

Small Town Big Art T's – adult sizes for \$25 (includes tax)

We can't guarantee you'll look as good as Franny Myers, who serves on the Hill City Arts Council's Board of Directors, but we invite you to try!



Magic by Sarah Rogers

Produced for the Hill City Arts Council, this signed Limited Edition Giclee on canvas (12" by 12") is ready to hang on your wall! Only 12 remain. **\$350**

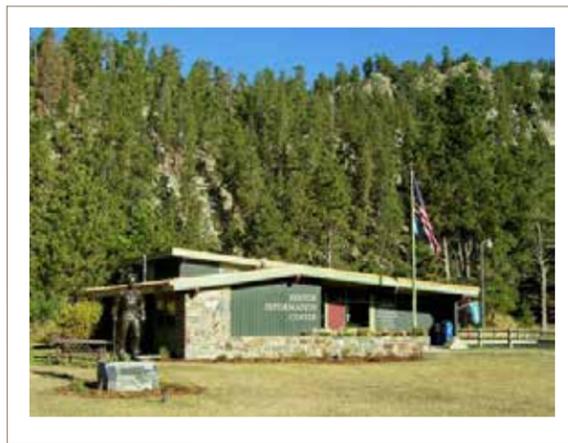
Wine Glasses

A great gift or enjoy a glass of wine with the Hill City Arts Council. **\$10 each.**



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EVENTS AND NEWS

SPRING 2016

One Songwriter's Story

Dustin works the night shift at Hill City's sawmill. He's 39 now, but like a lot of kids, he dreamed of being a rock star. He says he got a lot of practice because he spent plenty of time in his room, grounded! That's where he taught himself how to play the guitar.



January, February and March 2015 to practice and test out his songs on audiences. In those couple of months he went from nervous to joyful to confident. He's had 20 or more paying jobs since then.

Eight years ago Dustin came to the Hill City Arts Council's Open Stage. His first time out, he bombed (according to him). We didn't see him again until this last winter. When he got up to the microphone, just like almost every other new musician who gets up on that stage for the first (or even second) time, he apologized for being nervous and for screwing up his still un-sung song. But he played his guitar and he sang and he rocked the house! People were asking... "who IS this guy?"

Turns out Dustin had scored a big gig as an emerging artist in Rapid City and he was nervous and wasn't sure if he could do it. But he came to Hill City's Open Stage, not just to one night but to all six nights in

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Dustin's advice? If you want to be a musician – if you want it really bad – you just need to get up on that stage and get through that song. And you need to do it again and again. He credits Hill City's Open Stage for giving him the confidence he needed to do it again and again.

Join us or sponsor a 2016 Open Stage night. Your support pays for costs to produce the event. Additional donations fund the Arts Council's commitment to youth programs. Open Stage, now in its 10th year, is produced with Crow Ridge Productions and hosted by Dan Dickey.

Open Stage

January 9 & 23, February 6 & 20, March 4 & 18

We're a small town with big talent! Each winter the Hill City Arts Council hosts an Open Stage twice monthly at Chute Roosters in Hill City. Singer/songwriters share their love of music with an appreciative audience who packs the house. Show starts at 6 pm (new start time this year).



SCULPTURE IN THE HILLS

Free to Public June 25-26 with Invitation-only Preview Night on Friday, June 24.



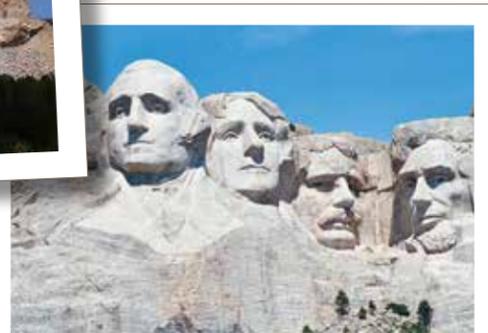
Access Art!

Our goal is to bring art to Hill City and the Black Hills, but also to inspire conversation and fun with many art forms. At the annual Sculpture in the Hills Show & Sale, more than 20 artists participate each year, many of whom love Hill City and return again and again, and always there are new artists to meet.

In 2015 sculptors shared with attendees their process and secrets for producing these fine art objects. Kids from the Boys & Girls Club of the Black Hills also were invited to create clay creatures with the help of art students from Black Hills State University. And happily for the artists, sales at this annual show grow each year, making it a success for the Arts Council and the sculptors who attend. Always free, always the last weekend in June – on Hill City's Main Street.



Our inspiration – two of the world's largest sculptures just minutes away.



Meet the Hill City Arts Council's new Executive Director!

Cheryl Whetham grew up in the Black Hills and returned to the area 4 years ago. She has been an avid supporter of the arts in Hill City since her return. Cheryl brings an appreciation of art along with a wealth of experience in different cultures, manufacturing operations, and large scale project management in the USA, Finland and China.



HILL CITY WRITERS' WORKSHOP

For the love of words!

October 7-9, 2016

Writers enjoy an autumn weekend in the Black Hills improving their writing and learning from renowned writer-mentors in small group and one-on-one sessions, and in craft panels designed for writers of all skill levels. 2016 marks the second year for this program, unique to the region.

In October 2015, 25 writers worked intensively with four renowned South Dakota writer mentors and 50 more people attended a day-long workshop and keynote dinner. Using the successful model we created in 2015, we'd like to expand the workshop – more writers, more mentors!

Visit our website for information on registration and fees.

From a 2015 Participant from Sioux Falls:

"Thank you so much. Your efforts have fruits that you never see nor enjoy. But know those fruits exist and better the world."

From 2015 Workshop Writer-Mentor Pamela Smith Hill, whose book *Pioneer Girl* was a *New York Times* Best Seller:

"I thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and thought it was beautifully organized and executed. I'm delighted but not surprised to hear that your feedback from workshop participants was positive. I think all the mentors had unanimous praise for the Hill City Arts Council and workshop participants. I came home feeling inspired."



Art for Kids and Scholarships for Hill City High School Seniors

my first camera for film school, but it helped push me towards pursuing this type of career. It was nice to have a group of people supporting my interests and trying to help out."

Now, Colton is winning awards at festivals for "best editing." Perhaps Colton's best editing happened in Hill City when he decided to go to Film School!

Your donation will add to our scholarships for seniors or contribute to our goal of including "kids' art programs" in all of our events and offerings.

"I was actually set to go to college to study law until my senior year in High School when I began to doubt that was truly my passion." Colton McKie insists it wasn't an epiphany, but one day he realized that he wasn't a 9- to-5 guy who wanted to wear a suit and tie everyday. "It was like a snowball rolling downhill" when he imagined himself making money storytelling, and pursuing his favorite form of art – film.

Colton is in his third year of Film School at University of Colorado, Denver. The Hill City Arts Council gave Colton a scholarship to pursue that dream. "Not only did the scholarship help me purchase

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