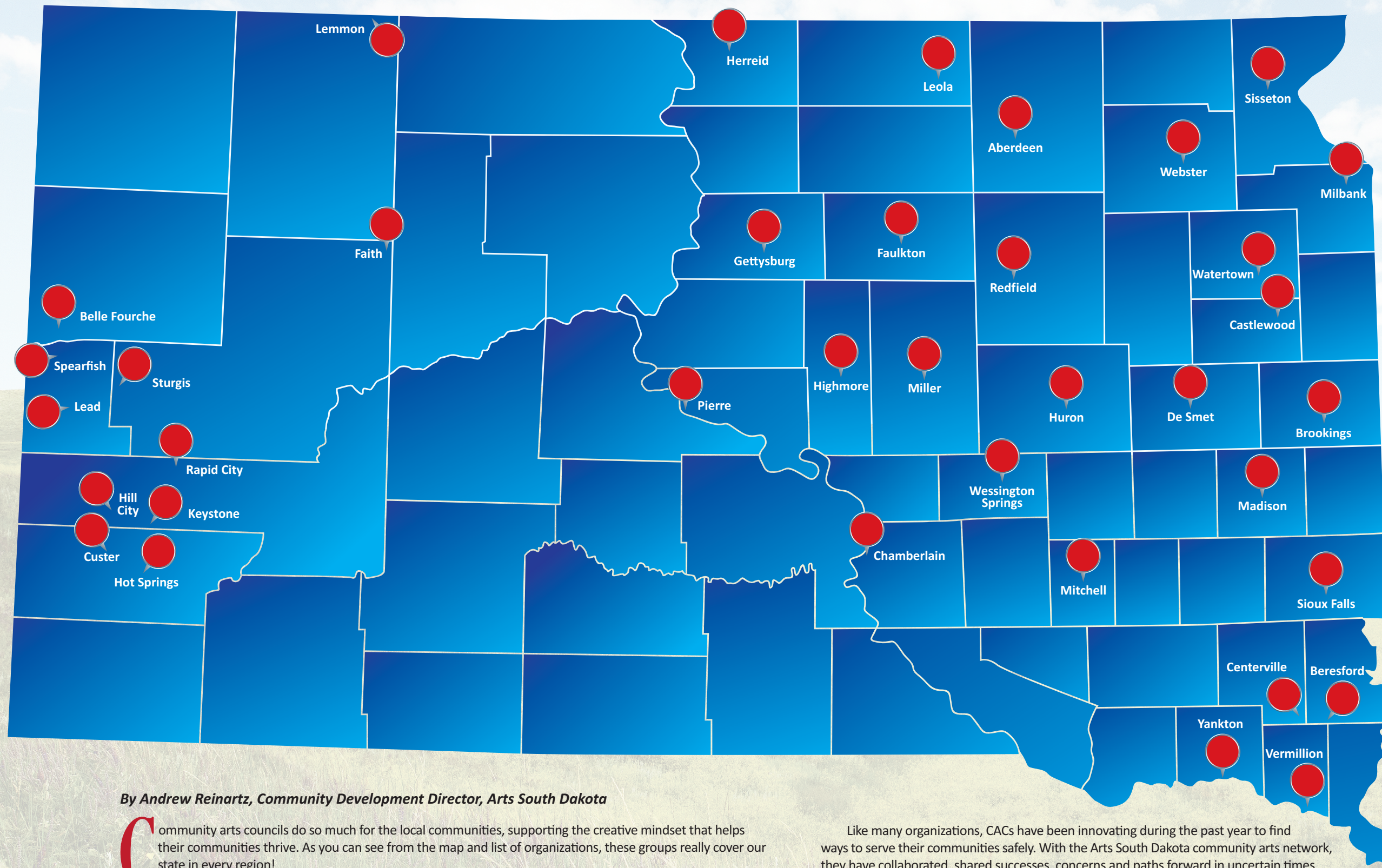


Community Arts Councils: *Bringing a local focus to creativity and the arts*



- Aberdeen Area Arts Council
- Belle Fourche Arts Council
- Beresford Arts Council
- Brookings Arts Council
- Campbell County Arts Council, Herreid
- Castlewood Arts Council
- Centerville Community Arts Council
- Central Plains Arts Council, Miller
- Chautauqua Craftsmen & Artisans of the Black Hills, Hot Springs
- Custer Area Arts Council
- Dahl Fine Arts Center & Rapid City Arts Council
- Day County Arts Council, Webster
- De Smet Area Arts Council
- Faith Arts Council
- Faulkton Area Arts Council
- Grand River Arts Council, Lemmon
- High Plains Arts Council, Gettysburg
- Highmore Area Council of the Arts
- Hill City Area Arts Council
- Historic Deadwood Lead Arts Council
- Huron Area Arts Council
- Keystone Arts Council
- Leola Arts Council
- Madison Area Arts Council
- Missouri Valley Arts Council, Chamberlain
- Mitchell Area Arts Council
- Northern Prairie Arts, Watertown
- Redfield Area Arts Council
- Short Grass Arts Council, Pierre
- Sioux Falls Arts Council
- Sisseton Arts Council
- Springs Area Council of the Arts, Wessington Springs
- Sturgis Area Arts Council
- The Matthews Opera House and Arts Center, Spearfish
- Vermillion Area Arts Council
- Whetstone Arts Council, Milbank
- Yankton Area Arts

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Community arts councils do so much for the local communities, supporting the creative mindset that helps their communities thrive. As you can see from the map and list of organizations, these groups really cover our state in every region!

Importantly, the work community arts councils (CACs) do is specific to serving their local need—so they come in all shapes and sizes. Run entirely by volunteers or fully staffed, they range from full-blown arts centers, to providers of performance series and bookers, to gathering places for arts education classes—and whatever else needs to be done to support the unique needs of their areas. This allows CACs to be nimble, focusing on community identity, vitality and creative problem solving.

Like many organizations, CACs have been innovating during the past year to find ways to serve their communities safely. With the Arts South Dakota community arts network, they have collaborated, shared successes, concerns and paths forward in uncertain times.

Please support your local arts groups, like these arts councils, as they work to support your communities. Think of what your life would be like without the many creative artists, performers, teachers, students and bold thinkers around you. We need the arts now more than ever! Find the full directory and contact info of these arts councils, or submit your organization to be added, at www.ArtsSouthDakota.org/Arts-Directory/.