



# PRESERVATION PRESS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

History & Garden Festival, April 23-24, Brookings Parks & Rec Building, 221 Main  
*(article & ad enclosed)*

Brookings Farmers Market Opens Saturday, May 1, City Plaza

May Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m., May 18, at 72 Main Avenue

Preserve Brookings Annual Meeting: Monday, June 7, Old Firehall, 410 4th St., Business meeting at 6:30 p.m., Program at 7 p.m.



# DAR

Daughters of the American Revolution®

This is the first of a series of articles that will provide some information about our preservation partners in the community.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has several programs that are briefly summarized below.

### Education

DAR members participate in literacy programs for adults and tutoring programs preparing for the high school GED. Since 1903, the Society has been helping children in remote mountain areas receive an education. The DAR supports two schools in the Appalachian region- Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, Alabama, and Tamassee DAR School, South Carolina.

Berry College, Georgia was founded in 1902 to provide high school education to rural youth and became the first approved DAR school in 1904. It was developed into a college in 1926, and today, it is one of the outstanding comprehensive colleges in the South, with fully accredited art, science and professional programs as well as specialized graduate programs in education and business administration.

Crossnore School, Inc., North Carolina was founded in the early 1900s to give the children from the mountains and foothills of North Carolina a home while attending public schools in Avery County. The school also provides day care services for local children.

Hillside School, Inc., Massachusetts was

founded in 1901 as a rural home for boys who were orphaned or otherwise without a home or family. It now provides a structural and supportive environment for students with learning problems. Its program stresses reading, writing, math, science, literature, social studies, fine arts, and industrial arts.

Hindman Settlement School, Kentucky was founded in 1902 to provide an educational opportunity for the youth of the mountains. Its major educational emphasis today is its work with students with dyslexic characteristics. This is the only program of its type within 200 miles. It also offers an Adult Basic Education/GED Program.

The DAR, through its American Indians Committee, assists in the education of Indian youth through scholarships and support of Bacone College, Muskogee, Oklahoma, the oldest continuing institution of higher learning in Oklahoma, and Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Oregon.

Good citizenship and love of country are taught at all of these schools.

### Friendship

DAR members share their interests in historic preservation, patriotism, and education with over 170,000 women by



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## Do You Know Who Your Ancestors Are? Do You Know Where Your Ancestors Are?

The purpose of the Corporation (Preserve Brookings) during its existence, which shall be perpetual, shall be to preserve, protect, and celebrate historic resources in the Brookings area, in one or more of the following ways:

A. Educate the public of the significance of historic resources in the Brookings area;

B. Identify, preserve, interpret and recognize Brookings' historic resources, quality of life and community spirit with quality, authentic preservation, and interpretation of historic resources;

C. Encourage cooperation of the various governmental agencies and other organizations within the Brookings area to achieve the purposes of the corporation;

D. Plan, enhance, and execute the use, development, and enjoyment of these historic resources without endangering or damaging the resources;

E. Raise money by whatever lawful means are deemed appropriate to fund the objective of the corporation; and

F. Conduct other lawful activities, which may promote or assist the corporation in its functions.

In keeping with Article I of our bylaws as listed above, I am going to enlighten you on my preservation interest in the Brookings area. I come from a long line of funeral directors. Well, about as long as the line can get in South Dakota, anyway (four generations). My grandmother started me on the path of preserving the history of our departed ancestors when she began to organize the cemeteries in Platte when I was quite young. My father continued the tradition when she could no longer carry on. So it rather stands to reason, I would continue from there.

Since I now make my home in Brookings, I have picked up on previous efforts by the Brookings Area Genealogical Society and others to keep a record of residents of Brookings County who have died and been buried over the

years. It's amazing how unkempt, not only the records, but the burial sites themselves have become. So let's get back to Article I of the Preserve Brookings Bylaws.

First, let's examine your awareness of who you are. Do you know who your ancestors are? Do you know where they are? Sociologists have proposed that American adults, teenagers, and children know less and less, not only of their national history, but also of their own roots, and that not knowing those histories may endanger the way of life we hold dear. An analogy has been made to the withering of flowers when removed from their roots. All cemeteries, whether active or abandoned, are reminders that these repositories of our roots connect us to the soil and also to one another.

Second, can you identify the at least 43 sights in the Brookings and Brookings County area where your ancestors are possibly buried? Some of them are barely even remembered by the old-timers among us. The houses and hospitals where they were born, the schools, towns, and farms where they grew up, the stores where they shopped, and the churches where they worshipped may all be gone, but the graves where they are buried are still there... or are they!

Third, there are associations, churches, county governments and interested parties that preserve and care for these hallowed grounds... or are there! In following newsletters I will give you more details.

Fourth, it seems to me that this is an area that cries out for a group like Preserve Brookings. There are many residents who would like to know where their ancestors peacefully reside...or do they! The Brookings

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joining one of the 3,000 chapters across the United States and internationally.

#### **Landmarks**

For more than a century, the members of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution have dedicated themselves to historical preservation, promotion of education, and encouragement of patriotic endeavor. These goals are as relevant in today's society as they were when the organization was founded in 1890.

#### **Scholarships**

\$150,000 in scholarships and financial aid are awarded each year to high school and college students.

#### **Genealogy**

The DAR Library in Washington, DC is one of the world's premier genealogical research centers.

#### **Veterans**

Members volunteer more than 250,000 hours annually to assist veterans. DAR has honored and aided veterans since the organization began. During the Spanish-American War, DAR established the DAR Hospital Corps in 1898.

Much of the work was historically directed toward the hospitalized veteran, but new approaches and unique services were required to meet the needs of America's veterans. DAR members now also assist veterans in their communities in locations such as community veterans' centers, veterans' organizations, and long-term care facilities, in addition to 159 of the VA medical centers nationwide.

DAR is the only non-government or military organization to have a seat on the

national advisory board of the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS).

#### **History**

DAR promotes American history education throughout the year by honoring historically significant people, places, dates, and events and through children's essay contests and museum programs.

#### **Preservation**

More than 30,000 objects are conserved in the DAR Museum, one of the foremost collections of pre-Industrial American decorative arts.

#### **Membership**

Any woman 18 years or older – regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background – who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership.

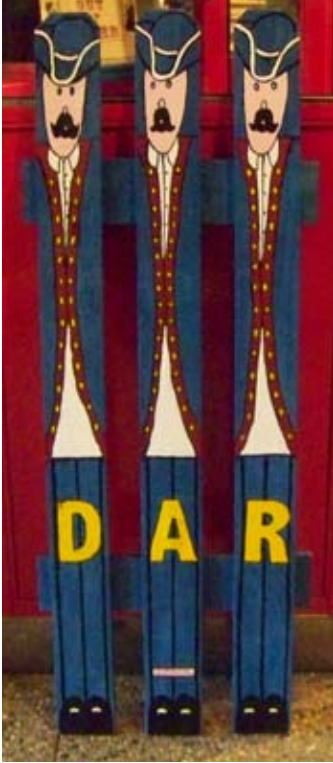
#### **Children**

Over \$1 million is given annually by the DAR to support six schools founded to provide educational opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable to the populations they serve. The DAR Schools provide a variety of special needs programs that address problems such as Attention Deficit Disorder, Dyslexia, adult literacy, and children in family crisis.

#### **Patriotism**

DAR supports the men and women of the United States Military. They provide thousands of American flags to schools, governmental bodies, military establishments and civic organizations throughout the country.

More information about the Daughters of American Revolution can be found at [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org). If you are interested in members, call Charlotte Smidt at 697-5826.



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Library has even done projects to point out the graves of historical figures in the Brookings area. In upcoming newsletters I'll try to point out some of them to you.

Lastly, there are grants and funds available to make sure that your beloved ancestors are remembered and

cared for.

Other counties have found great interest and donors in this type of project. In future newsletters I'll try to make you more aware of what can be done...that is if you are interested?

Larry G. Cool, Vice-President  
Preserve Brookings



# History & Garden Festival

Downtown Brookings presents the 9th annual "History and Garden Festival" to be held on April 23 & 24 at the Parks and Recreation building at 221 Main Ave. in Brookings. The doors will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday the 23rd, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday the 24th.

The festival will feature a large flea market packed with some of our favorite pieces of history. Find antiques and collectibles from yesteryear, art for the garden, books, and jewelry, toys from your childhood, tins, glassware, kitchenware, pictures and posters, and much more.

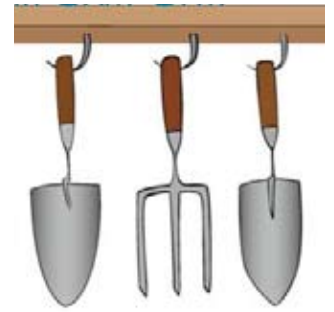
A presentation of "Eastern South Dakota Heritage" will be given by Harlan Olson, Friday evening at 5:30. Stop by on Saturday morning at 10:00 for a workshop on "Family Heritage" presented by Lynette Kerlin. For those who are ready to get outside and do some work in the garden, Norm Evers of Norm's Greenhouse & Nursery in Aurora will present "Planting Placement" at noon on Saturday. Followed by "The Art of Repotting, Pruning, and Propagation,"

presented by Lisa Zuhlke at 1:30.

For lunch, stop by the Garden Café. Sponsored by the Quester's, the Garden Café will be open both days serving soup, sandwiches, coffee, and treats. All proceeds from the Café will fund historic restoration. The Brookings Arbor Day Committee will also be at the festival giving away assorted evergreen seedlings including Douglas fir, White Pine, White Fir, Black Hills Spruce, and Colorado blue spruce.

For information and conversation about local history and historic preservation, stop by and talk to us, the Preserve Brookings group. We can help you with information about how to get your historic home on the National Register of Historic Homes. You can also talk to us about grants and other financing tools that might be available for historic preservation.

So, come to the 9th annual "History and Garden Festival" in Brookings for an enjoyable afternoon of antiques, stories from the old days, historic information, homemade food and fun.



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## Who Do You Think You Are?

"Who Do You Think You Are?" on NBC, is renewed for the 2010-11 season. The new series has demonstrated increasing popularity and generated far-reaching interest among viewers." An NBC executive says, "Equally important, it has a compelling and innovative format, and a second season will allow the show to grow creatively and attract an even wider audience."

"Who Do You Think You Are?" just might give you the urge to research your family history.

"Who Do You Think You Are?" features celebrities on heart-warming journeys back in time as they discover more about the ancestors who came before them.

Lives can change when people discover their family stories. The younger generation may feel the need to become the next generation of family historians. The public can better learn how to successfully research their heritage. And people of all ages may want to look to local genealogical societies to help them take steps to learn more about their ancestors.

Janet A. Alpert, President, National Genealogical Society, says, "Many people are interested in knowing more about their heritage, but have no idea how to begin. I hope Who Do You Think You Are? will encourage people to move from interest to action and take advantage of the many resources available."

"The show," says Pat Oxley, President of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, "is going to have a major impact on societies, conferences and family history in general. This will do for genealogy what Roots did for it in the late 1970s."

The Brookings Area Genealogical Society (BAGS) meets the third Monday of each month, except August and December. They also host family history research sessions at the Brookings Public Library on the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. Regular dues are \$6.00; Senior Citizen dues are \$5.00.

If you are interested in getting on BAGS' email list, contact Sue Fierstine at [sue.fierstine@avera.org](mailto:sue.fierstine@avera.org)



# History & Garden Festival



APRIL 23rd 11AM-7PM  
24th 8AM-3PM



## Workshops

Norm Evers "Planting Placement"  
Saturday, April 24th at 12PM

Harlon Olson "Eastern SD Heritage"  
Friday, April 23rd at 5PM

Lisa Zuhlke "The Art of Pruning & Repotting"  
Saturday, April 24th at 1:30PM

Lynette Kerlin "Family Heritage"  
Saturday, April 24th at 10AM



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"Eastern SD Heritage" workshops by Harlon Olson sponsored by the Brookings Historic Preservation Commission. This program receives federal financial assistance from the National Park Service. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 the U.S. Department of Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap in its federally assisted programs. If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire more information, please write to the Office of Equal Opportunity, National Park Service, 2101 Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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# Preserve Brookings

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**Our program plays an important role  
in the protection and promotion of historical,  
cultural and environmental  
heritage in Brookings.**

## ***Our Mission***

*Preserve Brookings  
protects and promotes  
the historical, cultural,  
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and environmental  
heritage of the  
Brookings area  
through education,  
alliance building,  
and action.*

**You may deduct your contribution to this 501(c)3  
nonprofit corporation on your income taxes.**

**Yes! I/We are proud to be a part of Preserve Brookings.  
Please accept my/our gift to Preserve Brookings, in the amount of:**

Senior/Student: \$25      Individual: \$30      Family: \$40  
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## BOOKS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MAIN STREET LIBRARY

The following books are examples of the many books that may be checked out for a two-week period by any resident of Brookings County at the Downtown Brookings office. The DBI office, 414 Main Avenue, Brookings, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop in or call 690-4856 or email [downtownbrookings.net](mailto:downtownbrookings.net) for more information.

### **Fundraising for the Long Haul**

Here is a road map for organizations wanting a long and healthy life. In this companion to her classic how-to book *Fundraising for Social Change*, Kim Klein distills her 25 years of experience and wisdom as an accomplished fundraiser, trainer, and author.

Along with tips and techniques, Klein presents the philosophical underpinnings for long-term commitment to social change work and the means to make it sustainable. Speaking to the difficulties of organizations that are understaffed and under-resourced, Klein provides practical assistance for developing a health fundraising program that will be successful for the long haul.

### **With Heritage So Rich**

A compilation of the contemporary American preservation movement.

### **Fill-in-the-Blank Business Recruitment**

You've analyzed your commercial district's market and now you're ready to recruit new businesses. But where do you begin? Is there a right way to approach a business about moving to your area?

This companion workbook to *Step-by-Step Market Analysis* will help you determine business opportunities, test for the right business mix, develop a recruitment package, and make the most effective pitch to prospective businesses.

### **Guiding Design on Main Street**

Suffering from "design phobia" about historic building rehabilitation issues? Look no further. This comprehensive commercial district design manual is the perfect guide for downtown professionals.

Fully illustrated, it simplifies the design management process. Learn how to work with property owners to rehabilitate their buildings; develop design guidelines that work for the community; train effective design review boards; and create incentives to stimulate building improvements.