Diversity Awareness is also a theme in the Boe Forum on Public Affairs

The forum examines national and global issues of interest to the people of the Northern Plains and celebrates diversity in gender, race, religion, age, and nationality.

Neil deGrasse Tyson (2017)—first African American Director of the Hayden Planetarium, American Museum of Natural History

Mary Robinson (2011)—first woman U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights and first woman president of Ireland

Madeleine Albright (2010)—first woman U.S. Secretary of State

Pervez Musharaff (2009)—President of Pakistan, a Muslim nation, at the time of 9/11 and during the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq

Sandra Day O’Connor (2008)—the first woman justice of the U.S. Supreme Court

Vicente Fox (2007)—first President of Mexico to break 70 years of single-party rule

Desmond Tutu (1999)—Nobel Laureate and South African civil rights activist and opponent of apartheid

Colin Powell (1995)—first African American Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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NATIVE AMERICAN INITIATIVE

Diversity in the Northern Plains
2017-18
Fine Art Collection Purchases and Exhibits:


- April-September, 2017: *A Few among 80,000: The Blue Cloud Abbey Image Collection*, an exhibit featuring images from the American Indian Culture Research Center Archives at CWS. Liz Cisar, Collections Assistant, is available to present her illustrated talk on this topic to area service clubs and churches.

- April 21-22, 2017: *Religion and Spirituality in the Northern Plains* (49th Dakota Conference) featured a major address on “Oceti Sakowin Spirituality and Religion” by Charmaine White Face, Oglala Lakota environmentalist, Elder of the Oglala Sioux Nation, and Spokesperson for the Sioux Nation Treaty Council, who received the Distinguished Contribution to the Preservation of the Cultural Heritage of the Northern Plains Award, presented by the CWS Board of Directors. Also speaking were Marcella LeBeau (Cheyenne Sioux), Billie Kingfisher (Oglala Lakota), and Karla Abbott (Cheyenne Sioux). Plains Indian topics included the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the Dakota Access Pipeline; Santee Sioux Survival; Lakota War Shield and Eagle Feather Headdress, 1872-2017; Blood Run and Other Sacred Sites in the Eastern Great Plains; Prairie Spirit of Drifting Goose; Ghost Dance and Great Awakening on the Plains; Representation of American Indians in South Dakota Social Studies Curriculum; Missionaries, Religion, and Dancing at Standing Rock, 1880-1950; Lakota Hunting and Animal Ceremonialism; and Return of the Sacred Ghost Dance Shirt.

- May-October, 2017: *Weathered: The Northern Plains Landscape as Shaped by the Elements* features original artwork by Native American artists Jerry Fogg and Sharon Welch.


- February 16-18, 2018: 38th Artists of the Plains Art Show & Sale, held at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Sioux Falls, will feature several Native American artists from the Northern Plains.

- March-June, 2017: *Seventh Generation: Mending the Hoop* exhibit at CWS. At the invitation of members of the Pipe On Head family in Oglala, artist Carolyne D. Landon is chronicling seven generations of life on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation since the 1890 Wounded Knee massacre through paintings of Chief Big Foot and his Pipe On Head grandsons up to the present seventh generation.

- April 20-21, 2018: *Korea and Vietnam: 25 Years of War in Asia* (50th Dakota Conference) will feature presentations by and about Plains Indians as participants in these two conflicts, which continue to impact the Northern Plains.