

Brookings County Historical Society-Museum

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Brookings County Commission
520 3rd Street Suite 210
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To: Brookings County Commissioners,

We once again thank Brookings County for your continued support to the Brookings County Historical Society Museum. Our hope is that you, our County Commissioners, were able to visit the museum campus this past year to see how the continued allocation of funds to the museum is helping us achieve our goal to be one of the finest museums in the State of South Dakota.

This past year we completed the construction of the Trooien Horse Drawn Museum building. This building was completed with hours and hours of unpaid volunteer labor, private dollar donations, in-kind donations of materials/supplies and the list goes on. The open house was a great success and brought visitors from near and far distances. The increase in visitors continued throughout the year setting an all time record to the museum.

The museum is open from May 31st to September 30th each year and upon request throughout the year. It is staffed with unpaid volunteers and due to the increased volume of visitors it now requires that we have two volunteers staff the museum each day.

There are many continued plans for the museum. One of our main goals and challenges is the renovation of the Hauxhurst home which was moved from the new site of the Brookings City/County Building to the museum campus in Volga.

As we continue to preserve past and current history of Brookings County for future generations, we thank you for joining us on this journey.

Sincerely,



Darla K. Strande

BCHSM Board Member & Treasurer

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1870 Log Cabin



Christianson Family
Rural School



Main Museum



Farm Equipment
Building



1884 Hauxhurst House



Trooien Museum

Located in Volga City Park in Volga, S.D.