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VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

February 2026

Thank you!

We are so grateful for your continued support of the Siouxland Heritage Museums! 2025 was a busy year, and I appreciate everyone's flexibility during my transition into the volunteer coordinator position. Since it's still early in the year, I wanted to take the opportunity to share some of our achievements throughout 2025 as we look forward to a busy and exciting 2026!

In 2025, **137** individual volunteers contributed a total of **4,612** hours to the museums across all departments. Over two thousand of these hours were worked in our collections department, meaning over half of our 2025 volunteer hours were spent at the MRC! Your help in every department is so appreciated. Whether you spent your time sleeving negatives for the *Argus Leader* project, working in the museum store at the Old Courthouse Museum, giving tours at the Pettigrew, or helping with our special events and concerts, your assistance allowed us to fulfill our mission and serve our visitors. Thank you for everything you do!

We have so many volunteer opportunities coming up in 2026, and we would love to have you join us! You can always check this newsletter or the Siouxland Heritage Museums bimonthly newsletter, the calendar at siouxlandmuseums.com, or give us a call to let us know if you're interested in helping with any upcoming events.

Thank you again for all your help in 2025!



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Volunteer Report

January 2026 Museum Stats

46 Volunteers

302.75 Volunteer Hours Given

2,612 December Visitation

2,612 Annual Visitation to Date

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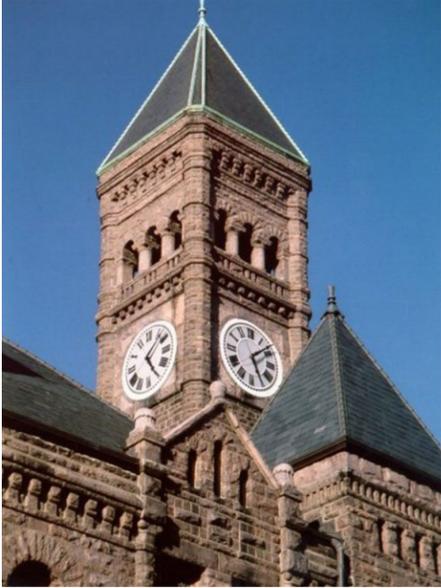
Ben Devlin
Exhibits Representative

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A Valentine's Day greeting card, circa 1914, from the museums' collections

Exhibits Department

The Exhibits Department has continued to work on our upcoming exhibit – *It's About Time*. If the name didn't give it away, this exhibit will be about clocks. We all rely on time, but few people know the interesting history of clocks and how they've changed in their 700-year history. We also want to show off some of the fun and impressive pieces we have in our collection and on loan. We're nearing the end of our pre-build phase of the exhibit. February will be a busy month for us. We will finish building some of the walls for the gallery, finish the informational panels, and start working on artifact mounts to support some of these impressive clocks. On March 9, we will take down *Now Hear This*, our exhibit about recorded sound. Make sure to take a look at it before it's gone!



Education Department

March is around the corner and that spells a busy time for the Education Department. The museum creates a vast majority of our own programming, but we also partner with other organizations and committees to provide services in cooperative ventures. This March we will demonstrate at Ag Day, an afternoon at the Pavilion highlighting the role agriculture has played in the development of our region and the science behind it. We look at what it took to farm this area over a century ago. The museum will exhibit at the Water Festival, a two day event for the region's fourth graders detailing the role water plays as an essential part of our life. Jill serves on the planning committee along with many other private and government agencies. The museum has a booth with panels that detail watery history along with our "water wheel of history." Students spin the wheel and learn about floods, blizzards, recreation and disease associated with our area and its watery past. Our final cooperative program is Women in Science. Jill and Jessie attend and discuss how science plays a role in the museum profession. They have covered topics such as archaeology and material culture. Eighth grade girls from regional schools attend. Beyond our cooperative programs, we are hosting the Region 1 competition for National History Day in March. This year's theme is, "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History." Middle and high school students from the southeast portion of the state will be in attendance at the Old Courthouse Museum to participate. Also, for a little bit of fun, we will host our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17th with music, food and drink.

It a busy month and we can use help with much of this. Contact the education department if you would like assist.

Siouxland Heritage Museums Mission Statement

The Siouxland Heritage Museums is dedicated to enhancing the experience of learning in our community, its families and visitors through collections, preservation, and interpretation of history.

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February 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1.	2.	3. Arn Kind Presents: <i>Soldiers of the American Revolution</i> 9:15 AM 12:45 PM 6:30 PM @OCM CANCELLED	4.	5.	6. Noon Concert: Highway 18 @OCM	7.
8. Fiber Fun 1-4 PM @OCM	9.	10.	11.	12.	13. Noon Concert: Dakota Wind Quartet @OCM	14. Happy Valentine's Day!
15.	16. ALL MUSEUMS CLOSED— President's Day	17. Rosemaling Demonstration 1-4 PM @OCM Starlab 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM @OCM	18. Victorian Tea Program 2 PM @PHM	19. Behind the Scenes Tour of MRC 2 PM @MRC	20. Noon Concert: Marty DeWitt @OCM	21.
22.	23.	24.	25.	26. Ceili Dance 6:30 PM @OCM	27. Noon Concert: Doc Walker Trio @OCM	28.