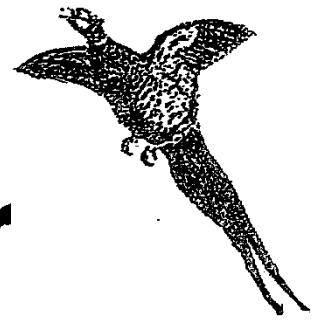


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IMPORTANT DATES:

State P&R Grants due by November 30, 2012

International P&R Grants due by Nov 15, 2013 (awarded every other year)

*STATE CONVENTIONS:
2013 Yankton, Arikara
2014 Aberdeen, Land of Oz
2015 Rapid City, Rushmore Memories*

SAVE THE DATE !!

Yankton, SD

Invites all South Dakota Questers

to the

30th Annual South Dakota State Quester Convention

May 31-June 1, 2013

Yankton, South Dakota

Come explore all Yankton has to offer!

Friday: Cocktails & Dinner with speaker

at the Restored Excelsior Mill

Saturday: Bess Barden Seminars/Council Meeting

at the historic Fantles Building

Walk the Meridian Bridge

View historic homes

Learn about Yankton's colorful past

Much more

Registration and details in the January Ring Neck Flyer

PUT YOUR BOOTS ON AND START WALKING

NOTES FROM YOUR PRESIDENT: We Rode! The clackety-clack of the railroad train at Prairie Village for the 2012 Questers Convention hosted by Prairie Pasque was a treat! Thanks to Prairie Pasque for treating us with a high tea at Prairie Village, a tremendous talk about the Milwaukee Railroad Line and another about the Madison Chautauqua grounds.

A very special thank you goes out to all who volunteered to hold an office for the next two years. This slate should be able to take us into more searches and more joys in 2012. The Aberdeen Land of Oz Questers successfully wrote a grant for \$3,000.00 to restore a Frank Ashton Painting.

Coteau Questers of Brookings and Flandreau, brought the restored Granny Weston painting that has been given back to the Flandreau Community for their July 4, 2012 unveiling. Dianne Ammann has researched more about the artist, Elizabeth Jackson and will be giving a program on The Three Granny Westons in Sioux Falls later this summer.

The SD Questers treasurers books have been audited and found to be in order. The lists of state officers and current presidents have been updated.

Congratulations to the Spearfish Chapter, Queen City, in having been awarded an excellent rating on their yearbook for their first year of existence!

If your chapter is anything like Coteau Questers, I'm certain you will find you have many, many searches, programs, projects and opportunities. Take them one at a time and share your finds with other Questers across South Dakota. I hope to see many of you at the Antiques Roadshow in Rapid City!

SD Questers President
Patty Kratochvil

NOTE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT: Greetings:

Summer has arrived with a vengeance. I hope you are staying cool. Pray for rain!

International Convention in Baltimore was awesome! The workshops and meetings were spirited and informative. Some things brought up were:

Grant guidelines will be reviewed and the 2014 guidelines will be more user- friendly. Properties receiving grants must be publically owned.

Because of the expense of printing and shipping, International is encouraging states to print their own brochures.

In this era of declining/aging membership, merging of chapters can be considered.

Don't be afraid to apply for a small grant at the State and International level. There were grants of less than \$600 given out at International. A total of \$99,993.00 was given out at International. At the State level, Iowa, with 145 chapters, gave out \$10,000 in P & R grants. South Dakota, with 15 chapters, gave out \$10,184. You have reason to be very proud of all your hard work!

Bess Barden Seminars at International were: "Civil War in Maryland", "Creativity of the Shakers", "Tussie Mussies", and "Milk Glass".

The International convention in 2013 will be held in Rogers, Arkansas. It is within driving distance ladies...Plan on attending, you'll have a "sparkling" good time.....

The International Study Paper for 2013 is "Healing Springs of Arkansas".

In closing thank you for allowing me to serve you as State President these past two years. It has been a learning and growing experience. I met so many smart, enthusiastic people, and want to thank all of you for your help and encouragement. Please do the same for your incoming President, Patti Kratochvil.

Sometimes the smallest things bring the greatest joy.

Have a great summer,

Linda

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Carol Leech 2nd Vice President is setting up a speakers bureau. She needs the speakers permission as well as name, address, email address, phone, topic and number of miles willing to travel. Send this information to Carol Leech 124 13th Ave. NW Aberdeen, SD 57401 or email is jleach20@abe.midco.net. Study programs are available at www.questers1944.org wait for the link and go to SD State Questers then SD State Questers Study Papers. The last page gives information to order. With 5 new additions we now have 138 study papers available FREE to help with programs for the year. The Hurley Chapter, Soge Og Laere has submitted 71 of very informative papers. **Carol also needs TWO copies of your new yearbook by Sept. 10. Send them to her at the address listed above.**

SAVE THE DATE FOR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION; Fellow Questers, be sure to mark May 2-6, 2013 on your calendar as RESERVED for a "GEM" of a Questers International Convention hosted by the Arkansas Questers. Embassy Suites in Rogers, AR will be providing the hotel accommodations, which include an adjoining sitting room to your bedroom, complimentary "cooked to order" breakfasts, a fitness center, spa, pool, and excellent dining facilities. Room rates are \$144.00 plus tax. Tours will include a "Top 10 Most Haunted Places in the United States" Victorian hotel, Civil War battlefield sites, 1830's period homes via a 1920's era train, Har-Ber Village on the Lake of the Cherokees, Questers' homes, a Native American museum and much, much more. Arkansas Questers are very excited to showcase our newest "GEM", Crystal Bridges Museum, which is the hottest star on the national art museum scene. Experience the collaboration of Colonial era to Contemporary American masterworks housed within the unique setting of 6 walking trails.

Don't forget to pack your "bling" for the President's Reception on Friday night and plan on having a "GEM" of a Farewell party Monday evening with old time Ozark Mountain folk music.
"Arkansas, A Gem of a State."

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION DATES: 2013 IS ARKANSAS, 2014 MICHIGAN, 2015 NEW JERSEY AND 2015 IOWA



Presentation of \$3000 P&R grant to restore for Dacotah Prairie Museum oil painting of Frank Ashford. This was requested by Yellow Brick Road Chapter of Aberdeen. Left to Right: Evelyn Nikolas, incoming chapter president, Sue Gates, Director of Dacotah Prairie Museum, Jannette Protexter, outgoing chapter president, Jean Weber, chapter treasurer and Nella Thompson, Vice President

COOKBOOK CORRECTIONS:

Page 217 -- Filbert Cookies: insert 1 ½ cups (5 oz.) finely ground filberts and remove currant jelly. We apologize to Karol Bormes Parsons for the error in the recipe and also for spelling her name incorrectly!!

Page 178 -- Dump Dessert: use 9x13 pan, not 9x9

Page 186 – Meringue Dessert: note should read that pudding may be used for the third (blueberry) layer. Mix according to packages directions less ½ cup milk.

Page 228 – Popcorn Balls: Use a large pan or bowl of popcorn and let it cool for a few minutes.



STATE OFFICERS: BACK ROW: Linda Stephenson, Treasurer; Lyla Bultema, Corresponding Secretary; Char Alverson, Recording Secretary; Jeanne Collison, First Vice President and Carol Leech, Second Vice President. SEATED IN FRONT: Patty Kratochvil, SD State Questers President.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Queen City Questers had an eventful and productive first year. Our chapter was chartered Sept. 29, 2011. Our name was chosen because Spearfish proclaims itself the Queen City because it sits amid three peaks—Crow, Lookout, and Spearfish—which look like the points of a crown.



Julie Chapman was named president to serve a two-year term. Willie Kunerth of the Johnny Spaulding Questers in Belle Fourche was very instrumental in helping our Chapter become organized. We have eight members and two associates. We meet monthly on the fourth Wednesday primarily at Grace Balloch Memorial Library. We received a Chapter Yearbook Award for New Chapter First Yearbook at the Programs workshop for the

2012 International Convention in Baltimore.

We are a small, novice group, having fun learning about the Questers Organization. We have had very interesting programs this year. We have learned about Silver, Hallmark Christmas Ornaments, Pottery and Dolls of All Kinds. We enjoyed videos on Fenton Glass and Pottery. We also had a show-and-tell session. I presented a program on “My Grandmother’s Treasures.” We also had a program on Easter Decorations. At each meeting, the members brought items to share that related to the topic presented. We have had many local visitors to our meetings and are hopeful we will gain new members in the coming year. During the February meeting, 12 members of the Rushmore Memories Questers from Rapid City joined us. We thank them for their support of our chapter and sharing their knowledge with us.



Soge Or Laera #1063 of Hurley has had an interesting year. While we only have 7 members, we keep busy and have a lot of fun. Our September outing took us to Sioux Falls, where we lunched at Minerva’s, toured the newly restored St. Joseph’s Cathedral, did a driving tour of the downtown area and Falls Park, and stopped at Cherry Berry on the way home for ice cream. Our programs for the year have been “Sunday School 1900”, “Mickey Mouse”, “The Berlin Airlift”, “The Circus”, and “First Mothers” – mothers of the presidents. Our Christmas Party was at the local Bed & Breakfast, and our planning meeting for the coming years was a dinner meeting at the Chancellor Café.

Two members were able to attend the State Convention in Madison, which was wonderful! We had some fun roll call topics, and good lunches. In April, we hosted a Spring Tea, with the theme being “Antiques A-Z”. Each member brought items, and we talked about everything from A-Z.



Stanage Chapter # 612 embarked on field trip to Shelia’s Country Garden 2 miles south of Hartington, NE., located on her husband’s family farm. The big red barn boasts of standing the test of time by passing the 100 year mark. As a proud mother, she shared the fact that with her son farming, this land has been home to five generation of Schmidt’s.

DACOTAHS #0971 IN LOVING MEMORY of Anita Nelsen who passed away on Sunday April 22, 2012. She was 83 years old. She joined Dacotahs in 1982 (not quite a charter member). She served as chapter treasurer for several years and also as state treasurer.

Arikara Questers #419, on May 10, 2012, travelled to the historic Lakeport Church. Lakeport lies about ten miles northwest of Yankton. In the first years, there stood the Star Hotel, a post office, and a saloon. The main highway wound by from Yankton to old Bon Homme, and on further west, all the way to Ft. Randall.

In 1884, two German brothers, Anton & John Pfeiffer, donated 10 acres of land for a church and cemetery. The church was built of chalk rock. Volunteers pooled their efforts to haul the chalk rock from a quarry on the bluffs of the Missouri River seven miles south, and to build the church on its present site. The altar and the pews are from the old Catholic Church in Tabor. The businesses passed on and the only thing remaining is the church and cemetery. In spite of that, Lakeport occupies an honorable and historic place in the annals of the Czech of this state. The church and cemetery are maintained by the Lakeport Historical Group whose aim is to preserve the rich local history as well as to disseminate the information to everyone interested in the "cradle of the Czech's first home in Dakota Territory."



For some years **Rushmore Memories Chapter #1147** has been involved in assisting the Historic Lead Opera restoration project in Lead, SD. In particular, the members, led by an active committee in the chapter, have donated furniture of the 1914 era, had the furniture reupholstered, and provided other furnishings from that period to enable the Opera House to complete restoration of the lovely women's lounge in the lobby area of the building. The Opera House and Recreation Center was originally built with the sponsorship of Phoebe Hearst, widow of mining magnate George Hearst, as a place for the workers in the Homestake Gold Mine and their families to enjoy culture and

recreation and it was a showpiece of grandeur when completed in 1914.

A fire in 1984 destroyed much of the theater and lobby area but with volunteerism, grants from various Preservation groups within South Dakota, and donations such as the one from Rushmore Memories #1147 the Opera House is rising like a phoenix to its former glory and is, truly, a testament to the resourcefulness of the Black Hills area to preserve and restore one of its most important historic sites. Marilyn Fransen, President *Rushmore Memories #1147*"



The **Prairie Pasque** chapter has adopted the carousel at Prairie Village as its current preservation and restoration project. Located 2 miles west of Madison, SD on the shores of Lake Herman and situated on 120 acres, Prairie Village has over 40 antique-filled buildings that bring to life an active, turn-of-the-century Main Street. One of the most popular attractions at Prairie Village is the steam-powered carousel, believed to have been manufactured by the Herschell-Spillman firm of New York between 1903 and 1905. The carousel is a two-row, portable, primitive, country fair-type machine with 20 horses and 2 chariots.

The carousel is considered to be both rare and valuable. It is "almost pure" with all its components manufactured in approximately the same time period. All the horses are believed to be original to the carousel and have only been painted a few times. The carousel is powered by a small, upright steam engine which runs a cable that turns the carousel bed. According to carousel restoration expert, Jim Jones of Carousel Works in Mansfield, Ohio, the Prairie Village carousel is unique because the motion of the horses is driven from underneath instead of overhead with a more typical, crank mechanism.

Although thousands of portable carousels were built in the early 1900s, the carousel at Prairie Village is one of only 6 or 7 known Herschel carousels still in existence today and it is the only one known to be open to the public for rides on a regular basis. The carousel restoration project has been adopted by Prairie Pasque chapter because of its significance to Prairie Village and to the city of Madison and because of its significance in the history of steam-powered carousels. The chapter received P&R funds from the state Questers to cover the cost of the professional evaluation and estimate of the carousel restoration funds. Proceeds from the sale of cookbooks are the chapter's second step in raising the funds needed to support this restoration project, estimated at \$160,000+.

If you are interested in purchasing additional cookbooks (\$15 each plus \$5 shipping for each additional cookbook), please use the re-order form in the back of the cookbook, mailing it to Prairie Pasque Questers 23516 465th Ave., Wentworth, SD 57075. Or you can contact Gwen Larsen at gwenmy@svtv.com to place an order. Or, if you're in the Madison area (or we know someone coming to your community), we will arrange for free pickup and delivery. Remember: all the proceeds from the cookbook go to preservation of that wonderful, old carousel!

Yellow Brick Road # 1198 had a good year in 2011-2012. In January, Randy Vik gave an interesting program on “Underground Railroad Quilts. People made a quilt in a pattern used during the Civil War. If the quilt was hung in a window slaves who were traveling north to freedom knew it was a “Safe House”. They could stop for a while or find another way to continue their flight. We also had a good program on a huge collection of Pyrex and one of Snow Globes. Then we were entertained by Betty Jensen and her dozens of dolls and their accessories. In May we had a lesson on Pie Birds. Nella Thompson used some in the middle of her meat pies which were part of our luncheon. The birds help let off steam so the pies don’t run over. In April we hosted a luncheon for the three Questers Chapters in Aberdeen and in May we voted to help the Land of OZ Questers next year on their huge project, “The Garden Walk”. We hope to restore and frame a Frank Ashford painting and have an unveiling party at the museum. Our new officers are President Evelyn Nikolas, V.P. Nella Thompson, Treasurer, Marie Jenson and Secretary Jean Weber. **IN LOVING MEMORY;** We remember Jackie Stewart who passed away on May 25, 2012. She was a faithful member and served two years as Vice President and two as President. She will be missed. Submitted by Jackie Protexter.

LAND OF OZ #1001: A detailed history of Land Of Oz was written in the past year. We have been meeting for 41 years and thus formed many close friendships. Seven members attended the 29th State convention in Madison. Seeing the progress of the Chapel Car Emmanuel and the delicious dinner on the train were especially memorable. Thank You to Prarie Pasque for the wonderful cookbook that was inserted in our convention bag and a wonderful time. They are very well done and still available. We are planning on having our Garden Walk again in 2013.



LAURA INGALLS WILDER # 1255 A pitcher of cool water or cold lemonade is always welcomed on hot summer day. The Laura Ingalls Wilder Chapter 1255 recently met in the home of Mary Albrecht to share our stories of pitchers that had found their way into our collections. This was to honor Bess Bardens, Questers Founder, who began her “questing” by purchasing a small pitcher at an antique store near her work. A delightful and informative video on Ms. Bardens followed. Even those of us who have been in Questers for a long time, learned details of the birth of Questers, in itself, a collection of intrigue, betrayal and forgiveness...This video is a must “see” summer read.



The Questers of **Klondike Mill #1341** continued to have interesting and varied programs these past six months! Pictured here are the Hi-Behind dolls of member Margaret Devick who shared information about the origin of these dolls made in Grand Portage, Minnesota, and the process used in making them. Other programs presented were about sterling silver flatware, Bennington Pottery, an 1813 family heirloom violin, and a portion of a member’s family history “as told” by a special cane.

This year’s questing came to a close as three Klondike members attended the State Convention in Madison. After “wining, dining, meeting, and learning”, the three Klondikers thoroughly enjoyed the grand finale: The **Boat Cruise** around Lake Madison! The ladies felt very special since they were the only Questers to join the hosts of the convention on this relaxing conclusion to a successful convention. They were quoted as saying, “The cruise was wonderful, the company was superb, and the meal was scrumptious! Kudos to the Prairie Pasque chapter! What a fabulous way to end a fun-filled year of questing!”



Pictured members enjoying the State Convention Grand Finale Lake Madison Boat Cruise are Linda Ripley, Wendy Morgan, and Linda Hill.

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR: I have spent a wonderful year meeting Questers from all over our great state as well as the nation having gone to both the State Convention in Madison and the International in Baltimore, Maryland. Do mark your calendars for each of the convention for 2013—Yankton, SD for state and Rogers, Arkansas for International.

There were 24 grants awarded at International for a total of \$99,949.05. Wisconsin received 5, Missouri 4 and Michigan and Illinois got 2 each. Certainly SD should be deserving of an International Grant. You have until November 2013 to apply. International stressed if you are holding a fund raiser be sure and contact International for insurance. It doesn't take a lot of time and it doesn't cost and it is an excellent way to protect everyone concerned

The state is looking for the SD Questers State Scrapbooks. Do you have them, are storing them or do you know where they are? Please contact Carol Leech or Dawn Stoner if you can help in this search. A lot of work went into assembling this and we would like it to be kept in a permanent and safe place.

Because of all the responses I am getting from the state chapters, space is getting to be an issue. THEREFORE, please retain the entire RNF or at least the page with the officers and chapters information as I will not be rerunning it in the January issue.

DUES ARE DUE TO YOUR CHAPTER TREASURER BY APRIL FIRST: It is important to meet the deadlines in order for the treasurer to meet the International Deadlines. State Officers broke down the dues for 2013 as follows: \$21 for international dues and \$12 for state. Therefore the amount paid by April 2013 will be \$33 and this will include the RNF.

If you were unable to attend the State Convention in Madison, SD and have young children or grandchildren or you just want to relive the past take a road trip to Prairie Village. Believe me you won't be disappointed. Take a picnic lunch or the camper if you have one. Take time to ride the train and above all else do the carousel. All ages of Questers were "kids at heart" again as we rode the carousel!!!!

