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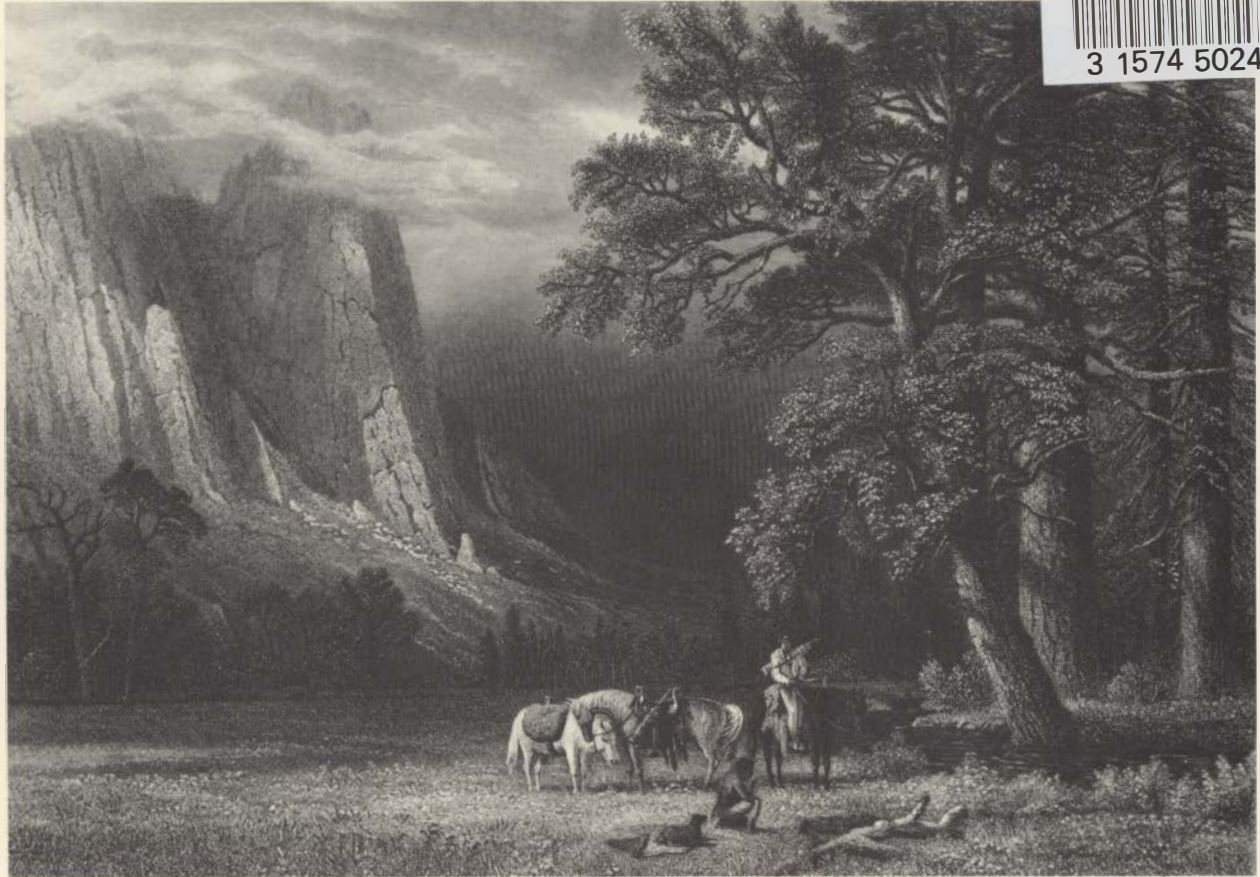
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Albert Bierstadt's "A Halt in the Yosemite Valley," from *Artists of the American West*

FALL SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

Artists of the American West, September 1 - 22, features 48 hand-colored lithographs and wood engravings by such artists as John James Audubon, Albert Bierstadt, Karl Bodmer, George Catlin, Frederic Remington, and John Mix Stanley. The exhibition provides a vivid picture of the American West during its exploration and settlement by Euro-Americans. It is circulated by Exhibits USA, a national division of the Mid-America Arts Alliance, which is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts and private contributions. Members of the Museum and the Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce will have the exhibition all to themselves on Saturday, September 7, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., as the Museum hosts a Chamber after Five

event. The Johnson McKinney Trio will provide music to look, eat, and drink by.

South Dakota Art Faculty, September 29 - November 10, features new work by the artists teaching at the state's colleges and universities. Members of the Museum will have the chance to meet the artists and hear about their work at a Members Preview on Saturday, September 28, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Old Master Prints, November 17-December 8, includes 50 woodcuts, engravings, and etchings from the 15th to 18th centuries by such masters as Albrecht Durer, Francisco Goya, Lucas van Leyden, Giovanni Piranesi, and Nicolas Poussin. The

exhibition is circulated by Exhibits USA. A Members Preview will be Saturday, November 16, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Special exhibitions at the Museum are supported in part by Brookings Friends of the Arts; Gerald and Olive Brown of San Diego, California; Dakota Granite Company of Milbank; and the South Dakota Arts Council, a state agency funded by the National Endowment for the Arts and the South Dakota Legislature.

Ongoing exhibitions from the Museum collections are "American Indian Art," "Harvey Dunn: Son of the Middle Border," "Oscar Howe Paintings," "Marghab Linens," and "South Dakota Art."



Lakota beaded-yoke dress

Ojibwa bandolier bag from Ames gift

Fools Crow's headdress

MUSEUM ACQUIRES MAJOR AMERICAN INDIAN ARTICLES

A choice **Ojibwa** bandolier bag from about 1890 was one of six articles in a gift from the estate of Tom Ames of Castlewood, South Dakota. Bandolier bags, which are worn by a strap over the shoulder like the old military cartridge cases, are a major form of Ojibwa art, and are distinctive with their beadwork in elaborate floral designs on dark velvet panels.

The eagle feather headdress of **Frank Fools Crow**, ceremonial leader of the Lakota or Western Sioux people, was given by Arthur Amiotte of Custer, South Dakota. Fools Crow, who was born about 1890 on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and toured with the Buffalo Bill Cody Wild West Show, became a leading advocate of peace and understanding between Indians and whites.

In 1977, he passed his headdress on to Arthur Amiotte, a Lakota artist and writer. Amiotte felt that such an important symbol of Lakota culture should be at the South Dakota Art Museum, an institution highly respected for its sensitive treatment of American Indian art.

Only special people are permitted to wear eagle feather headdresses. According to Lakota legend, the mother of the first Lakotas was given an eagle feather by Wakan Tanka, the Great Mystery, in appreciation for performing the first good deed. Thereafter, eagle feathers were given to those who performed good deeds, and the eagle feather headdress was worn only by those who epitomized Lakota virtue.

A **Lakota** beaded-yoke deerskin dress from about 1911 has been given by the Museum Guild in celebration of the Museum's 20th Anniversary. The dress, from the collection of Emma (Mrs. Leo) Amiotte of Rapid City, was her mother's. It is a dazzling and unique dress, having a motif of crossed American flags, stars, and American shields in the yoke beadwork.

The Guild's 20th Anniversary Acquisition Fund was established in 1990 with major gifts from the Guild, Allen and Marian Barnes, Sherwood and Elizabeth Berg, Marjorie Denton, the Fishback family, Larson Manufacturing Company, Murray and Elsie Lievan, Jeannette C. Lusk, Norwest Bank, Robert and Jacqueline Sexauer, the South Dakota Federation

PEOPLE



*Charles Greener at work on
"Looking Towards Washington,"
a painting commissioned for President
and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge in 1927*

GREENER COLLECTION TO TOUR STATE

Sixteen paintings from the Museum collection by Charles Greener (1870-1935) will tour in the state and region during 1991-93. Greener came with his family from Wisconsin to Dakota Territory in 1883, and in 1891 settled in Faulkton, South Dakota. By the first decade of this century he was recognized as one of the state's foremost landscape painters. His work was included in "Northwestern Artists," the first survey of art from this region held at the St. Paul Institute in 1915, and he represented South Dakota in the 1932 exhibition at the John Herron Institute in Indianapolis, "The American Scene." Among the paintings in the touring exhibition are "Minnehaha Creek" of 1914, the painting that was in the St. Paul show, and "Honkers at Sunrise" of 1910, his masterpiece that is reproduced in color in William Gerdts new three-volume art history, *Art Across America*. For information on the tour, contact Francine Marcel at the Museum.

Alice Berry, Brookings artist and professor emeritus of art at South Dakota State University, died July 14. She was 75. She is represented with several paintings in the Museum collection, and was active as a painter, collector, and Museum volunteer at the time of her death. She was a major donor of art to the Museum, and over the years gave important work by such artists as ceramist Richard Edie of Brookings, painter Jeff Freeman of Vermillion, and printmaker Stephen Poleskie of Ithaca, New York.

Herbert Cheever, Jr. has been appointed an ex-officio member and secretary of the Museum Board. He replaces Rex Myers on the Board and as dean of the College of Arts and Science at South Dakota State University. Myers is now dean of academic affairs at Lyndon State College in Vermont. Cheever was born in Brookings, studied at Carleton College, South Dakota State, and the University of Iowa, and has taught political science at SDSU since 1968.

Paul Mattingly of the Department of History at New York University visited the Museum in July to research the life and work of Harvey Dunn, the South Dakota-born painter and teacher. Mattingly is writing a book on Leonia, New Jersey, an artist colony where Dunn lived and taught during 1914-18. Dunn studied at

of Women's Clubs, and Robert and Mary Thompson. Additional gifts were made by Lawrence and Phyllis Bartling, Tom and Mary Bezdichek, Hilton and Lillian Briggs, Brookings Savings and Loan Association, David and Naomi Gilkerson, Oscar and Elaine Olson, David and Janet Pearson, Irene Wente, and members of the Museum Guild.

The first 20th Anniversary gift was a 1982 bronze by Dale Lamphere of Sturgis, South Dakota, "Young Long Soldier." That work, a portrait of Martin Longsoldier, an Oglala Lakota Indian, won the American Artists Professional League's Anna Hyatt Huntington Award in 1984.



Paul Mattingly with Harvey Dunn's "After School"

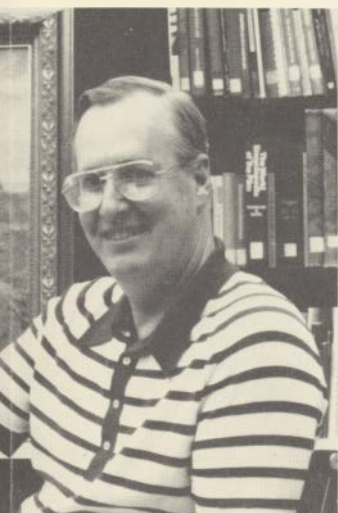
South Dakota State University in 1901-02, and gave a collection of his paintings to the University in 1950. That collection now includes 82 paintings, nine drawings, and three prints, as well as extensive archival material.



Alice Berry



Herbert Cheever, Jr.



MUSEUM RECEIVES ARTS COUNCIL SUPPORT

The South Dakota Arts Council, a state agency with funds from the State Legislature and National Endowment for the Arts, has awarded a \$14,340 General Operating Support Grant to the Museum. The funds will be used to support Museum special exhibitions, touring exhibitions for other communities in the state, films, and lectures during the 1991-92 season. It is predicted that these programs will benefit over 70,000 people.

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