



# Plains Talk

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## New exhibits will offer history for everyone

Soon you will be able to stake a look at a full-scale *T. rex* cast ready to battle with a *Triceratops* in the newly installed Adaptation Gallery: Geologic Time. This gallery is the first of four to be completed. From monstrous sea creatures living in primordial oceans to dinosaurs, sloths, and saber-tooth cats, the specimens and artifacts in this gallery cover the fascinating story of the evolving landscape in North Dakota from 500 million years ago to today.

In early December, installation of exhibits began in the Innovation Gallery: Early Peoples. Devoted to the earliest peoples of North Dakota, the gallery will highlight the beauty and breadth of the State Museum collections. Exhibits will feature archaeological artifacts from prehistoric cultures, the story of the fur trade, oral histories, and stunning collections from historic and contemporary tribal life.

Photo: Brian Austin



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Photo: Brian Austin



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Photo: Angela Johnson



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IN THE ADAPTATION GALLERY: (A) The museum's new *Archelon*, a 12-foot long giant sea turtle. (B) A full-scale *Tyrannosaurus rex*, 35 feet in length, roars at a *Triceratops* (not pictured). (C) Temporary staff member Rheanna Haaland mimics the *Xiphactinus*, a 16-foot long tarpon-like fish.

Take a look at the beautiful Adaptation Gallery: Geologic Time!

# "JFK & North Dakota" debuted as our first touch table exhibit

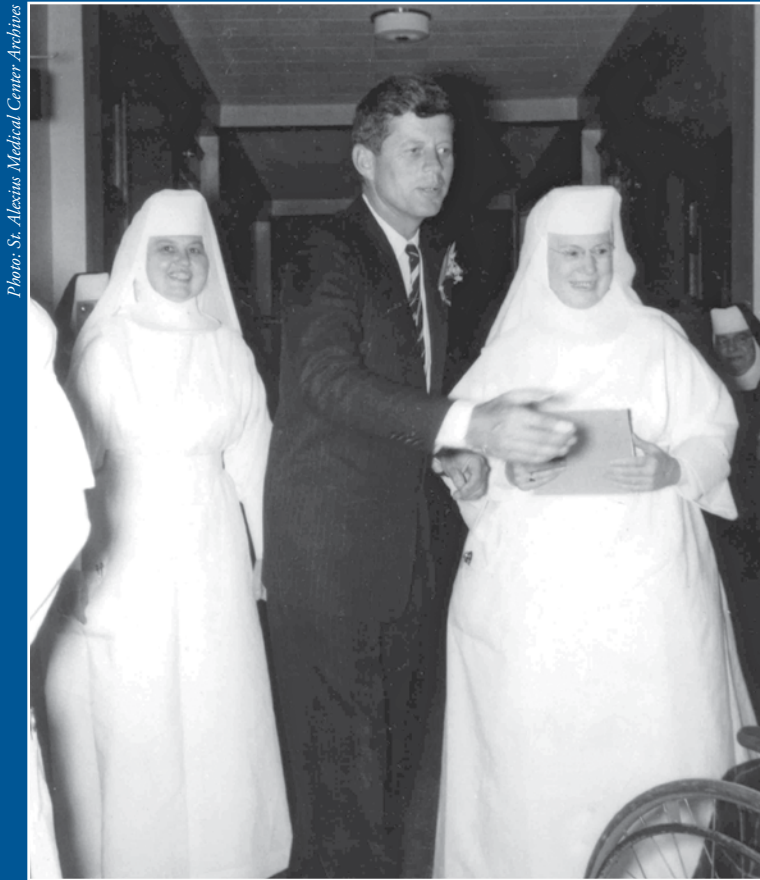


Photo: St. Alexis Medical Center Archives

Senator John Kennedy visited St. Alexis Hospital in 1958.

Come and view our new interactive touch table exhibit commemorating John F. Kennedy's visits to North Dakota in the Missouri River Event Center (lobby) of the ND Heritage Center. The exhibit "JFK & North Dakota: 50 Years Later" showcases the State Archives collection of photographs, documents, news clippings, and video footage of John Kennedy's time in the state.

Kennedy visited North Dakota five times from 1958 to 1963, both as a senator and president of the United States. During his final visit on Sept. 25, 1963, he gave a speech at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. Less than eight weeks later, he was assassinated. Video footage of Kennedy's UND speech, as well as other rare videos and images from JFK's visits, are on display for the first time.

"JFK & North Dakota," which opened in November, is the first exhibit of the State Historical Society produced on a touch table. This computerized touch table allows users to easily search through documents, view photos, and watch video images. This table and one that will be used in a gallery were generously donated by USDA US Forest Service.

## Sold-out JFK symposium explored president's legacy

The State Historical Society partnered in the recent "The Kennedy Legacy: 50 Years Later" symposium with Bismarck State College and The Dakota Institute. Exploring the life and times of President John Kennedy, the symposium keynote was Washburn native Clint Hill, a US Secret Service agent for Jacqueline Kennedy. The symposium was sold out. For those who were not able to watch the speakers, including Communications & Education Director Kim Jondahl, you will soon be able to watch the entire symposium on Dakota Media Access and on the State Historical Society's YouTube channel.



Photo: Bismarck Tribune

Former Secret Service Agent Clint Hill, who grew up in Washburn, was the keynote for the symposium.



## Annual Report Available Online

The agency's 2011-2012 annual report, "Expanding Upon Excellence," is available on the State Historical Society's website at [history.nd.gov/book/shsnd/annualReport/](http://history.nd.gov/book/shsnd/annualReport/).



# A Young Volunteer Attends Archaeology Camp

By Wendi Murray,  
Archaeology Collections Manager

Seventh-grader Crystal Mills had the adventure of a lifetime this summer, when she attended a five-day Middle School Archaeology Program at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in Cortez, CO. One of the State Historical Society's youngest volunteers, Crystal has been working in the archaeology lab since June 2012. One afternoon every week, Crystal sorts artifacts that were excavated from a large Mandan village site located just north of Bismarck.

Though she has been working in the archaeology lab for over a year, Crystal's interest in history and archaeology is somewhat of a family tradition. Crystal spent much of her childhood at the family farm in Menoken, ND, where she often encountered artifacts. She describes her parents and grandparents as history buffs who instilled in her an interest in antiques, genealogy, and archaeology from a very young age.

Her introduction to the Society's archaeology lab was through a visit last April with a youth group. They came to sort artifacts for a couple of hours. As luck would have it, she ended up finding a shell bead and a bone fishhook that day. She also found several rim sherds from a pot, which she was able

to refit. Her mother, Kerri, remembers what Crystal told her after she came home: "She said, 'You aren't going to believe it, Mom, but they asked me to come back and volunteer in June! You would not believe the stuff that goes on in there.'"

Since then, Crystal has been dedicated to her work in the lab, even volunteering to sort the smaller size grades (objects less than 3mm!) that many people find difficult. Kerri said this is characteristic of Crystal. "She is not a kid who gives 10 percent. When she finds something she likes, she gives it 100%." From the beginning, Crystal and Kerri have worked as a team, sorting and identifying artifacts after school.

Crystal's growing interest in archaeology drew her to Crow Canyon. There students work alongside professional archaeologists, learn about Ancestral Puebloan culture and human adaptation in the Southwest, and participate in archaeological research in



Photo: W. Murray

Crystal Mills, age 12, sorts artifacts from the Larson Village site at the Heritage Center's archaeology lab.

the Mesa Verde region. Not only was Crystal accepted, but she also received a full scholarship for tuition, room, and board. "My experience at Crow Canyon Middle School Archaeology Camp was spectacular," said Crystal. "I would recommend this camp to any teenagers interested in archaeology."

When asked what advice she would give to other kids interested in archaeology, Crystal recommends they try both indoor (laboratory) work at the Heritage Center and outdoor (field) work at Crow Canyon. Her preference is lab work. She would like to be a laboratory archaeologist when she gets older. In the short-term, she hopes to return to Crow Canyon next year.

## Renowned painter creating early village scene in new gallery

We are thrilled to have nationally renowned artist Robert Evans painting a one-of-a-kind scene of Double Ditch Indian Village in a cyclorama within the Innovation Gallery: Early Peoples. When visitors step into the cyclorama, they will get a sense of entering the busy village as it was in about 1550. Evans painted this mural in November and December 2013. It features earth lodges, people, and daily life of the village. His murals can be seen in museums, zoos, aquaria, civic buildings and residences in the Boston area and across the United States.



Photo: Brian Austin

## Service Awards Presented to Our Heritage Volunteers

A big thank you goes to all of our volunteers! During the past year, Heritage Volunteers (statewide) donated close to 11,000 hours to our agency. Since 1981, Heritage Volunteers have donated over 385,000 hours.

Verlyn Larson received the **Dedication Award** for having served the most hours from May 2012 to April 2013. In that time Verlyn volunteered 506 hours in the State Archives and with the SHSND Foundation.

Erna Lahr received the **Hospitality Award** for outstanding service to the public. Since 1990 Erna has been on the front line with our visitors. She has a welcome for every person who enters our doors, assists with training new volunteers, and is always striving to do what is best for visitors. In her 23 years as a volunteer, Erna has served 3,749 hours.

The **Youth Award** was presented to Sawyer Flynn, a volunteer at MYCIC. Sawyer has researched several buried at the Fort Buford cemetery to develop historically accurate accounts of individuals buried at the cemetery. He uses that information to “ghost” persons as part of the Fort Buford cemetery walk each October.

The **Curatorial Award** for exceptional achievement in a non-public area was presented to Mary Diebel, who works in Archaeology & Historic Preservation. Mary has been working in the lab for about six years, sorting through thousands of artifacts. Mary also works as a docent and has worked in the State Archives.

**Ten years of service awards were presented to Mavis Anderson, Dolores Helma, Jeannie Bird, and Valerie Otto.**

**Twenty years of service awards were presented to Kathie Hall and Darlene Turitto.**

**First hundred hours of service awards were presented to:**

Karen DaSilva, Former Governors’ Mansion (FGM)  
 Mary Diebel, Archaeology & Historic Preservation  
 Donna Frohlich, Museum Store  
 Mike Heyd, information desk  
 Marsha Lembke, information desk  
 Marian Oakland, Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center  
 Paul Olson of Fargo, Foundation Board  
 Karen Thompson, Society for the Preservation of the FGM  
 Gary Tibke, Archaeology & Historic Preservation  
 Joan Von Rueden, Society for the Preservation of the FGM

## New co-managers’ roles for agency’s historic sites

In summer 2013, Mark Sundlov joined Diane Rogness as a co-manager of the 56 regional state historic sites. Diane is directing activities at Camp Hancock, Chateau de Mores/Interpretive Center/Park/Packing Plant, Former Governors’ Mansion, Fort Abercrombie, Whitestone Hill, Cannonball Stage Station, Fort Dilts, Fort Ransom, and Fort Rice. Mark is managing activities at Fort Buford/MYCIC, Fort Totten, Gingras, Pembina, Oscar-Zero/November-33, Double Ditch, Fort Clark, Huff, Menoken, Stutsman County Courthouse, David Thompson Memorial, Molander, Pulver Mounds, Walhalla, and Writing Rock state historic sites.

## Cultural Heritage Grants awarded

In October, the State Historical Society awarded more than \$224,000 in Cultural Heritage Grants to 27 organizations and homeowners throughout the state. Under the guidelines for Cultural Heritage Grants, a maximum of \$20,000 is available per grant, with a dollar-for-dollar match requirement either in cash or in-kind services.

“We are delighted with the tremendous response to this program,” said Merl Paaverud, director of the State Historical Society. “It was a challenging task to review and make the choices from so many outstanding proposals, and shows the real need locally for this kind of support. We hope to continue the State Historical Society’s grant program in the future and appreciate the efforts of the North Dakota Legislature in making this program a reality.”

## New state historical board officers elected

New officers of the State Historical Board were elected in July 2013 for the next two years. Calvin Grinnell was named president, Art Todd is vice president, and Margaret Puetz is secretary. We appreciate the leadership of the board.



# Properties added to National Register of Historic Places

Four ND properties have recently been listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register of Historic Places is the federal government's list of properties it considers worthy of preservation and recognition.

- Alderman School District #78, located north of Valley City, is a one-room schoolhouse in nearly original condition. This school exemplifies the ideal rural school building prior to World War II, as set by state laws and regulations.
- The Ambassador and President Apartments, along with the caretaker's cottage, make up the Skarsbo Apartments in Grand Forks. They are an excellent example of 1920s apartment buildings in Grand Forks and are the only matching apartments built as a complex.
- The Hariman Sanatorium in Grand Forks was the first chiropractic hospital built for the purpose of chiropractic care in the nation. Dr. George E. Hariman's work at this facility and his significant contributions to chiropractic practice, education, and legislation until his death in 1977 influenced the nation.
- The Clark House in Goodrich was built in 1901 by a homesteader who owned the land where the town would be built. This Colonial Revival residence is an excellent example of its type and stands as a reminder of a time of rivalry and change in Sheridan County.

Entry into the National Register of Historic Places gives a property prestige, provides protection from federally-assisted projects, and provides eligibility for certain preservation financial incentives. Lorna Meidinger, architectural historian with the agency, manages this program.



Alderman School District #78



Ambassador and President Apartments



Hariman Sanatorium



Clark House

## Civil rights explored at Governor's History Conference

Dr. Terrence Roberts, a nationally acclaimed speaker and former Little Rock Nine student, was the keynote of the 25th Governor's History Conference on Sept. 21, 2013. About 260 people attended the free public conference focused on civil rights and social justice. An additional 250 people attended the Bismarck premiere of the *Little Rock Nine* film on Sept. 22. The conference was hosted by the State Historical Society of North Dakota and was partially sponsored by the *Bismarck Tribune* and United Printing.

Dr. Roberts made history as a member of the Little Rock Nine, the nine African-American students who helped to desegregate Arkansas' Little Rock Central High School in 1957. The world watched as students braved intimidation and threats from those who opposed integration of the formerly all-white high school. Dr. Roberts is currently CEO of Terrence J. Roberts & Associates, a California management consultant firm devoted to fair and equitable practices.

"I want us to think seriously about living in a society where some people are privileged but others are not, and we take it a matter of course that this is the way it is," Dr. Roberts said.

Additional speakers were Rep. Joshua Boschee of Fargo, North Dakota US Attorney Tim Purdon, Dakota Institute Director Clay Jenkinson, United Tribes Technical College President Dr. David Gipp, and Carl Oberholtzer, a Fargo retired social studies teacher and historian.

The ND Heritage Foundation annual meeting took place during the conference, and awards for outstanding achievements in the field of history were also presented.

Survey results from the conference were outstanding and will help us to prepare for the 2014 conference scheduled for Oct. 18, 2014.

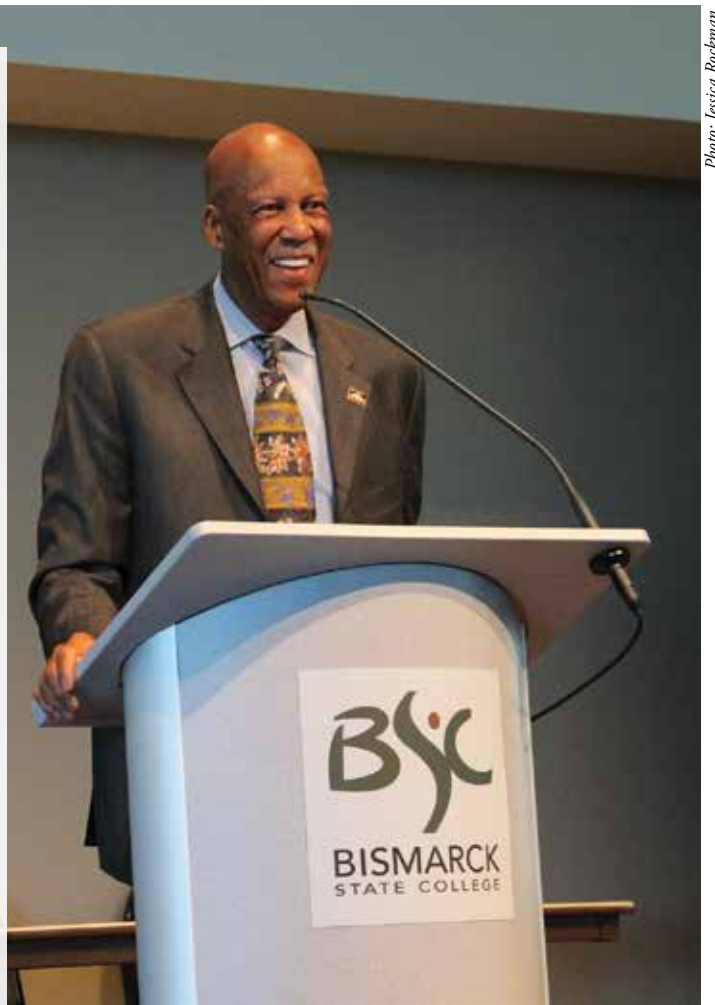


Photo: Jessica Rockman

## Medora drama selected for national presentation

*Recollections of Murder & Mayhem in Medora*, a drama, was selected for presentation at the IMTAL 2013 Global Conference at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, DC, in October 2013. The 2013 Global Conference attracted museum professionals from around the world to share examples of how the field is evolving and innovating.

The 20-minute museum drama is presented every weekend during the summer at the Billings County Museum in Medora. It recounts circumstances

of the Marquis de Morès' gun fight and murder trial in 1885. The drama is performed by three actors: Doug Ellison as Frank O'Donald, Karen Nelson as saloon owner Miss Jewell, and Don Ehli as A.T. Packard, editor of the *Bad Lands Cow Boy*.





## With Great Gratitude

**A**s we look around us at the Foundation office, it is with great gratitude that we review the happenings of spring, summer, fall, and winter of 2013.

**New Building Outstanding:** Construction on the expanding North Dakota Heritage Center continues. Donors and friends touring the facility comment that the building is extraordinary and is far beyond their expectations.

**Fundraising Continues at Good Pace:** Nearly \$11.7 million has been raised to date. Marlo Sveen, development director and Karl Lembke, development officer, are working with a number of major donors for new gifts. Donors like the project and are impressed with the progress on the building.

**Donors Contributing to Exhibits:** The Foundation development team has organized tours into the fields and plants of agriculture and energy sectors for the exhibit planning staff. Companies are donating equipment as well as industry videos, which will be components of the exhibits and learning labs in galleries.

**2014 Recognition Event Planned:** On April 24, 2014, the Foundation will host its second Recognition and Thank You Event honoring Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, Inc. for their \$1.3 million donation to the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center. The theme for the event will be “the power of human connections.” Touchstone members are Basin Electric Power Cooperative, North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, Great River Energy, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., and National Information Solutions Cooperative. Other honorees will be A Kirk and Janet Lanterman, Tesoro, and USDA US Forest Service, the late Governor William Guy and the North Dakota Legislature. The event will be held at the Ramkota Hotel. Everyone is welcome. Contact the Foundation office for advance ticket sales.

### 2013 Legislative Efforts

**Impressive:** Thank you to our History’s Trustees and donors and friends who helped support our efforts during the 2013 Legislative Session by testifying, filling hearing rooms and visiting with their local legislators. The Society’s budget reflected some new staff and additional funding for operation of the expansion, but more will be requested from the 2015 legislature.



Photo: Kim Jonadahl

SHSND and NDGS staff, Great Plains development team, and Foundation members enjoyed an oil rig tour to learn about the industry and possible artifacts for display in the State Museum galleries.

**A grand opening celebration is planned for November 2, 2014, on the 125th Anniversary of statehood. We are so very grateful.**

**Check it out! The SHSND Foundation’s Expansion Campaign Website: [statehistoricalfoundation.com](http://statehistoricalfoundation.com)**



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 Trustee Membership  
 Development

## January

### January to April 2014

**Red Roof Presentations**, one-hour educational programming is presented monthly January-April. Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center, Medora, 701.623.4355.

### January 10

**State Historical Board meeting**, 9 a.m., North Dakota Heritage Center.

### January 10-11, 2014

**Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site open**, 1 to 5 p.m. Free admission. In Bismarck at the corner of Fourth Street and Avenue B. 701.328.9528.

### January 11

**State Archives open**, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### January 11

**Red Roof Presentations**, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Professional Genealogist Patrice Hartman will guide attendees through beginning family research. Registration required at 701.623.4355.

### January 17-18

**Confluence Quilters**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join the *Confluence Quilters* for their monthly meeting at the Confluence. All experience levels invited and instruction provided. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, 701.572.9034.

### January 19

**Concert at the Confluence**, 3 p.m. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

## February

### February 8

**State Archives open**, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### February 8

**Heritage Outbound Winter Adventure**, at the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site near Stanton. To register, contact SHSND Curator of Education Erik Holland at 701.328.2792 or email eholland@nd.gov.

### February 13

**Fort Buford History Book Club**, 7 p.m. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. Please call in advance, 701.572.9034.

### February 14-15

**Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site open**, 1 to 5 p.m. Free admission. In Bismarck at the corner of Fourth Street and Avenue B, 701.328.9528.

### February 14-15

**Confluence Quilters**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join the *Confluence Quilters* for their monthly meeting. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, 701.572.9034.

### February 16

**Concert at the Confluence**, 2 p.m. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

## March

### March 1-May 15

**Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site** begins new visiting hours, Thursdays-Saturdays and Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. Central Time. For more, visit [www.history.nd.gov](http://www.history.nd.gov) or call 701.797.3691.

### March 3

**Poetry Out Loud (tentative)**  
Contact Erik Holland, 701.328.2792.

### March 7

**National History Day in North Dakota Northwest Region**, Minot State University. Contact Erik Holland, 701.328.2792.

### March 8

**State Archives open**, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### March 13

**Fort Buford History Book Club**, 7 p.m. Join history buffs in an interesting discussion of the month's selected book. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. Please call in advance, 701.572.9034.

### March 14-15

**Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site open**, 1 to 5 p.m. Free admission. In Bismarck at the corner of Fourth Street and Avenue B, 701.328.9528.

### March 14-16

**Quilt Show and classes**, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Capital Quilters will host **National Quilting Event** on March 15. ND Heritage Center. For more, contact Jenny Yearous, 701.328.2099.

### March 14-15

**Confluence Quilters**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join the *Confluence Quilters* for their monthly meeting. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, 701.572.9034.

## April

### April 6

**Easter Egg Hunt**, 2 to 4 p.m. Pembina State Museum, 701.825.6840.

### April 10

**Fort Buford History Book Club**, 7:30 p.m. Join history buffs in an interesting discussion of the month's selected book. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. Please call in advance, 701.572.9034.



**April 11**  
**North Dakota Genealogical Society meeting**, 1-3 p.m., State Archives, North Dakota Heritage Center. For more, contact SHSND Reference Specialist Greg Wysk at 701.328.2541 or email gwysk@nd.gov.

**April 11**  
**State Historical Board meeting**, 9 a.m., North Dakota Heritage Center.

**April 11**  
**National History Day in North Dakota** competition. For more, call SHSND Curator of Education Erik Holland at 701.328.2792, email eholland@nd.gov or visit nd.nhd.org.

**April 11-12**  
**Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site open**, 1 to 5 p.m. Free admission. Located in Bismarck at the corner of Fourth Street and Avenue B, 701.328.9528.

**April 12**  
**State Archives open**, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**April 12**  
**Easter Egg Hunt at the Confluence**, weather permitting. **Concert at the Confluence** at 3 p.m. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, 701.572.9034.

**April 19**  
**Easter Egg Hunt**, 11 a.m. (MT) at the Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, 701.623.4355.

**April 20**  
**Easter Sunday**. North Dakota Heritage Center, Pembina State Museum, Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site, and Chateau de Mores State Historic Site Interpretive Center closed.

**April 20**  
**Concert at the Confluence**. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

**April 20**  
**Confluence Quilters**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join the *Confluence Quilters* for their monthly meeting at the Confluence. All experience levels invited and instruction provided. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, 701.572.9034.

**April 24**  
**Earth Day Celebration** in Bismarck Armory. Contact Erik Holland, 701.328.2792.

**April 24**  
**SHSND Foundation Donor Recognition and Thank You Event** will take place Thursday, April 24, 2014, at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. Those being honored will be Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, which includes Basin Electric Power Cooperative, ND Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, Great River Energy, Minnkota Power Cooperative; NISC National Information Solutions; Kirk and Janet Lanterman; Tesoro and the USDA Forest Service; the late Governor William Guy; and the ND State Legislature. Contact the SHSND Foundation at 701.222.1966 to purchase tickets.

## Join us for a one-day outdoor adventure

On Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, join us as we explore winter life at Fort Clark State Historic Site and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. The annual Winter Adventure Heritage Outbound program is sponsored by the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation, the State Historical Society of North Dakota, and the North Dakota Geological Survey.

The day will begin with a snowshoeing experience at Fort Clark. On the trail, we will discuss historic maps of the area and how the Missouri River has changed its course.

After a meal at the Knife River Indian Villages Visitor Center, participants will snowshoe on trails through Hidatsa villages with State Historical Society staff Erik Holland and Timothy Reed and John Hoganson of the North Dakota Geological Survey. The group will visit Awaitixa Xi'e, or "Lower Hidatsa Village" and Awatixa, also known as "Sakakawea Village" and learn about village life.

At the visitor center, warm up with hot chocolate as you learn how a fire can be kindled from flint. Use atlatls to throw spears or try ice gliders. Later gather around a fire in an earthlodge for a traditional feast. An unforgettable evening continues with traditional stories and American Indian flute music.

This outdoor program requires moderate physical activity and is recommended for ages 12 years and older. Registration is \$65 per person, including two meals, snowshoe use, activity supplies, and presentations. Register online at [heritageout2014.eventbrite.com](http://heritageout2014.eventbrite.com). Registration is limited. For more information visit [history.nd.gov/events/heritageoutbound.html](http://history.nd.gov/events/heritageoutbound.html). Contact Erik Holland at 701.328.2792 or eholland@nd.gov with questions.



# Welk property under consideration as a state historic site



Photo: Allan Burke, Emmons County Record

In July 2013, the State Historical Board met in Strasburg. The public was invited to comment on the purchase of the Welk property.

The State Historical Society board voted on Jan. 10 to proceed with crafting a purchase agreement for the Welk Homestead located on six acres near Strasburg. Agreement language will be drafted and will include stipulations on repairs to be made before the sale will be closed. The motion also allows for local preservation groups and residents to fund repairs and operate the site through June 30, 2015.



SF/SND Archives

Lawrence Welk dances with Norma Zimmer, the "champagne lady."

## How the oil boom is affecting the Historic Preservation office

By Fern Swenson,  
Archaeology & Historic Preservation Director

North Dakota's oil production has increased from 2,800 active wells in 2008 to nearly 8,500 active wells today. The inundation of people, machinery, and development to what was a predominantly rural region of farmers, ranchers, and open space has stretched resources across the state including the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (NDSHPO), based out of the State Historical Society.

Our office has seen a 97% increase in the new and updated North Dakota Cultural Resource Site forms submitted, a 126% increase in Cultural Resource Manuscripts submissions, and 112% increase in acreage surveyed. The demand for Section 106 reviews has increased 233%. Job responsibilities have shifted to provide adequate review of projects in keeping pace with the current trend of incoming undertakings.

Fortunately, over the last twelve years, the office has made significant strides in developing a geographic information system for site records and cultural resource investigations. The spatial data is kept current, and cultural resource reports have been scanned and linked to the spatial data. The next phase will involve scanning about 70,000 site records and developing a secure system to provide researchers with remote access to these sensitive datasets. The electronic capabilities of these records have been instrumental in dealing with the rapid development occurring in the state.

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## Creative gifts available at museum stores



The museum stores at state historic sites are filled with unique gift ideas for all ages. Rhonda Brown, museum store manager, says there is something to please everyone in the inventory. The five museum stores operated by the State Historical Society offer unique handcrafted items from North Dakota artists, including pottery, jewelry, pine needle baskets, books by North Dakota authors, gift baskets, and more.

Coordinating with the State Historical Society's touch table exhibit featuring President John Kennedy, the museum store offers a variety of JFK-related items such as books, White House music, puzzles, and custom T-shirts and mugs.

Museum stores are open during the winter at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck, the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center in Medora, the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center near Williston, the Pembina State Museum in Pembina, and the Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile Site near Cooperstown.



Photo: Brian Austin

North Dakota Geologic Survey paleontologists Jeff (L) and Amanda Person (R) are the parents of Payton, whose tiny footprints (to scale) between them are now a permanent part of the new museum floor in the Corridor of History—the main hallway. Tracks and footprints embedded in the terrazzo floor with help guide visitors among the four galleries. Other tracks will include *Tyrannosaurus rex* footprints, the prints of horse and oxen, train tracks, and more!

## HEARTFELT

### Gifts *for the* New Year

Fine jewelry and sculpture  
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10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat-Sun



## Society News

### *Our Mission:*

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the heritage of  
North Dakota  
and its people.*



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In December 2013, the Tom and Francis Leach Foundation gave a generous gift of \$600,000 to the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center. This gift will sponsor the new Great Plains Theater, located near the Heritage Center's new entrance. "The board of directors of the Tom & Frances Leach Foundation is very proud to make this grant to the Heritage Center. This beautiful new building is a testament to the importance North Dakotans place on preserving their history," said Brian Bjella, president of the Leach Foundation Board.

Pictured (Front from left): SHSND Director Merl Paaverud; Gov. Jack Dalrymple; State Historical Foundation Executive Director Virginia Nelsen; Dalles Schneider of the Foundation Board; Rep. Diane Larson, State Treasurer Kelly Schmidt and Mark Zimmerman of the State Historical Board. Back from left: Karl Lemke of the State Historical Foundation; Todd Steinwand, Executive Director Pam DesRoches, Bill Daniel, President Brian Bjella, and John Roswick of the Tom & Frances Leach Foundation.

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