

*The 14th Annual
Oscar Micheaux Film & Book Festival
August 5th – 8th, 2009
Gregory, South Dakota
605-835-9478*

Wednesday, August 5th, 2009

- 7 *PM* Festival Opening Ceremony at the Buttes (If inclement weather, meet in OMC Theater) **Entertainment: Jim Halverson**
- 9 *PM* Tours of the OM Center; Outdoor cinema display of selected Stedman Collection photos at Micheaux Walk of Fame garden. Social Hour at the **Homesteader**

Thursday, August 6th, 2009

- 8:45 *AM* Registration @ Oscar Micheaux Center Lobby
- 9 *AM* Welcome & Orientation at OMC Theater. Jerry Wilske/Diane Wonnemberg, moderators
- 9:15 *AM* Yvonne Hollenbeck (SB) presenting, *Patchwork of the Prairie* – a trunk show of 30 quilts made by members of the same family spanning 135 years. (Jerry Wilske Theatre or Dixon Townhall Theatre)
- 10:15 *AM* Quilter's Tea with Gregory County Quilter's Guild presenting new and vintage quilts; special attention to quilts made during the 1930's from feed and flour sacks.
- 11:30 *AM* Enjoy Lunch on your own (Restaurant list will be available and posted at OMC)
- 1 – 2 *PM* Oscar Micheaux Center –Wilske Theatre: Presentation of winner of April 2009 Oscar Micheaux Independent Film Contest and film debut. Moderated by Jerry Wilske/Sara Winters/Jeff Hinley
- 2-3 *PM* Oscar Micheaux Center –Wilske Theatre: Creative Writing Seminar with discussion of Oscar Micheaux's self-published works., The Homesteader (1917), The Wind From Nowhere (1943), and/or The Case of Mrs. Wingate (1945). Moderated by Jerry Wilske/Sara Winters/Jeff Hinley.
- 3 *PM* Films OM Center Theater: Film showing of "The Plow that Broke the Prairie" and "Surviving the Dust Bowl"
- 5:30 *PM* **Oscar Micheaux Homestead site:** A "Dry Weather Meal of the 30's" **Please bring your own lawn chair to all out door events**
- 7 *PM* **Oscar Micheaux Homestead site:** Dr. Kathy Antonen presents her lecture, "The Resurrection of 470 Acres: A Story of The Land During the Dirty 30's"
- 8 *PM* **Oscar Micheaux Homestead site:** "The Dirty Thirties in Real Time" Richard Papousek narrates an interactive program where participants get to experience a "dust storm."
- 8:30 *PM* **Oscar Micheaux Homestead site:** Open mike discussion on memories of the dirty thirties. Moderated by Diane Wonnemberg

Friday August 7th, 2009

- 8:45 *AM* Registration @ Oscar Micheaux Center Lobby
- 9 *AM* Oscar Micheaux Center –Wilske Theatre: Joyce Jefferson/Jerry Wilske - "Oscar Micheaux – Fact or Fiction" or "Oscar Micheaux – through the stories of his two wives."
- 10 *AM* Oscar Micheaux Center –Wilske Theatre: Sean Flynn-Assoc. Professor at DWU will present: "Over Here, Over There, Gregory Through Two World Wars"
- 11 *AM* Oscar Micheaux Center –Wilske Theatre: John Husmann – Professor at DWU, presents his lecture "The Dirty Thirties in South Dakota: A Brief Historical Overview."
- NOON* We are inviting everyone to bring a brown bag lunch (or should we sell pizza slices from Bubba's and Ranch house??) and will continue discussions with Dr. Flynn and Dr. Husmann.
- 1 – 2:30 *PM* Oscar Micheaux Center –Wilske Theatre; Dr. Norma Wilson (SB): Professor Emeritus, USD will present "One-Room School, South Dakota Stories." A roundtable discussion of one-room school house experiences follows. Diane Wonnemberg, moderator

- 2:30-4 P.M. Meet at Oscar Micheaux Center lobby: "Dirty Thirties Safari." Mark Meierhenry leads a guided and narrated tour of sites in Gregory County where the remains of dust storm days can still be seen.
- 4 - 6 P.M. Oscar Micheaux Center –Wilske Theatre; Oscar Micheaux Film Festival award winning films will be shown. Jerry Wilske, moderator.
- 5:30 P.M. Enjoy dinner on your own. (Restaurant list will be available and posted at OMC)
- 7 P.M. Oscar Micheaux Center Walk of Fame: outdoor cinematic display of selected Stedman Collection photos. Wine and Cheese social hour.
- 7-9 P.M. Oscar Micheaux Center –Wilske Theatre; Mark Meierhenry presents his "Stedman Collection" of Gregory County during the 1930's with a lecture detailing the CCC projects that commissioned the photos and a narrated discussion of each photo.

Saturday, August 8th, 2009

- 9 A.M. Registration @ Oscar Micheaux Center Lobby
- 9:15 A.M. Oscar Micheaux Center –Wilske Theatre; Dr. John Miller Ph.D. SDSU, "The Classic Documentary Movie 'The Plow That Broke the Plain's' and South Dakotan's Reaction to it."
- 10:15 A.M. Oscar Micheaux Center –Wilske Theatre; Don Simmons, Director of McGovern Center, presents his lecture, "Film, Fiction and Fact: The Great Depression in South Dakota."
- 11:15 A.M. Oscar Micheaux Center –Wilske Theatre; Dr. John Miller Ph.D. SDSU, presents "Laura Ingalls Wilder, The Little House books and The Great Depression."
- N.O.O.N. Enjoy Lunch on your own – (Restaurant list will be available and posted at OMC)
- 1-2 P.M. Oscar Micheaux Center –Wilske Theatre; Workshop on preparing for and producing a video-taped oral history. Moderated by Diane Wonenberg and Freya Simpson.
- 2 - 3 P.M. Oscar Micheaux Center –Wilske Theatre; Gregory High School's students present self-produced oral histories of Dirty Thirties survivors. Moderated by Diane Wonenberg.
- 3-5:30 P.M. Oscar Micheaux Center –Wilske Theatre; Showing of Micheaux Films from "The Exile: (1931), "Ten Minutes to Live" (1932) and "God's Step-Children" (1938) Followed by group discussion. Moderator TBA.
- 6 P.M. Enjoy dinner on your own – (Restaurant list will be available and posted at OMC)
- 7:30 P.M. Oscar Micheaux Center Walk of Fame: Festival Closing Ceremony. Moderated by Jerry Wilske.
- 8:00 P.M. Social hour at the **Homesteader** .

This schedule and assignment of moderators are subject to change. Notices & updates will be in the OMC lobby, along with movie titles and times.

*This concludes the Oscar Micheaux Festival 2009
Thank You for attending and participating in the 14th Annual Oscar Micheaux Festival*

Please help spread the word for the 15th Annual Oscar Micheaux Festival, scheduled for August 4-7th, 2010.

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