



November/December 2023

## Holiday Shopping Guide

The holiday shopping season has arrived! The Old Courthouse Museum Store has a wide array of gift items for all ages. Does your gift recipient like ...

### To reminisce?

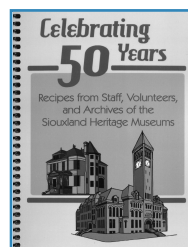
From books to puzzles, the museum store is the perfect place to find gifts for those with a nostalgic heart.

- Books: NEW! *Exploring with Custer*, 4th Edition by Paul Horsted; *Forgotten Sioux Falls*; *Images of Modern America: Sioux Falls*; *Twelve Thousand Years of Human History*; Laura Ingalls Wilder- *Pioneer Girl: The Path into Fiction*.
- Are you a fan of Jeff Gould's radio program, *A Prairie Christmas*? The museum store sells *An Uncommon Christmas: Tales from A Prairie Christmas* CD narrated by Jeff Gould. You'll also find his books *Insights and Inspiration from the Heartland: Books 1 & 2* and the *Dead Air* crime novel series.
- Puzzles Galore! Check out the new selection of puzzles in various designs and piece counts.

### To cook?

*Cooking Up History*, an exhibit devoted to kitchen and cookbook history, opens in November. Pair a cookbook with a South Dakota-themed bamboo serving board for a delicious gift idea.

- Hot off the press and exclusive to the museum! *Celebrating 50 Years: Recipes from Staff, Volunteers, and Archives of the Siouxland Heritage Museum*.
- Cookbooks by local authors: *Nostalgic Feast* by Laurel Lather; *South Dakota Wine: A Fruitful History* by Denise DePaolo and Kara Sweet; *Vaer Saa God (Come and Eat): A Collection of Recipes, Food Memories and Traditions* by Doris Stensland.
- Bamboo Serving Boards: various South Dakota-shaped or marked boards, all sizes.



### To play?

Shop the museum store for toys, games, and books for all ages.

- Toys: Jacks, marbles, jump rope set, tomahawk kit, and other toys made in the USA.
- Books: *A Dinosaur Named Ruth*; *Grandma's Tipi*; *Night-Night South Dakota*; and many others.
- Nature and the outdoors books: *Birds of the Dakotas*; *Blood Run: The Silent City*; *Ecology of Dakota Landscapes*.

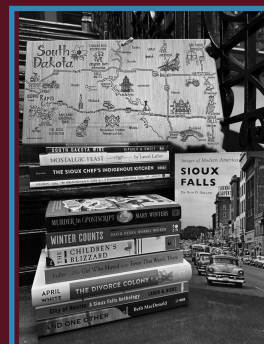
### To collect?

Encourage collectors of all ages with these fun gifts.

- Die-cast pencil sharpeners: From Ferris wheels and popcorn carts, to trains, tanks, and fire trucks, these high-quality pencil sharpeners are bestsellers in the museum store!
- Keychains: SHM logo laser-cut wooden keychain and enamel bison keychain.
- Rocks: polished rocks, cut agates, and jewelry made of rocks!
- Pottery Mugs: Old Courthouse Museum-branded pottery mugs made in the USA.



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# Consider Giving to the Siouxland Heritage Museums this Year!

Each year, the Siouxland Heritage Museums choose a select group of programs and projects to be the focus of our charitable donations. By supporting the Siouxland Heritage Museums, you will help us both now and in the future to present the rich history of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County. Please join us in preserving the past for the future. All donations are tax deductible.

## Restoration of Stroller

One of our items currently on exhibit in *Playing Favorites: 100 Great Artifacts* is John and Wilhelmina Randolph's twin carriage. There is a small parasol over each baby's head; these are made from silk but are shattered and very fragile. The conservation treatments for the carriage will stabilize the basket to the stroller base, along with replacing the fabric on the parasols. All parts that are replaced or removed due to damage will still remain with the artifact for future documentation. This conservation is estimated to cost \$8,000. Gifts of any size are welcome.

## Window Project

The Old Courthouse Museum has 61 stained glass windows in the Law Library, Courtroom, first floor hallways, and exhibit galleries that contribute to the historic architecture of the building. The windows were designed in six different patterns. Although there are some patterns that are repeated, each window is unique. In 2021 the Museum began a process of restoring and cleaning the historic windows. Ten were completed in the first two years of the project. This painstaking restoration costs approximately \$2,000 per window and will continue for a number of years. Gifts of any size are welcome to contribute to this ongoing project.

## Bring Back the Music!

For 33 years, the Siouxland Heritage Museums have brought free folk, jazz, and traditional music to the public at the Old Courthouse Museum. The annual Winter Concert Series is scheduled to begin November 24th and run Fridays through February. The series is free to the public and is supported by donations and sponsorships. A donation of \$400 covers the cost of a concert. Gifts of any size are welcome.

## The Gift That Keeps Giving

A gift to the Siouxland Heritage Museums' endowment is a gift that keeps on giving. The Museums' endowment at the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation supports the museums' educational programs, artifact conservation, exhibits program, collections supplies, and building preservation. Gifts of any size are welcome. Through your kind and generous donations, the endowment has continued to grow each year. Call the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation at (605)336-7055 to contribute to the endowment.

## Project Completed: HOBO Data Logger Update

One of the goals listed in the Conservation Assessment Program report completed in 2023 was to update and add better data loggers to exhibit and storage spaces where artifacts are housed. A generous donation to the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance provided funding to purchase 22 HOBO Data Loggers that record relative humidity and temperature and 10 loggers that also measure UV light exposure. This \$6,000 investment in these data loggers will help us manage the condition of the artifacts at all three museum locations and continue our mission of preservation.

## Join the Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance

Membership plays a vital role in supporting the Museums. The Siouxland Heritage Museums Alliance helps to assure both visitors and volunteers receive a quality experience with the Museums.

## Museums Alliance Membership Form

### Basic Memberships

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual    | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple/Family | \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron        | \$50 |

### Contributing Memberships

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