibrant tradition of Irish music. The concert will be held at 2:00pm in the Sturgis Community Center Theater, located at 1401 Lazelle St, in Sturgis

A quote from a fan says, "We started the evening as strangers and ended up great friends. Those who weren't aficionados of Irish music when they arrived must surely have been so by evening's end. Vocalist Mick Bolger sprinkled the group's performance with huge dollops of Irish wisdom and deprecating humor. A great storyteller with a flyaway mane of white hair, Bolger introduced many of the band's numbers with background information or jokes, eliciting laughter and hoots from audience members. From toe-tapping dance tunes to plaintive ballads to humorous ditties, the band offered a full range of Celtic music that lifted the spirits and happily heated up an already warm night. From dirge-like minor keys to lilting and cheerful melodic lines, the music expressed the whole gamut of emotions both instrumentally and vocally." (The Redland CA Herald)

Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door. Who knows? Green beer may be part of the afternoon (our leprechauns are busy working to make that happen). Happy St Patrick's Day!

Russian Cultural Kaleidoscope Returns to Sturgis

The art, music and culture of Russia will be brought to Meade School children and the Sturgis Community on Tuesday, March 26 with a return visit from the Kansas City-based Cultural Kaleidoscope presentation. Sergei Shapoval, who first appeared here in 2009, will perform at the Sturgis Community Center Theater with two (identical) programs.



Mr. Shapoval, dressed in a traditional Russian folk costume, presents a multi-faceted program which will include a video highlighting folk dances and a demonstration of Russian folk instruments—including the Garmoshka, Balalaika, flutes and Bayan/button accordion—and audience participation in folk dancing and playing of authentic musical instruments.

Born in the city of Krivoi Rog, Ukraine, Sergei has a master's degree in Music education from the Gnessin Pedagogical Institute in Moscow. He is a touring artist for the South Dakota Arts Council. South Dakota Arts Council support is provided with funds from the State of SD, through the Department of Tourism, and the National Endowment for the Arts. It is co-sponsoring this event with the Sturgis Area Arts Council.

Two one-hour assemblies are offered—the first at 8:45am and the second at 12:20pm. The community is invited to either of those sessions, but the early show would be more preferable. This is a free assembly and we encourage everyone to come to this enjoyable and educational trip to Russia.



History at High Noon will be having a new temporary home!! Starting in March, we will be meeting in the Meade Room in the Sturgis Community Center. We will be meeting there through our May program due to the remodeling of the Sturgis Public Library. It will be at the same time as always, 12:00 noon. We are thankful to the Community Center and Rod Heikes for offering this great space.

David Super will be presenting his program "Sheriffs of Meade County" on March 15 at the Community Center. David always gives a great and fun program and we are sure there will be many memories offered from the audience, as well.

Because the third Friday in April is Good Friday, we will be meeting on April 12 instead. Theresa Looby and DuWayne Hayes will present their program on "Kiwanis and The Food Pantry" Kiwanis has been a long time service club in Sturgis and It will be good to hear about their many past and future programs.

History at High Noon almost always meets on the third Friday of the month, unless a holiday moves the schedule. We meet at noon and you are invited to bring your lunch if you so desire. Our committee is always open to suggestions for programs or offers to give a programs, so let Diana Hayes, Bonnie Lange, Richard Moeller or Dode Lee know if you have an idea for us to pursue.

We are proud to support the
Sturgis Area Arts Council.



Cantata Singers welcome Easter

On Palm Sunday, April 14th, and again on Tuesday, April 16th, singers from our local area will usher in Holy Week with the 13th Annual Community Easter Cantata. Early American folk songs and hymns are the basis for Sacred Places (A Pilgrimage of Promise), a cantata by famed composer, Joseph M. Martin.



In this work, Martin leads the audience through the story of Christ's ministry - moments at the Sea of Galilee, the wedding at Cana, and the Sermon on the Mount. He then continues the pilgrimage to his passion and resurrection – to the upper room, the Garden of Gethsemane, the cross of Calvary, and the Garden of Resurrection. Poignant narrations and scripture will be narrated by Randy Bender and the choir shares familiar melodies which retell the life of Christ ending with an Easter moment of joy.

Don't miss this gift to the community. All are welcome to attend the concerts and receptions at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 1061 Sherman Street in Sturgis. There is no charge for the Cantata, but your free-will offerings will happily be accepted to help defray costs.

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Armchair Travelers Book Club

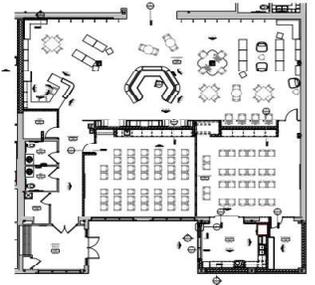
Armchair Travelers will meet Thursday, March 7th, at noon in the Lushbough Room of the Sturgis Public Library to discuss novels about lawyers. The theme for April 4th is Jody Picoult. She is a very prolific author whose novels give the reader a great deal to think about. Our May 2nd discussion will find the group discussing biographies.

This is an open book club, co-sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council and the Sturgis Public Library, for all interested readers. We meet the first Thursday of each month at 12:00noon.

The librarians display books available in the library on the various themes during the month prior to each meeting. Readers are encouraged to attend and take part in the discussion even if they have not read anything on the theme.

Big changes coming to the Library!

We here at the Arts Council team up with the Sturgis Public Library countless times during the year - whether to host our Artists of the Month or provide space for our History at High Noon Programs and Armchair Travelers and the list goes on and on. However, some of these things are taking a back seat to a remodel of the children's part of the library and will be "on hold" until fall. Others are temporarily moving and some will stay. Here's what we know: Our Artist of the Month displays are on hold until fall - too much dust settling on art isn't good! Our History at High Noon programs will be moving to the Sturgis Community Center. Other programs that might normally be in the program room will be located elsewhere. The Armchair Travelers Book Club (which meets upstairs in the Lushbough Room) will continue to meet at the library.



Construction is slated to start in early March and should end before the Rally. Here's their blurb about what's going to happen in the coming months. "The renovation of the Sturgis Children's Library will help add needed space, upgrades, and organization. The main children's area & stacks will get an additional 500 square feet of space, with new finishes including casework, carpet tiles, paint/wallcovering, new ceiling and LED lights. It will integrate the finishes into the design with reading nooks and focused areas for studying, small groups, as well as computer stations. These amenities, with an updated reception area for better accessibility, are shown in the attached render. Other items include a large classroom with enough space to hold 70 people for a presentation or event. It can be divided in half to create smaller rooms for different events with the same equipment to project presentations. A brand-new feature room will add 350 sqft for a kitchen and storage space. It has been designed to be flexible and used for many purposes whether it be teaching or small serving events. The transformation of these spaces will truly be unique, and one's the patrons of Sturgis will be proud and excited about for years to come."

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Leapin' Lizards!
Get ready, Sturgis!
One of the world's most-loved
musicals is coming to life on
our stage on June 20th-24th,

2019. The Sturgis players are excited to present "Annie" for the summer musical.

This musical will offer roles for both adults and children. Title roles include Daddy Warbucks and his secretary, Miss Farrell, Miss Hannigan, the orphanage's matron and her convict brother Rooster and his girlfriend Lily. Of great importance is the role of Annie (originally designed for a spunky 11-year-old redhead). Annie must have a strong voice—both speaking and singing since the role includes vocal solos. There are other children's orphan roles (boy and girls) with speaking/singing roles for a number of kids ranging from approximately ages 8-13.

Auditions will be held on Sunday and Monday, May 5-6, from 6:00-8:00pm each evening at the Grace Lutheran Church, located at 1061 Sherman St. Our normal rehearsal schedule is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Minimal missed rehearsals are allowed, so make plans now to be in this great theater event for the whole family.

Roles: Annie—must have a strong singing and acting voice

Orphans: Molly, Kate, Tessie, Pepper, July, Duffy

Girls/Boys orphan roles (ages 8-13)

Oliver (Daddy) Warbucks

Secretary, Miss Grace Farrell

Orphanage matron, Miss Hannigan

Convict Brother, Rooster Hannigan

Girlfriend, Lily St. Regis

Sandy—Annie's dog

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Non-singing roles

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Lt. Ward—policeman

Bert Healy—Radio Show Announcer

Bundles—Orphanage Laundryman

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Louis Howe—Aide to FD

Sturgis Area Arts Council's Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 7

Armchair Travelers Book Club
Sturgis Public Library, 12:00 Noon

Thursday, March 14

Sturgis Area Arts Council Meeting
Library/City Hall Meeting Room, 7:00pm

Sunday, March 17

Colcannon in Concert
Community Center Theater, 2:00pm

Friday, March 15

History at High Noon
Community Center Meade Room, 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, March 26

Russian Kaleidoscope
Community Center Theater
8:45am and 2:20pm

Thursday, April 4

Armchair Travelers Book Club
Sturgis Public Library, 12:00 Noon

Thursday, April 11

Sturgis Area Arts Council Meeting
Library/City Hall Meeting Room, 7:00pm

Friday, April 12

History at High Noon
Community Center Meade Room, 12:00 Noon

Sunday, April 14

Easter Cantata
Grace Lutheran Church, 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 16

Easter Cantata
Grace Lutheran Church, 7:00pm

Sunday, May 5 and Monday, May 6

Auditions for "Annie"
Grace Lutheran Church, 1061 Sherman St.
6:00-8:00pm each evening

Happy Big 4 - 0 to US!!

40 Years!!! Really??? Under the new rules of aging, the Sturgis Area Arts Council is not yet close to middle age! Its past is rich, robust and full, but its future is open to all kinds of new adventure!

Beginning in the mid '70s as "Why Not Sturgis", SAAC has brought literally hundreds of concerts, art shows, public art work, programs and concerts in the schools etc., etc., etc.! These came from both our wonderful local talent and talent from beyond our city limits. It began in 1979, with a new city ordinance stating that the Arts Council was responsible for assisting "the City in promoting and encouraging public programs to further the development and awareness of and interest in the arts". The Arts Council takes this mission seriously.

At the beginning, the Arts Council developed a close relationship with Ft Meade and utilized their Movie Theater to present plays and other programs, the Rec Center to host concerts and programs and the 2nd floor of the Ft Meade Museum to host events. The schools joined in on a partnership allowing the Missoula Children's Theater and SD Touring Artists to present programs not only to the students but also to the general public. Now utilizing the SD Touring Children's Theater, up to 100 students per year are touched. Art shows and historic style shows were held in the Auditorium on Main St. Chautauquas and concerts were held in the city parks. The 1st Christmas Concert was held at Grace Lutheran Church followed by subsequent annual Christmas Concerts and at least one performance of Handel's "Messiah"; other churches hosted and continue to host recitals and intimate concerts. And, now, SAAC sponsors an Easter Cantata each year hosted at Grace. The Arts Council members also planned for and arranged to have a beautiful mural painted on the Sooper Dooper building on the corner of Junction and Lazelle. It was revitalized later, but unfortunately a few years later, succumbed to new construction.

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Other close relationships bringing excellent authors and speakers to Sturgis for the general public and for the students were with the SD Humanities and also with the Smithsonian Institution. In addition, SAAC worked closely with such Chamber projects as History Days providing multiple events such as an historic style show and art show along with assistance in creating an outdoor performance of the history of Ft Meade. SAAC applied for and received funding to create a cultural plan for Sturgis that identified the strong cultural desires and needs of the community. The Public Library has also played an important symbiotic role for the Arts Council with a new Art Show each month, a home for Smithsonian programs and host of History at High Noon.

Of course, the new Community Center brought and continues to bring countless opportunities for concerts, plays, musicals and other programs in the theater and meeting rooms. SAAC raised over \$100,000 to help furnish the new theater. It was at this time that the Arts Council realized Sturgis was ready for public art and began the huge projects of bringing public art to the Sturgis beginning with "Kinship" and "Heritage". A Public Art Committee, attached to the Arts Council, was formed with the charge of again assisting the city and others with all public art projects. All of this history has given an opportunity to literally thousands of community members to be touched or directly utilized by the arts.

We in the Black Hills are so fortunate to be surrounded by many talented artists in all genres. The future...? It's wide open: open to more art shows; open to musicals and plays; open to perhaps a band shell in the park; open to more public art that speaks to the history and culture of Sturgis; open to more art programs for the students in our schools; open to celebrating authors and history!

New adventures in the arts are limited only by our imagination and willingness to participate! Membership in the Arts Council gives so much! Each member does have an opportunity to give back to the community and to enjoy and be aware of the programs offered to our community through the arts. The future is indeed bright! We would love to see additional persons becoming members; we would love to have additional input from the community. The Sturgis Arts Council is open to one and all and hopefully, through the fulfillment of its charge from the city, touches one and all in some way. We look forward to the next 40 years with great anticipation remembering that art is the heART of our community!

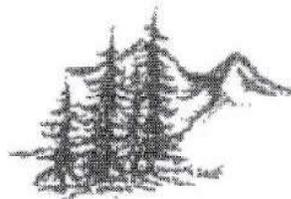
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Hey Artists - are you interested in painting in the beautiful outdoors of the Black Hills? We're hearing of two plein air events this summer.



Dakota Frontier Plein Air Retreat will be held near Sturgis this summer. We don't have a lot of details yet, but you may contact Bob York or Kat Thomson and they'll give you info. You may contact Bob by mailing polobob@yahoo.com or Kat at kat.t.westernart@gmail.com

Heart of the Hills Plein Air event in Hill City will be Sept 25-28th. They will be holding this event at the same time as the Buffalo Rounup in Custer.

A prospectus and registration form can be found at artistsoftheblackhills.com web site under "events" or contact Sandy Newman ~ sandranewman@live.com or phone 605-390-2927

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