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**IMPORTANT DATES:**

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

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

*May 2 through May 6, 2013 in Rogers, Arkansas*

30th Annual

SD Questers Convention

Friday, May 31 & Saturday, June 1, 2013

Hosted by Arikara #419

Yankton, SD

"Honoring our Past – Looking towards the Future"

Schedule of Events

**Friday, May 31, 2013**

11:00-12:00 Executive Board Meeting

Cramer-Kenyon Heritage House - 509 Pine Street

1:00 – 4:00 Registration

G.A.R. Hall - 508 Douglas Avenue

Tour the Historic Meade Building

Walk the Meridian Bridge and Sculpture walk

Afternoon Tea at the G.A.R. Hall

5:00 – 6:00 Registration continues at The Excelsior Mill -

2nd & Capital Street

Social Hour – Cash Bar

6:00 – 7:00 Dinner at the Excelsior Mill

7:00 Bev Schuetz, "Medical Quackery and Colorful Charlatans"

**Saturday, June 1, 2013**

8:00 – 8:30 Registration at Excelsior Mill

8:00 Presidents' Meeting

8:30-10:15 Annual Meeting (Chapter Reports)

10:30- 11:15 Seminar: "Historic Yankton Review"

11:15- 12:00 Seminar: "Grave Walk"

12:15 Closing Luncheon at the Historic Fantles Building

(Yankton Events Center) - 121 West 3rd Street

President's Basket Raffle

Installation of New State Officers

P & R Raffle Drawing



SD Quester's, A sailing I will go... I am off for my first catamaran ocean sailing the end of January. Then it will soon be time to jaunt to Rogers, Arkansas for the International Questers Convention. This will be my first international convention and I would love to hear from those seasoned Questers with any clues as to how best to take in a National convention. My husband Mark and I plan to drive to Rogers to enjoy the journey. I hope more of you can travel there as well.

Arikara #419 Yankton will welcome us on the first weekend in June for a Friday Saturday convention. If you have some slow winter days to read, pick up the cookbook "You've Got A Ticket To Ride" you received in your convention 2012 packet from Prairie Pasque, read the helpful hints at each divider page and pick out a new recipe for your next Questers gathering.

Cocteau Questers celebrated Christmas with the history of the Christmas stocking. A trip to the Flandreau Moody County Museum provided a great look at the Native American history in the Flandreau area. (Where the restored Granny Weston painting resides.) We were shocked by the recent death of our dear Quester Dianne Ammann who put this grant together through many hours of research to determine just which Granny Weston was painted!

Arikara #419 Yankton will welcome us on the first weekend in June for a Friday Saturday convention. Put on your boots and start walking! Check out the new SD Quester's website at [www.sd-questers.org/index.htm](http://www.sd-questers.org/index.htm)  
Thank you Cecelia! Looks great!

Encourage new members to experience the joy of searching! Remember "It's fun to search and a joy to find!"  
Patty Kratochvil, State Questers President

I wish to thank all the chapters for sending two copies of their yearbooks. One went to Int'l Questers to be judged and I kept one to put on display at the convention in Yankton. I wish I could attend all the programs. Two copies of your next year's programs will again be due Sept 10. To help you to present programs we now have 143 great programs in our lending file of study papers. They are listed on our NEW SD STATE WEBSITE; [www.SD-Questers.org](http://www.SD-Questers.org). THANK YOU TO CECELIA WITTMAYER!!! Copies are free of charge when you contact me after you view the titles on this new site. Make a copy for your chapter files.

We have received 5 names of members who would be willing to present programs to other chapters. This is called the SD Speakers Bureau. They should be reimbursed for gas and room if necessary. Due to lack of space basic info is:

1. Marilyn Bondesen Hurley 1-605-595-5823
2. Lori Ibarolle Yankton 1-605-668-0353.
3. Marilyn Franzen Rapid City 1-605-415-2908.
4. Maggie Kilpp Belle Fourche 1 605-892-2505.
5. Char Alverson ChesterSD email [laalv@itctel.com](mailto:laalv@itctel.com).
6. Joan Neubauer Yankton [LoveAplauz@aol.com](mailto:LoveAplauz@aol.com). Please contact them.

Contact me if you wish to add your name to this list.

To access the Int'l Website see the Winter Quester Quarterly pg. 2. Looking forward to seeing you in Yankton! Carol Leach, **2nd Vice President SD State Questers**, 124 13th Ave NW  
Aberdeen, S.D. 57401 [jleach20@abe.midco.net](mailto:jleach20@abe.midco.net).

# CONVENTION 2013 AWAITS YOU!

## “ HONORING OUR PAST LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE”

Arikara #419 of Yankton, SD is anticipating a great Quester convention to be held Friday May 31 and Saturday June 1, 2013.

A highlight of the convention will be the Friday night banquet speaker, Bev Schuetz. Bev is a popular and dynamic speaker who has created HISTORY TALKS, a series of live presentations available to organizations with an interest in history. She is known for her unique topics, delightful presentations and thoroughly researched programs. Bev's lectures showcase her unique perspective and special insight on colorful historical subjects.

Bev is a consummate and experienced performer. Professionally she has appeared in summer stock, as well as community and regional theaters. She has given business presentations throughout the country. HISTORY TALKS combines her skills in public speaking, historical analysis and creative writing. The results are lectures that reward and enrich those attending her presentation. Her topic for the evening will be “ MEDICAL QUACKERY & COLORFUL CHARLATANS” We would encourage spouses or S/Os to attend the banquet. Separate banquet tickets will be available.

We will be honoring our past with the seminars on Saturday June 1, 2013. “Historic Yankton Review” is a delightful and insightful program on the preservation efforts and roadblocks encountered by a valiant group of preservationists, Historic Yankton, Inc. It should serve as a guide for many communities faced with destruction of historical landmarks.

Our “Grave Walk” is a look at our famous and colorful characters that helped to establish the community we live in. Arikara chapter and Laura Ingells Wilder chapter did an actual Grave Walk fundraiser a few years ago. We will show you that you just need to look in your local cemetery to find great characters.

We would encourage all members of Questers to come to Yankton. This is our organization and we need to support it. We “Look toward the Future” of our organization. Be a part of it and support it.

Arikara #419  
Yankton, SD

Invites you to the  
**30<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**South Dakota State Questers Convention**  
**“Honoring Our Past – Looking Towards The Future”**  
**Yankton, SD 57078**  
**May 31 – June 1, 2013**

Reservations:

Best Western Kelly Inn – Phone: 605-665-2906 East Hwy 50  
Hotel rates ( Mention SD Questers) \$99.00 / 1-4 Occupants. Breakfast included.

Rates good through March 30, 2013

Other Lodging Options:

Holiday Inn Express - 605- 665-3177

Days Inn – 605- 665-8717

(Questers must make their own lodging arrangements)

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**Convention Registration: \$70.00**

**After April 1, 2013, registration is \$75.00**

To register for the convention, please complete the form below, clip and return  
with your check, payable to: 2013 SD Questers Convention  
Send to: Connie Hines 903 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Yankton, SD 57078

**PLEASE REGISTER EARLY**

Direct questions to:

Liz Aanning 605-665-4660 email: [lizaanning1@gmail.com](mailto:lizaanning1@gmail.com)

Anne Swift 605-668-9777 email: [annelois71@hotmail.com](mailto:annelois71@hotmail.com)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2013 Quester Convention P& R Raffle Items



This beautiful piece of Carpodimonte porcelain was donated by Arikara member Karen Harmelink. Carpodimonte porcelain is the finest and most perfect grade of Italian pottery and one of the most appreciated handicrafts for its craftsmanship and detailed qualities. The name Carpodimonte ( Top of the hill ) is mainly bound to the city of Naples.



This antique porcelain mantle clock was donated by Arikara member Liz Aanning. The case was manufactured by Royal Bonn of Germany and imported by the Ansonia Clock Company. Royal Bonn is the nineteenth and twentieth century trade name used by Franz Anton Mehlem, who had a pottery in Bonn, Germany from 1836-1931. Porcelain and earthenware were made. Royal Bonn used a monogram-and-tower mark on exported pottery only with Germany added. The factory was purchased by Villery and Boch in 1921 and closed in 1931.

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30<sup>th</sup> Annual SD State Questers Convention

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Raffle

Raffle to be held June 1, 2013

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Prizes include:

\*Capodimonte Porcelain

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\*Royal Bonn Mantle Clock

Winners need not be present to win

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN ENTIRE RAFFLE TICKET

Checks payable to Arikara #419



**Stanage Chapter 612, Yankton, SD** took a tour in October to the Roadshow Antiques located about 3 miles west of Yankton on Highway 52. Al and Bertha Walz were eager to greet us and show us the large 2 story building full of antiques. Bertha is an expert on glass and glass ware. She delights in explaining her many beautiful pieces of glassware. They buy and sell as well as rent booth space within the building. Many in our chapter had never been to the Roadshow Antiques and were amazed at the variety, quality and amount of antiques held in a large building so close to Yankton. Stanage #612 would encourage everyone to visit this business, if time allows, when you come for the state convention.

### **Land of Oz 1001 Aberdeen**

Our chapter of 23 have been meeting for 41 years and many close friendships have been formed. Some of our programs have been: The latest computer technology Antique Christmas post cards as well as visiting our museum. Barb Frank hosted our annual Christmas Luncheon. She also shared her Antique Christmas collections and trees. We are busy planning the Three Aberdeen Chapters Luncheon on April 20, 2013. Our GARDEN WALK of 2013 will be held on June 13, 2013. **Mark your calendars for the 2014 State convention which we will host May 30 and 31.2014.**

### **The Yellow Brick Road Chapter of Questers:**



We have met from Sept. thru Dec. with many interesting programs such as: "The Blues", Art Deco Lamps, Aberdeen's Wheat Palace, and Quilling. We are trying a new schedule this year. We will take a break during Jan, and Feb. and will meet again March thru July, as we have several "snowbirds". We have our project for the SD Questers Grant is being restored by the Midwest Art Conservation Center in Mpls. With the \$3000 Grant from the SD Questers and the \$500 donation from our chapter we should see this project being completed soon. A public showing will be held at that time with thanks to The Questers. We also

decorated a tree for the Dacotah Prairie Museum's Holiday of trees. This picture shows the grandchildren of member Carol Lowe. The picture on the right is of the annual Christmas Luncheon at the beautiful Holiday decorated house of member Jeannie Clark.

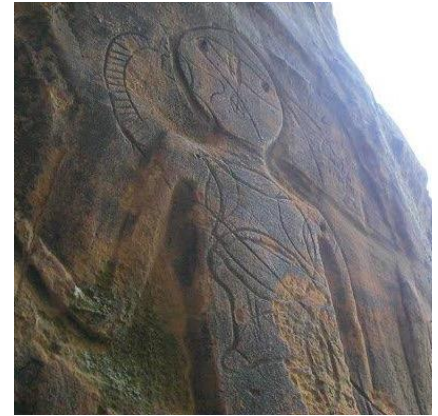


**Prairie Pasque Questers** "manned" the concession stand at the Madison Show and Sell on November 25, to raise money for the Prairie Village carousel.





**The Johnny Spaulding Chapter of the Belle Fourche Questers** visited Medicine Creek Cave in northeastern Wyoming in July. The cave

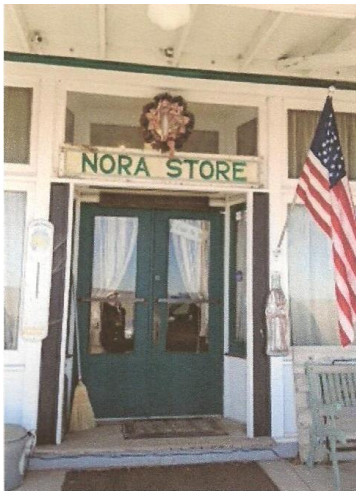


contains an impressive collection of petroglyphs as old as 2,000 years. They were carved by Mandan or other Sioux people. Hosts for the field trip were Ruth Ann Collins and Jerry Fish of Mona, Wyoming. Twenty three persons, including guests, made the trip.

### **Klondike Mill #1341 Canton, SD**

Klondike Mill Questers gather the first Monday of the month, September through May, each year. So far this year, we have had a diverse and interesting array of programs provided by our members. We learned about the history of the gazebo as we enjoyed a starlit evening in a gazebo built by one of our members to be architecturally consistent with her historic home. We also learned about the well-known artist, Besse Pease Gutman and New Years' Traditions. In November, we toured the Sioux Falls Catholic Cathedral and were enthralled with the multi-million dollar renovations that have been completed. There are plenty of places to catch the Christmas spirit and our group did it in the old fashioned way by visiting the historic Country Store in Nora, SD. We sang Christmas Carols, accompanied by organ, piano, and violin, while sipping hot cider and eating homemade cookies. Christmas at the Nora Store has been going on for 23 years and is hosted by the Store's owner, Mike Pederson. Klondike Mill donated \$50 to the Nora Store fund upon our departure. We recommend this "one of a kind" Christmas experience.

**Laura Ingalls Wilder Chapter Yankton, SD** spent a delightful morning visiting the Nora Store in



Nora, SD; population 5. What makes this store unique is it holds a refurbished organ, a baby grand piano, a spinet piano, a small organ and an old time player piano. Owner Mike Pederson felt a calling to salvage the store and the organ just happened to fall in his lap. Every Christmas Season, he opens up the store to families, neighbors, visitors, musicians and whom ever happens to be in the neighborhood on Friday or Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons. The mood is festive and the all is merry and bright when those who gather sing and play Christmas carols and strangers become friends. This bit of old fashioned history is sustained only by Mike's love for Nora and free will offerings. It is too late for this year as Christmas is just past, but mark your calendars to visit Nora next year. Take the Akron, IA exit. Take an immediate left, go four miles (past Union Grove State Park)

and right at the Rosini Church sign. Continue east, past the church until you arrive at Nora, Sd. population. 5!

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## **Dated Material**



**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:** Lori Ibarolle, President of Laura Ingalls Wilder Chapter #1255 brought to my attention her email is incorrectly listed in the July 2012 edition of RNF incorrectly. Please make the correction to read [lorigin@vyn.mid.net](mailto:lorigin@vyn.mid.net)

Please note the South Dakota State Questers has a new web page. Cecelia Wittmayer will be retiring on June 21, 2013 and thus she has moved it to a hosting service. It is now [www.sd-questers.org/](http://www.sd-questers.org/). Thanks Cecelia for handling this for our state and we wish you good health and best wishes for a super retirement.

The reason for the P&R is to place the money for state restoration around the state. I have been asked, who received it for 2013. The state questers gave \$3000 to Yellow Brick Road, Aberdeen for the restoration of an oil painting by Frank Ashford. The painting is titled—Portrait of a Young Women. Ashford was born in Iowa, but grew up in SD. This painting is one of several Ashford paintings on display in the Dacotah Prairie Museum in Aberdeen.

Please note the International Grant applications are due the end of November, this being an odd numbered year means they will not be available again until 2015. Get going and apply.

I know the Arikara #419 Chapter of Yankton has been working hard on this year's convention. **PLEASE** treat yourself to a fun week-end May 31 and June 1 and attend. This is your organization; it is fun and should be supported by its members.

**DUES ARE DUE TO YOUR CHAPTER TREASURER BY APRIL 1, 2013.** Dues for 2013-2014 are a **TOTAL of \$28.** This breaks down to \$21 to international and \$7 for the state of South Dakota.



