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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## The Lasting Gifts of the Civilian Conservation Corps

RAPID CITY, SD - The Journey Museum & Learning Center announces the next event in its Fall Learning Forum series, set for Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> titled, "The Lasting Gifts of the Civilian Conservation Corps". Otto Bochman and former Black Hills CCC member Jay Hendrickson will discuss the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps, a Depression-era work relief program for young males.

"The Lasting Gifts of the Civilian Conservation Corps" Learning Forum begins at 2 p.m. on November 5 in The Journey's Wells Fargo Theater. Bochman and Hendrickson will explore the numerous projects completed by the CCC during the 1930s and early 1940s. Video interviews of former CCC members will be shared. In addition, Hendrickson will give insight and answer questions about his own time in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Jay Hendrickson was born on Valentine's Day in 1921. When he was 6 years old, Hendrickson "took pennies and dimes to school to start the mountain (Mount Rushmore) out here". Hendrickson and his family moved to Mystic, SD in 1929 when his father lost his job due to the Great Depression. Hendrickson was raised in a cabin in Mystic, where his father worked as a carpenter. Otto Bochman is a board member and volunteer at the CCC Museum of South Dakota in Hill City.

Learning Forums are wide-ranging, thought-provoking presentations. Each program features a forty-five minute presentation, followed by an open forum with questions and discussion about the topic.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, half-off for members & free for students with a paid adult/senior admission (includes museum admission).

For more information and details about this event or other items, be sure to call (605) 394-6923 or email visserv@journeymuseum.org.

The Journey Museum and Learning Center was established in 1997 and is conveniently located in downtown Rapid City at 222 New York St, 2 blocks east of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center right across from the Club for Boys. Visit www.journeymuseum.org to find additional schedule information and 'like' us on Facebook!