

**2007**  
**South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks**  
**Wildlife Division Small Grants Program**  
**The Journey Museum's "Cultivating a Native Environment"**  
**Final Report**

Our project was to bring families, neighbors, and community members to The Journey Museum Gardens through informational gardening classes and hands-on care of the gardens. The project had three components:

- Adoption of a garden or section of a garden by a family and/or members of the community
- Gardening classes for those adopting a garden and for those interested in taking the classes
- Management and evaluation of the first two components for project sustainability

We recruited families and individuals by delivering flyers to nurseries, The Boys Club, Girls Inc., Girl and Boy Scouts, Churches, Park and Recreation Dept., Senior Centers, and to the Rapid City School District to be given to each child in elementary school.

News releases were sent to radio, television, newspaper, and other media contacts.

The Rapid City Journal wrote a very nice article about the program on May 10, 2007 and our publisher of The Journey Museum Turtle Times wrote an article for the newsletter.

**(Please see enclosed copies)**

We held gardening/informational classes once a month. We originally planned classes to be held twice a month. We faced some challenges here. Qualified individuals were not often available. Some said they would be glad to present for no money, if they had the time. Some said they knew the topic very well but did not feel comfortable presenting in front of a group. Those we did schedule knew their topic, were prepared and gave excellent presentations but often required a higher stipend for their time than the original \$30 per class. By offering a class once a month and giving all presenters a \$50 stipend we covered needed topics with quality instruction. There were 6 to 18 people attending the classes and approximately ¼ were garden volunteers.

Our projected four hours per week for every garden was extremely optimistic as was the number of volunteers we assumed we would have. Fifteen volunteers signed up to work a minimum of two hours per week. Vacation schedules, illnesses, extreme heat, and other reasons kept many from working the gardens more than an average of two hours per week. We were grateful for those who came in the early morning and evening hours on a regular basis, when the temperatures were more tolerable. We signed out keys to the garden shed for access to tools, wagons, and accessories. The volunteers came when it was most convenient for them and appreciated having tools available on-site. We placed a large first-aid kit inside the garden shed and a notebook for them to leave notes and keep track of hours spent.

The Journey Museum has a group of teenagers called the Teen Team working under the direction of our Youth Coordinator. Three of the teenagers adopted a garden and spent many hours learning about and working in our gardens. One teenager found that it was and continues to be his passion.

During the summer months, members of the Teen Team and our gardener, worked with a group of ten, sometimes 20 second graders from Girls Inc. who came every Tuesday morning to work in the gardens. The children's tools, gloves, and wagons were well used. It was truly a pleasure for all involved. We hope to have another group this summer.

Wayne, our gardener, felt that a lot was accomplished with the garden volunteer program and by continuing it we will build a larger dedicated volunteer base for the gardens. As he puts it, "everything worthwhile takes time."

**(Some volunteer pictures are enclosed; I apologize for not having pictures of the Girls Inc. group to send you)**

In November of 2007 our used 25 year old riding mower, without a blade, died. With a wagon attached, we used it to haul mulch, pick up the piles of cutting from the gardens, and transfer bushes and trees for planting. With 11 acres this equipment is essential. A need for this item was not listed in our original budget but after reviewing the numbers and what we had spent and still needed to cover, we looked for a replacement. We found an exceptionally maintained, used riding mower and bought a new trailer for it.

Our monthly mailings proved to be unnecessary as all volunteers had e-mail addresses and preferred to receive information electronically.

Our monthly planning meetings during the months of December, January, and March were in the form of one or two volunteers meeting with Wayne on a Saturday morning while working in the gardens (weather permitting), or dropping into my office to talk. Coordination of a time when we could get the volunteer group together proved to be impossible. Out of the group we have two volunteers who are willing to be leaders or mentor for other volunteers this year.

Over all, our first year with this new program was successful. Thanks to The Game Fish and Parks Wildlife Division Small Grants Program we were able to launch it, buy needed tools and equipment, work it, and now look forward to another year.

# THE JOURNEY MUSEUM

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April 1, 2008

**Doug Backlund**  
SD Dept. of Game, Fish and Parks  
523 East Capitol – Foss Bldg.  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Mr. Backlund

Enclosed is my report for The Journey Museum's adopt-a-garden project "Cultivating a Native Environment." The grant period began April 1, 2007 and ended March 31, 2008.

This grant provided needed financial help to begin a program that I believe will continue for years to come. Thank you for your support.

Highest Regards,



**Diane Melvin**  
Education Director



April 9, 2007

For Immediate Release

**Journey Museum to hold information meeting on Adopt-a-Garden Program**

**Rapid City, SD** – The Journey Museum will hold an informational meeting on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for those who would like to know more about the museum’s “Cultivating a Native Environment,” adopt- a- garden program funded by a grant from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Wildlife Division.

The program will provide families, individuals, and organizations the opportunity to “adopt” one or part of one of the 19 gardens which surround the Journey Museum. They will help with the garden’s seasonal care. Materials and tools will be provided to the gardeners and a series of free gardening classes will be a part of the program

The goal of the program is to provide parents, children, individuals and groups with a natural classroom in which to learn about gardening, especially with regard to the care of gardens consisting of plants indigenous to our climate and soils. Skills learned here can be transferred to garden work done at home and other areas. There is no cost to those who participate in the program. Those who are interested in attending the gardening classes, without participation in the on-site program will be able to pay for the classes they want to attend.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Wildlife Division provided the Journey Museum with a grant of \$4,766 to fund the project, which will serve as the springboard for building a sustainable community gardening program at the museum.

For further information about the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting or the family gardening program, please call Journey Museum Education Director at 394-2535.

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May 22, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Journey Museum Gardening Class for May 26 changes time**

Rapid City – The Journey Museum Cultivating a Native Environment Adopt a Garden Program will hold its first scheduled class on Saturday, May 26. However, the class will not be at 10:00 a.m. as previously announced; it will, instead, be held at 1:00 p.m.

The class will provide gardeners with an introduction to the Journey Museum's Sprinkler System.

The Adopt a Garden Program is being conducted under a project grant from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department and invites gardeners and would-be gardeners to learn more about the skill by "adopting" one of the museum's many gardens. The classes are free to those who choose to adopt a garden and \$10.00 for those who are interested in the topic and would like to sit in on a session.

Classes are held on the <sup>4<sup>th</sup> Sat.</sup> ~~3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday~~ of each month. Other session topics include weeding, soils and evaluation, composting, planning for future growing seasons, tree care and pruning and recipes and crafts from the garden.

Future sessions will return to the 10:00 a.m. time period. For additional information about this and the Adopt a Garden program, contact Diane Melvin at 394-2535.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 18, 2007

**June Gardening Class to Teach Readiness for Planting**

Rapid City, SD – The Journey Museum’s Cultivating a Native Environment Adopt-a-Garden Program continues its series of monthly gardening classes on June 23<sup>rd</sup> with a 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. session on “Weeding, Thinning and Readiness for Planting.” The class is free to those who have adopted upkeep on one or part of a Journey Museum garden and is \$10.00 for those in the general public who would like to attend.

The class will be taught by Journey Museum Head Gardener Wayne Farr and will take place in the museum’s Joe Revere Library and in the gardens.

The Cultivating a Native Environment Adopt-a-Garden Program began at the Journey Museum in May. It is underwritten by a project grant from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department.

For further information about the program, to adopt a garden, or to register for the June class, please call Journey Museum Education Director Diane Melvin at 394-2535.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 2, 2007

**July Gardening: Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About Dirt**

Rapid City, SD – The Journey Museum’s Cultivating a Native Environment Adopt-a-Garden Program continues its series of monthly gardening classes on July 28th with a 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. session on “Soils and Evaluation.” The class is free to those who have adopted upkeep on one or part of a Journey Museum garden and is \$10.00 for those in the general public who would like to attend.

The class will be taught by Craig Knock from Black Hills Hydro-Turf and will take place in the museum’s Joe Revere Library and in the gardens.

The Cultivating a Native Environment Adopt-a-Garden Program began at the Journey Museum in May. It is underwritten by a project grant from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department Wildlife Division.

For further information about the program, to adopt a garden, or to register for the July class, please call Journey Museum Education Director Diane Melvin at 394-2535.

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August 9, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Journey Museum holds gardening class on flower arrangement**

Rapid City, SD – The Journey Museum’s Cultivating a Native Environment Adopt-a-Garden Program continues its series of monthly gardening classes on Saturday, August 25 with a 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. session entitled “Crafts from the Garden.” The class will be taught by master gardener and designer Doug Hesnard, who will show students how to create nosegay arrangements using dried flowers and grasses from the Journey Museum gardens.

The class is free to those who have adopted upkeep on one or part of a Journey Museum garden and is \$10.00 for those in the general public who would like to attend.

The Cultivating a Native Environment Adopt-a-Garden Program began at the Journey Museum in May. It is underwritten by a project grant from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department Wildlife Division.

For further information about the program, to adopt a garden, or to register for the August 25th class, please call Journey Museum Education Director Diane Melvin at 394-2535.

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September 11, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Journey Museum holds gardening class on autumn garden work**

Rapid City, SD –The Journey Museum’s Cultivating a Native Environment Adopt-a-Garden Program will feature a Saturday, September 22 from 10 to 11 a.m. session entitled, “Composting and Putting a Garden To Bed.” The class will be taught by master gardener Brenda Pates.

The class is free to those who have adopted upkeep on one or part of a Journey Museum garden is \$10.00 for those in the general public who would like to attend.

The Cultivating a Native Environment Adopt-a-Garden program began at the Journey Museum in May. It is underwritten by a project grant from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department Wildlife Division.

For further information about the program or to register for the September 22 class, please call Journey Museum Education Director Diane Melvin at 394-2535.

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Monday, October 22, 2007

Contact: Education Director, Diane Melvin

605-394-2535

For Immediate Release

**Journey Museum to hold gardening class on plant survival during winter months**

Rapid City, SD – The Journey Museum’s Cultivating a Native Environment Adopt-a-Garden Program will feature a Saturday, October 27 from 10 to 11 a.m. session entitled, “Plant Winter Survival.” The class will be taught by Bill Keck, Horticulture Educator for the Pennington County Extension Office.

The class is free to museum members and those who have adopted one or part of a Journey Museum garden. It is \$10.00 for those in the general public who would like to attend.

The Cultivating a Native environment Adopt-a-Garden program began at the Journey Museum in May of 2007. It is underwritten by a project grant from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department Wildlife division.

For further information about the program or to register for the October 27 class, please call Journey Museum Education Director Diane Melvin at 394-2535.

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November 8, 2007

For Immediate Release

**Journey Museum to hold gardening class on tree care and pruning**

Rapid City, SD – The Journey Museum’s Cultivating a Native Environment Adopt-a-Garden Program will feature a Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 11 a.m. session entitled, “Tree Care and Pruning.” The class will be taught by David L. Johnson, President of the Johnson Tree Company. Mr. Johnson is a certified Arborist, a registered professional forester in both South Dakota and Wyoming and serves on the Rapid City Urban Forestry Council.

The class is free to those who have adopted upkeep on one or part of a Journey Museum garden and is \$10.00 for those in the general public who would like to attend.

The Cultivating a Native environment Adopt-a-Garden program began at the Journey Museum in May of 2007. It is underwritten by a project grant from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department Wildlife division.

For further information about the program or to register for the November 17 class, please call Journey Museum Education Director Diane Melvin at 394-2535.

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## Let's Garden Together

*Families and members of the community adopt a garden and enjoy time together in a beautiful natural setting!*

There will be free gardening classes for those adopting a garden or part of one.

Interested or just curious, please join us for our first meeting Saturday April 28, 10:00 am  
Call 394-2535

### THE JOURNEY MUSEUM

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### **Cultivating A Native Environment Adopt-A-Garden Program**

**schedule for gardening/maintenance classes**

**Free to those who have adopted a garden**

**\$10 for those interested in the topic and would like to sit in.**

Sat. @ 10:00 am.

May 26 - The Journey Museum Sprinkler System - everything you wanted to know and more

June 23 - Weeding, Thinning, & Readiness for Planting

July 28 - Soils and evaluation

Aug 25 - From the Garden, Nosegay arrangements

Sept 22 - Composting and "Putting Gardens to Bed"

Oct 27 - Plant Winter Survival

Nov 17 - Tree Care and Pruning



# ● Cultivating a Native Environment

Adopt-a-garden program

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**THE JOURNEY  MUSEUM**

# THE JOURNEY MUSEUM

Welcome! We are glad you are interested in our “Cultivating a Native Environment” adopt-a-garden program.

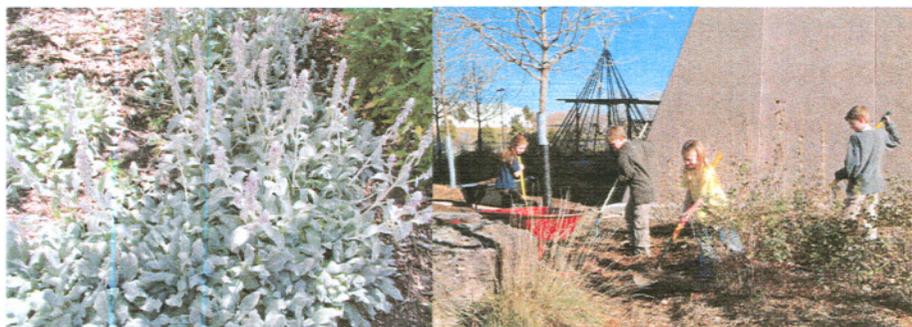
We are asking for

- Families, friends, and organizations to join us for basic garden care by adopting one or a part of our 20 gardens
- A commitment of working in a garden two hours a week (you may work more hours if you like). You pick the day and time. We hope to develop some kind of schedule.

We will

- Hold monthly gardening, maintenance, and activity type classes free of charge to those adopting a garden
- Provide tools, gloves, and other materials to work with in the gardens (depending on the number of people working in the gardens at the same time, tools may run short)
- Hold monthly planning meetings in the winter months to plan and organize for the next growing season
- Encourage the most dedicated volunteers to assist in the management areas of the garden program
- Keep all volunteers informed through e-mail, mailings and phone calls

Our Goal is to provide a catalyst for neighborhood and community development, stimulate social interaction, encourage self-development, beautifying the neighborhood, produce nutritious food, and create opportunities for recreation and education.



*Let's Garden Together. Have Fun  
And  
Cultivate a Native Environment*

*People to Contact*

*Education Director - Diane Melvin - (605) 394-2535*

*Gardener - Wayne Farr - (605) 342-2157*

# Adopt a garden



Wayne Farr, a part-time gardener, works the 20 gardens that adorn the landscape around The Journey Museum, cultivating the native plants that fill them.

Steve McInroe/Journal staff



Courtesy photo

Tom Allen is one of only a handful of volunteers who now help maintain the gardens at The Journey Museum.

*If you can spare a few hours a week and love to garden, The Journey wants you*

By **Jomay Steen**  
*Journal staff*

**F**or some, they might as well admit it — they're addicted to gardening.

For those who want to cultivate the beauty of native flowers and vegetation, or the fresh tastes of garden fruits and vegetables, The Journey Museum has an ideal program.

The "Cultivating a Native Environment" adopt-a-garden program invites organizations, clubs, groups, families, friends or individuals to hone their basic gardening skills in one or a portion of the 20 gardens situated on 11 acres of museum property.

Education Director Diane Melvin said volunteer gardeners would

need to do garden work for a minimum of two hours a week. Volunteers can choose when they work in the gardens.

The program would include free monthly gardening classes, tools for use in gardens, garden gloves, winter planning meetings for the next growing season and more.

"We will need 50 people or more for this program to be a success," Melvin said.

Tom Allen, a volunteer and Master Gardener, hauled away about 15 bags of leaves and debris last week from the museum plots he

has tended since 2003.

Allen, who retired from admissions at Western Dakota Technical Institute and the U.S. Air Force, describes himself as an avid gardener, but he emphasizes that volunteers don't have to be expert gardeners to take part in the program.

"Everybody knows what a dandelion looks like and can remove it," he said.

He and Pam Hendricksen both tackled the plots covering the southern terraces during their initial volunteer stint. At that time, nearly four years ago, there were a few shrubs, a lot more dandelions and not much more. Last year, he dedicated 120 hours to his adopted garden, and it shows.

See **Adopt**, Page C2



Melvin

CATHIE DRAINE

## Plant Swap kicks gardening season into high gear

You know that spring is really here and the gardening season is about ready to slip into high gear when friendly greetings change from "How are you? Are you anxious for spring?" to "When's the Plant Swap?" The answers are "Fine. Yes. And the Rapid City Almost Free Annual Plant Swap is Saturday morning, May 19, at the 4-H Building at the Central States Fairgrounds."



Cathie DRAINE

The committee is confident that that space — a new venue for the Plant Swap —

will ensure a large indoor area for the plants, a comfortable area for participants, plenty of tables, chairs and restrooms, and ample parking.

Those who attended last year will find that this year's planning is similar. Note the following:

- Bring all material — plants, tools, pots, gardening magazines and catalogs — to the west door of the 4-H Building between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Large signs will be visible, and there will be committee members to help you.

- Anyone bringing material will receive a numbered coupon good for four plants when the swap begins at 10 a.m.

- People who want to obtain plants but have nothing to share may donate \$1 and

receive a numbered coupon good for four plants.

- After plants and swap goods are dropped off and coupons obtained, participants may go in the north door (look for the signs) of the building to enjoy complimentary Starbucks coffee and homemade treats provided by members of the committee — Master Gardeners, Rapid City Garden Club and friends.

- When the swap begins at 10 a.m., participants will enter in groups of 30 through the inside door connecting the refreshment area with the plant-display area. When all who brought plants have had the chance to collect theirs, the people who

See **Swap**, Page C2



Courtesy photo

The Rapid City Almost Free Plant Swap has become an anticipated gathering time for area gardeners, as shown in these photos from last year's swap. Quantities of plants — material thinned from gardens in spring cleaning or the excess plants of compulsive seeders — in addition to tools, magazines and seeds are exchanged and shared.



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# Adopt: Museum seeks help to nurture garden

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Allen's plot now contains bluebells, Echinacea — a purple cone flower — large groups of Maximilian sunflowers, deep, dark mahogany and yellow coreopsis — both native Plains and perennial plants. Tall, yellow goldenrod, milkweed, switchgrass and blue stem grasses are all given room to grow with a sprinkling of tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers planted among the flowers that people can pick if they like, he said.

"I try to incorporate native plants that would look good, but also be eye-catchers that would make people stop to look at them," Allen said of his garden.

Wayne Farr, whose family came from generations of farmers and who grew up in the neighborhood, works as a part-time gardener in The Journey Museum gardens.

He generally begins his weekdays from 6 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. ridding the museum grounds of trash and rubbish before turning his attention to the plants and vegetation.

Last week, he took a walking tour of the 11-acre property, pointing out a variety of areas that would blossom with the care and attention of the right group of gardeners.

"A lot of these gardens

didn't get any loving care from last year. They're very fallow," he said.

He knows that over the next six to eight weeks with volunteers helping with the edging, trimming, weeding, mulching, composting, pruning, deadheading and watering, the grounds and trees will evolve into a spectacular showcase of native vegetation and flower gardens.

"We have an enormous variety of native plants and trees here. There are 36 honey locust trees in the parking lot alone," Farr said.

All of the areas will benefit from gardeners' experiences in cultivating plants in their own yards.

Farr pointed out that they have a triage system of treating the garden hot spots in the most need of care. A log trellis that supported wild grapevine broke down last winter near the wild sumac. It will need to be replaced, the vines cut back



Farr

and the area cleared.

Next to it, a tipi ring will be tilled for the planting of gourds, corn, squash and beans. Along the ring's edge are Alpine strawberries and a perennial wild strawberry that is much smaller and sweeter as its commercial cousin.

"We allow people to harvest the fruits and berries," Farr said.

This includes the fruits from chokecherry trees and bushes and those of the buffalo berry bushes. Farr personally coaxes these rare trees and bushes to produce year after year.

"I talk to them and tell them not to go away," he said.

Melvin said that once fall comes, the excess fruits, vegetables and legumes harvested are kept in baskets at the museum so people can help themselves and take some home.

"We're appealing to groups, organizations, families, individuals and friends who want to get together on a weekly basis and spend time together," she said.

To adopt a garden, call Melvin at 394-2535.

Contact Jomay Steen at 394-8418 or [jomay.steen@rapidcityjournal.com](mailto:jomay.steen@rapidcityjournal.com).

According to estimates, if everyone recycled their Sunday newspaper, 500,000 trees would be saved each week.

## Monthly gardening maintenance class

**What:** "Cultivating a Native En series

**When:** Saturdays at 10 a.m.

■ May 26 — The Journey Museum Everything you wanted to know about

■ June 23 — Weeding, thinning

■ July 28 — Soils and evaluation

■ Aug. 25 — From the garden:

■ Sept. 22 — Composting and

■ Oct. 27 — Keeping track, next season

■ Nov. 17 — Tree care and pruning

**Where:** All classes are at The Journey Museum, 1000 York St.

**Admission:** \$10 for adults, free for teens. For information, call 394-2535.

**Other:** Organizers highly recommend you update their tetanus shots if new bacteria are found in soil, dust, an

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| 2006 | \$401            |

— Source: National Gardening Association

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Diane Melvin, Education Director  
Kristi Thielen, Youth Coordinator



### Teacher Ambassadors design curriculum 'Outside the Box'

Under the Bush Foundation Youth Initiative education grant, eight Teacher Ambassadors have begun work on curriculum projects for The Journey Museum. "They are wonderful to work with and are doing fantastic things; we look forward to the 'testing' of their projects in the months to come," says Education Director Diane Melvin.

Vicke Vogel's project will explore the history of ledger art. Students will apply the historical and cultural concepts in a personal ledger art expression.

Sean Gholson is designing a self-guided tour of the Journey Museum called "In Hunting For History." Brochures for grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 will contain questions from the Journey Museum accompanied by picture clues.

"Inquiry Based Geology in a Box: The Black Hills Rock!" by Mark Farrand offers a lab-based inquiry learning experience with representative rocks and minerals found in the Black Hills plus GPS coordinates of sites to find them.

Steven Slow Bear will explore "Family Ties: Genealogy of Lakota Chiefs, Headmen, Leaders."

Connie Krueger's "Journaling Our Journeys: Interaction, Reflection, Exchange" invite exploration of one's own thoughts and experiencing the past by interacting with the museum exhibits. "I also wanted to bring the literacy/best practices research I have studied for the past five years to this project," Connie says.

"Excursion into Lakota Culture" by Vera O'Grady will use a trunk of items and lessons relating to Lakota culture and history for grade 7-8 teachers and students.

Deb Daly's "In My Backyard: In Pursuit of Black Hills Trivia" explores Lakota culture, pioneer life, and storytelling/literature (Native American and other).



Teacher Ambassadors Claire Newman (Red Cloud Indian School) and Vicke Vogel (Douglas High School).



Bush Foundation Youth Initiative grant funds Teacher Ambassadors Steven Slow Bear (Red Cloud Indian School), Vera O'Grady (Dakota Middle School), Deb Daly (Dakota Middle School), Connie Krueger (Central High School), Mark Farrand (Central High School), Sean Gholson (Douglas High School).

"Voices of the Pine Ridge Community" by Claire Newman will exhibit interviews and supplementary video clips, documents, maps, etc. on the Journey Museum website.

### Journey wins SDGF&P grant for Native Garden adoption project

South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks Wildlife Division Small Grants Program has awarded The Journey Museum a grant of \$4766.00 for their garden project "Cultivating a Native Environment."

The Journey Museum rests on 11 acres surrounded by natural landscaping of the Western Dakota Native Gardens. Our project will bring families, neighbors, and community members to the museum gardens through informational gardening classes and hands-on care of the gardens. The Project has three components:

- Adoption of a garden or section of a garden by a family and/or members of the community.
- Gardening classes for those adopting a garden and others when room permits.

- Management and evaluation of the first two components for project sustainability.

The eight gardens of the Journey Museum continue to grow. They are in need of care and maintenance. The City provides mulch and mows the lawn. Funding to pilot our family/community gardening program will help us build a growing base of interested families and individuals to maintain the gardens and keep them natural and beautiful.

Our goal is to provide a catalyst for neighborhood and community development, stimulate social interaction, encourage self-development, beautifying the neighborhood, produce nutritious food, and create opportunities for recreation, exercise, therapy and education. If interested in adopting a garden or part of a garden please call Diane Melvin, Education Director at 605-394-2535.

