



Mount Rushmore Society
Mount Rushmore Institute

Mailing Address:

PO Box 1524
Rapid City, SD 57709

Location:

711 North Creek Dr.
Rapid City, SD 57703
1-605-341-8883
FAX 1-605-341-0433
info@mtrushmore.org

Mount Rushmore Bookstores
Mount Rushmore Audio Tour

Mount Rushmore
National Memorial
13036 Hwy 244
Keystone, SD 57751
1-605-574-1333
1-800-699-3142
FAX 1-605-574-3144
bookstores@mtrushmore.org

Mount Rushmore Memories
Airport Store

Rapid City Regional Airport
4550 Terminal Road #206
Rapid City, SD 57703
1-605-791-6868
anna@mtrushmore.org

The Mount Rushmore Society—through the Mount Rushmore Bookstores, the Mount Rushmore Audio Tour, Mount Rushmore Memories and other activities—is dedicated to the preservation, promotion and enhancement of Mount Rushmore National Memorial and the values it represents through a partnership with the National Park Service.

MEDIA ALERT:

October 3, 2017

Debbie Ketel Speas | 605-381-8296 | debbie@mtrushmore.org

President “Thomas Jefferson” to Make Community Appearances

Re-enactor Steve Edenbo will bring history to life as President Thomas Jefferson during two community presentations on **Friday, October 6**. Sponsored by the Mount Rushmore Society (Society), these presentations are held to engage others about the life, personality and role President Jefferson had on the country.

Edenbo will perform for residents at Westhills Village at 10:30 am. He will then make a presentation to area homeschool students at The Journey Museum at 1 pm.

Thomas Jefferson impersonator, historian and motivational speaker Steven Edenbo has entertained and inspired audiences of all ages since 1999. He has researched Jefferson as a resident fellow at Monticello's International Center for Jefferson Studies in Charlottesville, Va. His keynotes and one-man shows bring Jefferson's leadership and vision to the forefront.

Edenbo appears regularly at such venues as The National Archives and Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C., and at Independence Hall and the Declaration House in Independence National Historical Park, Philadelphia, PA. He has been featured on the History Channel and has matched wits with Stephen Colbert on Comedy Central's *The Colbert Report*. Other organizations he has performed for include The Smithsonian Institution, the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, The American Legion, the VFW, the US Mint, The University of Virginia, the National Governors Association, Thomas Jefferson University & Hospital, and many others.

This community outreach also serves as a kick-off to the Society's annual presidential dinner. **This year, the dinner is themed, *An Evening with Thomas Jefferson*, and will be held Saturday, October 7, beginning at 5 pm at Mount Rushmore National Memorial.**

The Compass Group, Rangel Construction Company, Dakota West Books, First Interstate Wealth Management, Andy & Barb Knight, Xanterra Parks & Resorts, Visit Rapid City, Black Hills Community Bank, Eric Gardner, Simpson's Printing, West River Monument Company, Fenske Printing, Black Hills Badlands Tourism Association, First Interstate Bank, Great Western Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Haggerty's Musicworks and Fenske Printing are sponsors.

--more--

The Mount Rushmore Society is dedicated to the preservation, promotion and enhancement of Mount Rushmore National Memorial and the values it represents through a partnership with the National Park Service.

--end--