



Plains Talk

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A 'Smithsonian of the Plains'

New North Dakota Heritage Center Designs Unveiled



New architectural designs and a detailed model showing the second phase of expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center were unveiled at a series of luncheons throughout the state in October. The luncheons, sponsored by the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) and its Foundation, showed the detailed design concepts for the \$52.4 million expansion project.

The 2007 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$1.5 million for the expanded designs for the 97,000-square-foot-addition.

"In 2014, we will be celebrating our 125th anniversary of statehood. What better time than that to showcase an extraordinary state museum that reflects our rich heritage and history, not only for us, but also for our children and for generations to come," said SHSND Director Merl Paaverud. "It would be a won-

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Top: This view of the proposed Phase II expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center shows the facility facing southeast on the state capitol grounds in Bismarck. This main entrance from the east would provide a new opportunity to bring visitors to the state capitol complex from the busy adjacent highway. The *Northern Lights Atrium* design would draw travelers like a magnet. **Above:** This interior view of the proposed Phase II expansion of the Heritage Center looks west down the *North Dakota Corridor of History*. This corridor would connect all areas of the building, including its many galleries. The wall opposite the galleries would become a timeline of international, national and state history, placing North Dakota's history in context with world events.

Prehistoric Life in North Dakota

Corridor of Time Nears Completion

Exciting new displays to finish the *Corridor of Time* exhibit, just inside the main gallery at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck, are scheduled for completion in December.

A grand opening is planned for January 10, 2009, with family activities highlighting a day of prehistoric fun. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., paleontologists will be available to identify fossils for visitors and show specimens from millions of years ago. State Historical Society staff will be also on hand with games and crafts for children. A 1 p.m. ribbon cut-

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derful gift to the people of our state.”

The luncheons were held in Fargo, Grand Forks, Devils Lake, Jamestown, Bismarck, Dickinson, Williston, and Minot.

In addition to the 97,000-square-foot addition, this Phase II project would also include renovation of existing portions of the Heritage Center. In the Phase I expansion efforts, more than \$21 million in investments were secured from state, federal, and private sources to enhance regional state historic sites, the most recent being Fort Abercrombie near Fargo and Wahpeton, and the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center in Medora. This also included a \$5.7 million expansion of the State Archives funded primarily through a bond approved by the 2005 Legislative Assembly. A strong grant program was also approved by the Legislative Assembly, along with a funding mechanism for a Preservation Emergency Fund to help with regional historic preservation projects.

Beyond providing badly needed new collections space and exhibit galleries, the Phase II expansion would also include:

- *Hub of History Information Center* for sites and activities throughout the entire state, offering computer-generated maps, tours by interest and/or region, and ticketing information for special events, tours, and bus trips
- *The First Peoples Gallery*, about the 11,000-year history of American Indians on the Northern Plains
- *The Geological Time Gallery*, about the hundreds of millions of years, including the era of the dinosaurs, that preceded the arrival of humans in what is now North Dakota
- *The Governors Gallery*, designed primarily for high-profile, temporary exhibits
- *The Inspiration, Opportunities, and Innovation Gallery* adds the past 70 years to North Dakota’s story, which in the present gallery ends at 1941
- *The North Dakota Corridor of History*, a 25-foot-wide passageway connecting the new galleries and featuring floor exhibits, high-tech wall murals, and visitor seating
- *The Great Plains Theater*, a 60-seat theater offering Smithsonian-quality programs
- *The Northern Lights Atrium*, a beacon that will welcome all visitors
- A café, outdoor patio, and expansive spaces for special events and conferences
- High-tech signage to announce programs and exhibits to attract visitors

- Children’s galleries and learning labs featuring interactive, hands-on exhibits
- Facilities for conferences and meetings with business-friendly technology
- Large-scale high-definition images of historic and beautiful vistas of North Dakota

“**Our working plan is to seek funding** from a mix of private sources, the federal government, and state funds,” Paaverud said.

“It’s critical that we continue to build resources for heritage tourism in our state to tell the story of living on the Plains, inspiring our youth about the accomplishments of our inventors and innovators and, the stories of our ancestors, and showcasing our pride in our world-class accomplishments and rich history in North Dakota,” said SHSND Expansion Coordinator Claudia Berg.

The Phase II design concepts have been detailed by the architectural firm of Lightowler Johnson Associates of Fargo, in partnership with HGA Architects and Engineers of Minneapolis.

“This exciting and ‘must see’ expanded North Dakota Heritage Center draws on the timeless architecture of the existing building designed by the architectural firm AWBW of Bismarck 25 years ago and creates a ‘Smithsonian of the Plains,’” said SHSND Foundation Director Virginia Nelsen.

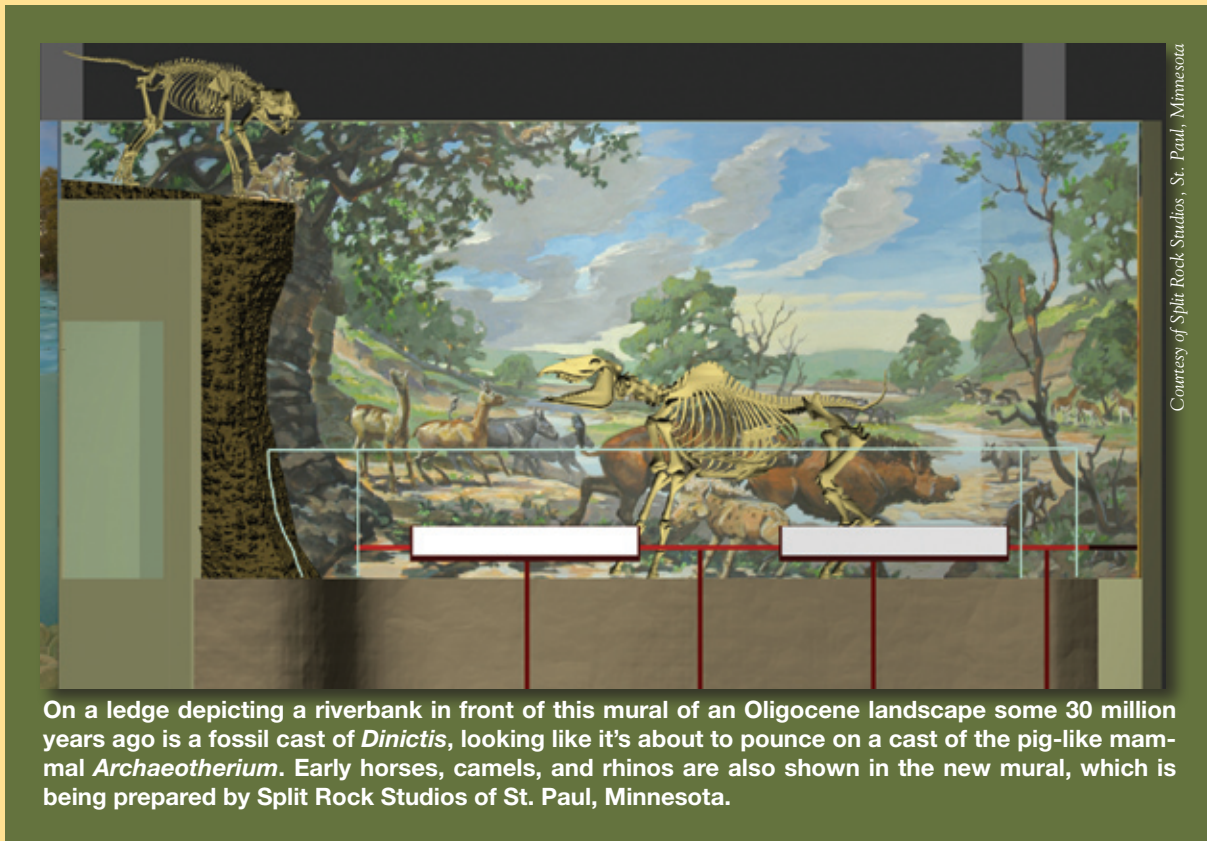
The expansion idea began with a meeting of North Dakota’s six living governors at a North Dakota Heritage Center forum in November 2001 celebrating the building’s 20th anniversary. The governors talked about the vision and work that made the Heritage Center a reality, and looked toward the next 20 years of history and heritage tourism for the state. The governors – William Guy, Arthur Link, Allen Olson, George Sinner, and Edward Schafer – signed a resolution asking Governor John Hoeven to appoint a commission to study the possible expansion of facilities and operations of the SHSND. Governor Hoeven appointed that commission in September 2002, and it prepared a report to the 2003 Legislative Assembly recommending a series of investments in the SHSND to spur growth and expansion.



This view from the east highlights the dramatic nighttime beacon of the *Northern Lights Atrium*.

Corridor of Time Nears Completion

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On a ledge depicting a riverbank in front of this mural of an Oligocene landscape some 30 million years ago is a fossil cast of *Dinictis*, looking like it's about to pounce on a cast of the pig-like mammal *Archaeotherium*. Early horses, camels, and rhinos are also shown in the new mural, which is being prepared by Split Rock Studios of St. Paul, Minnesota.

ting will be held to officially open the new sections of the *Corridor of Time*. At 2 p.m., State Paleontologist Dr. John Hoganson of the North Dakota Geological Survey (NDGS) will present "Prehistoric Life in North Dakota" in the auditorium.

The *Corridor of Time* shows visitors what life was like in the region that includes what is now North Dakota millions of years ago. It has been developed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) and the NDGS in several phases, beginning in 2006. The third and final phase of the *Corridor of Time* will depict the Paleozoic Era (250 to 540 million years ago), the Paleocene (55 to 65 million years ago) and Oligocene (24 to 34 million years ago) Epochs with new murals, dioramas, fossil specimens, and fossil casts.

An accurate scale model of a modern drilling rig, produced by Mitch Griess of Mandan, begins the exhibit. Under the model will be actual oil-well core samples that contain brachiopods, coral, and snails, as well as crude-oil samples featuring different viscosities and colors from cloudy green to almost-clear amber from different rock formations. All were found in North Dakota.

"One of the unique things about it is that visitors can see specimens from many millions of years ago, recovered

from thousands of feet below the earth," said SHSND Acting Museum Director Chris Johnson. These specimens come from the marine environment that existed in the region during the Paleozoic Era.

Expanding the exhibit's Paleocene Epoch is a new mural of the Cannonball Sea, with ratfish, sharks, snails, clams, and other small animals. During this time, the world

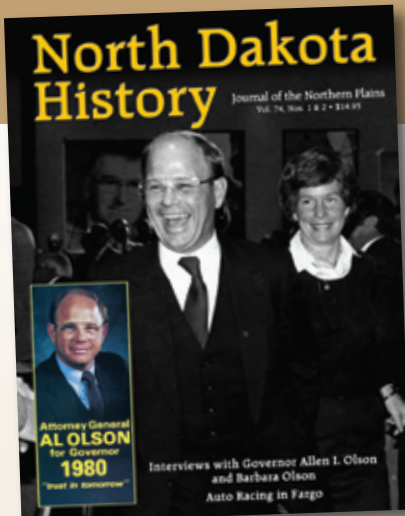
was recovering from the biological catastrophe known as the K-T Boundary Extinction. Warm, shallow oceans covered much of central and eastern North Dakota, and swamplands similar to today's Florida Everglades existed in the western part of the state.

For many, the highlight of the new additions to the *Corridor of Time* will be an accurate mural of an Oligocene landscape.

"It's a very significant mural," said NDGS Paleontologist Jeff Person. "Everything in it was found in North Dakota. Incorporated within the mural is an image of a *Hyaenodon* attacking the saber-toothed cat *Dinictis*, which is based on a skull with puncture marks we have in the collections," he said. "This is one of very few murals depicting an accurate Oligocene fauna."

During the Oligocene, the climate was much closer to what we experience today, with open plains and woodlands along the streams. The types and numbers of mammals dramatically increased. Many of the mammals from this time period are ancestors of common modern animals, including dogs, camels, deer, squirrels, horses, rabbits, rhinoceroses, and mice. Several species of fish, amphibians, tortoises, turtles, and lizards lived in and near the lakes and rivers, and will also be depicted in the new exhibit.

North Dakota History Features Former Governor, Mrs. Olson



Based on a series of interviews with former Governor Allen Olson and his wife, Barbara, the latest issue of *North Dakota History* tells the couple's life stories in their own words.

The latest issue of *North Dakota History*, the State Historical Society's history journal, features a 34-page article on former Governor Allen Olson and First Lady Barbara Olson. " 'Never Takes Politics Personally': Governor Allen I. Olson" is based on interviews conducted and edited by recently retired State Archivist Gerald Newborg. It is the fourth in a series of journal articles featuring interviews with

Governor Guy (1961-73) and Governor Link.

A second article in the new issue tells the story of perhaps the greatest series of automobile races, sanctioned by the newly created International Motor Contest Association, ever held in North Dakota. On July 31, 1915, some of the nation's finest racing drivers participated in a day of races included as part of the annual fair. The article recounts the events of the races, including the establishment of new state speed records.

Copies of the issue are available at bookstores and newsstands statewide, the North Dakota Heritage Center Museum Store or by mail. To order, call the museum store at (701) 328-2822 or email museumstore@nd.gov.



Former Governor Allen Olson, with his predecessor, former Governor Arthur Link (1973-81, center) and his successor, former Governor George Sinner (1985-92). Both Link and Sinner spoke at the October 6 news conference marking the publication of the Olson oral history.



SHSND Director Merl Paaverud and Kathy Davison, editor of publications, present an issue of *North Dakota History* to former Governor Olson and former First Lady Barbara Olson during the news conference at the North Dakota Heritage Center. A reception sponsored by the SHSND Foundation followed the news conference.

North Dakota's recent governors.

Born in 1938 in Rolla, North Dakota, Olson was raised by his father, Elmer, after the death of his mother, Olga, when Olson was five. Olson grew up on a diversified farm near Sarles, North Dakota, graduating from high school in 1958 and attending the University of North Dakota and North Dakota School of Law. In 1972, he was elected attorney general of North Dakota, and re-elected in 1976.

In 1980, Olson ran for governor and narrowly won a close election against Arthur Link, who was running for a third term. Said Olson about his political career, "I enjoyed every minute of being attorney general. I can't say that about being governor. It was tough." Struggles with the state's economy were the central issue of his term, but other important events during Olson's administration included the Association for Retarded Citizens lawsuit against the state, which resulted in reforms of the state facilities for the developmentally disabled, and the deaths of two federal marshals in 1983 at the hands of North Dakota resident Gordon Kahl, which brought armed federal forces to the state.

In 1984, Olson was defeated for reelection by the Democratic candidate George A. Sinner. Olson moved to Minneapolis where, in 1988, he became the head of the Community Bankers Association of Minnesota. After retirement in 2003, he was appointed by President Bush to the International Joint Commission, which deals with border issues between the United States and Canada.

The idea of publishing oral histories of the state's governors grew out of the 20th anniversary of the opening of the North Dakota Heritage Center, which included a forum featuring the state's six surviving governors. The article series began with Governor John Davis, the earliest governor (1957-61) whose oral history is available in the collections of the State Historical Society, and has since included



February 12, 2009

North Dakota Plans for Lincoln's 200th Birthday

On February 12, 2009, North Dakotans will join the nation in commemorating the 200th birthday of its 16th President, Abraham Lincoln.

Programs marking the day will include a joint session of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly, beginning at 12:45 p.m. at the State Capitol Building in Bismarck, and at the North Dakota Heritage Center at 5 p.m. Both programs will feature Chautauqua scholar George Frein in character as President Lincoln. Joining Frein at the Heritage Center program will be Chautauqua scholar Jerry Tweton in character as William Jayne, the first governor of Dakota Territory appointed by President Lincoln.

Organizing these events are members of the Lincoln Legislative Memorial Committee, which include state legislators and representatives from the State Historical Society of North Dakota and its Foundation, the North

Dakota Council on the Arts, and the North Dakota Humanities Council. Legislators are committee chair and Senator Tony Grindberg (R-Fargo), Senator Carolyn Nelson (D-Fargo), Representative Ed Gruchalla (D-Fargo), and Representative Nancy Johnson (R-Dickinson).

That same day will also feature a performance of Herbert Mitgang's *Mister Lincoln* at 7:30 p.m. in the Askanase Auditorium at North Dakota State University (NDSU) in Fargo. This one-man show will feature NDSU graduate Mark Neukom, originally from Jamestown, North Dakota, now living in the Twin Cities. Produced by Donald Larew, the play begins with Lincoln's youth in Illinois and moves to the momentous years he spent in Washington, D.C., during the Civil War. For more information, call (701) 231-7932 or email ana.rusness@ndsu.edu.

During the week of February 9-13, a wide variety of programs and events for people of all ages commemorating the Lincoln Bicentennial, *Lincoln Life Lessons*, will also take place at the Frances

Leach High Prairie Arts and Science Complex in Bismarck. For more information, call SHSND Curator of Education Marilyn Snyder at (701) 328-2792 or email msnyder@nd.gov.

Another aspect of the State Historical Society's contribution to the Lincoln Bicentennial will be a special edition of its quarterly journal, *North Dakota History*, that concentrates on Lincoln's legacy in the 39th state. It will be published shortly before the actual bicentennial commemoration begins in February 2009.

"Lincoln is much more than the 16th President of the United States," said SHSND Communications and Education Director Rick Collin, who was appointed by Governor Hoeven in December 2005 as the state's liaison to the National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. "He also represents, not only to Americans but to people throughout the world, many of our core values as human beings – equal rights, democracy, liberty, freedom – and those are the ideals we are remembering during our state's Lincoln Bicentennial observance."

Photograph by J. Michael McCormack, Bismarck State College



Chautauqua scholar George Frein will perform in character as Abraham Lincoln during programs in Bismarck commemorating Lincoln's 200th birthday February 12, 2009. Frein was a member of the philosophy and religion department at the University of North Dakota (UND) from 1968 to 1997, when he retired. He moved to South Carolina, where he has served as the artistic director of the Greenville Chautauqua Society since 1999. Here, he performs during a *Lincoln, Land, and Liberty* Chautauqua program July 25 at Bismarck State College.

Photograph by J. Michael McCormack, Bismarck State College



Chautauqua scholar Jerry Tweton will reprise his role as William Jayne in the February 12, 2009 program at the North Dakota Heritage Center marking the bicentennial birthday of Abraham Lincoln. A professor emeritus of history at UND, he is also the senior consultant to the North Dakota Humanities Council. Tweton has long been involved in Chautauqua, portraying such figures as Theodore Roosevelt and John Jacob Astor, in addition to Jayne. He is seen here portraying Jayne during a July 25 *Lincoln, Land, and Liberty* performance at Bismarck State College.

Heritage Volunteers Honored at Awards Banquet

Honors and accolades were plentiful during the 27th annual banquet for the State Historical Society's Heritage Volunteers, held at the Municipal Country Club in Bismarck. The banquet honored the more than 200 volunteers, ages 14 to 94, who help the state's history agency year-round by donating their time and talents.

Among the honors presented was the Hospitality Award for exceptional service to visitors, given to **Kathe Hall** of Bismarck. Hall works at the North Dakota Heritage Center Museum Store. She has been a volunteer since 1993.

The Curatorial Award, for the outstanding individual or individuals in a behind-the-scenes role, was presented to the SHSND Foundation's "Tuesday Morning Crew." They are **Joan and Jim Ressler, Frances Baumgartner, Judy Semerad, Selinda Schafer, and Emogene Doverspike**, all of Bismarck. Joan Ressler has been a volunteer since 2005, Jim Ressler since 2002, Semerad since 2002, Schafer since 2003, and Doverspike since 2007. Baumgartner was a volunteer from August 2002 until her death in October 2007.

The Dedication Award for the most hours the past year went to **Ed Lahr** of Bismarck, who donated 372 hours of service as a volunteer at the North Dakota Heritage Center Information Desk. Lahr began working as a volunteer in 1991.

The Special Project Award was presented to **Dave Nix, Doug Wurtz, Mary Diebel, and Brittany Babel**, all of Bismarck. This team worked together in the SHSND archaeology lab. Nix, a volunteer since 2007, has also photographed the agency's artifacts from the French Gratitude Train on display on the state capitol grounds near the North Dakota Heritage Center. Wurtz and Diebel have worked as volunteers since 2007, and Babel has been a volunteer since February.

Two volunteers received 20-year service awards. They were **Doris Elness** and **Vivian Usher**, both of Bismarck. Elness works in the Heritage Center Museum Store, and Usher volunteers at the Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site in Bismarck, as well as assisting at the Heritage Center. Three volunteers received 10-year service awards. They were **Jim Blaine, Carl "Dutch" Holland** and **Nita Arndt**, all of Bismarck. Blaine helps the SHSND Foundation, and Holland helps at the Heritage Center and the Former Governors' Mansion, and Arndt works in the Heritage Center Museum Store.

Beth Campbell, the State Historical Society's visitor services coordinator, noted that since 1981, volunteers statewide have contributed more than 324,000 hours of service to the Society and its sites and museums; they donated more than 13,000 hours this past year. For information on becoming a volunteer, contact Beth Campbell at (701) 328-2674 or email at bcampbell@nd.gov.



Photograph by Beth Campbell, SHSND

Winning the Hospitality Award for outstanding volunteer service was Kathe Hall (middle). With Hall are North Dakota Heritage Center Museum Store Assistant Manager Donna Schaffnit and SHSND Director Merl Paaverud.



Photograph by Beth Campbell, SHSND

Three of the SHSND Heritage Volunteers receiving the Curatorial Award are flanked by SHSND Foundation Executive Director Virginia Nelsen and SHSND Director Merl Paaverud. They are, from left, Joan Ressler, Jim Ressler, and Emogene Doverspike.



Photograph by Beth Campbell, SHSND

The Special Project Award was presented to these volunteers who worked together in the SHSND archaeology lab. Flanked by project coordinator Stacey Madden and SHSND Director Merl Paaverud are (l to r) Doug Wurtz, Brittany Babel, Mary Diebel, and Dave Nix.



A Gift to the People of North Dakota
**An Expanded North Dakota Heritage Center
 Celebrating 125 Years of Statehood**

Not only will the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center create a world-class destination for travelers showcasing the accomplishments of our people to the world, but it also has the opportunity to be a gift to our citizens. A celebration brings out the best in people and gives everyone a chance to count their blessings, helps to honor important events, and makes time to rejoice in the good things of life. The 125th anniversary of our statehood in 2014 is an opportunity to do all of that for our people here in North Dakota.

125 Years of Statehood Celebrated

“In history we learn that there are milestones that mark important points in the lives of our people and their times. North Dakota is approaching one of those milestones, the 125th anniversary of our statehood that will take place in 2014. This is an opportunity to give a meaningful gift to the people of North Dakota that will highlight the challenges of 125 years of statehood. The expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center will not only be an investment in our people and in this great state, but it will be a gift that honors and celebrates what we have done and prepare us as we move forward in the future. The North Dakota Heritage Center belongs to all of us. It is a place of beauty, history, and learning that we and our children can be very proud of.”

— Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr., Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota.
 From *This Legendary Place III – North Dakota*, a new 11-minute DVD produced by the
 State Historical Society of North Dakota



Virginia A. Nelsen,
 SHSND Foundation
 Executive Director



Bill Schott, leader
 of the SHSND
 Foundation's
 Trustee membership
 development



Marlo Sveen,
 SHSND Foundation
 Director of Development

What exciting stories will be told about our state? Our prehistory will be highlighted with *The Geological Time Gallery*, featuring the fossils of dinosaurs and the environments that created our coal and oil fields; our Native ancestors will be showcased in *The First Peoples Gallery* with 11,000 years of developing culture; our first 125 years of statehood will be told in *The Inspiration, Opportunities and Innovation Gallery*; and highlights of local, regional, national, or world history can be featured in *The Governors Gallery*, a temporary exhibit space. Many centuries of history to engage our people and visitors alike in world-class learning experiences.

The process of building the expanded North Dakota Heritage Center will be quite complex and take at least four years to complete. With some good luck with state funding, federal support, and private donations, the new North Dakota Heritage Center could be open and ready for the 2014 celebration of statehood. **What a magnificent gift to the people of North Dakota.**

Check it out! *The SHSND Foundation's Expansion Campaign Website*
www.statehistoricalfoundation.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

November 15

Confluence Quilters, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. Join the *Confluence Quilters* for their monthly meeting at the Confluence. All experience levels invited and instruction provided. (701) 572-9034.

November 15

Power of the Night Sky, 7:30 p.m., Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. The event will begin with a lecture on the historic use of the stars and will include an overview of astronomy for the beginner. Lectures will be followed by constellation identification and stargazing. (701) 572-9034.

November 30, December 7

Holiday Open House, 1 to 5 p.m., Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site. Free admission. Sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of the Former Governors' Mansion and the SHSND. (701) 328-9528.

November 27

Thanksgiving. State offices closed. North Dakota Heritage Center, Pembina State Museum, Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, and Chateau de Mores State Historic Site Interpretive Center closed.

December

December 1-31

Showcase of Trees, State Capitol Building and North Dakota Heritage Center. (701) 328-2792.

December 5 - 6

Medora's Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas, Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora. (701) 623-4355.

December 6

Children's Christmas Tea at the Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site. Located in Bismarck at the corner of Fourth Street and Avenue B. (701) 328-9528.

December 7

Christmas at the Confluence, 1 to 5 p.m., Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. Enjoy a concert performance by the Williston Strings, starting at 2 p.m., and help decorate the Christmas tree at the Confluence Center by making your own ornaments. Free refreshments. (701) 572-9034.

December 10

Fort Buford History Book Club, 7 p.m., Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. Join other history buffs in an interesting discussion of the month's selected book. Free refreshments. Please call in advance. (701) 572-9034.

December 12-13

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.

December 14

Holiday Open House, 2 to 4 p.m., Pembina State Museum. Free tower admission, refreshments. (701) 825-6840.

December 25

Christmas Day. State offices closed. North Dakota Heritage Center, Pembina State Museum, Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, and Chateau de Mores State Historic Site Interpretive Center closed.

January

January-March

Sensational Sundays. Every Sunday at 2 p.m., a free public program will be offered at the North Dakota Heritage Center, featuring music, storytelling, and lecture programs. For more, call (701) 328-2792.

January 1

New Year's Day. State offices closed. North Dakota Heritage Center, Pembina State Museum, Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, and Chateau de Mores State Historic Site Interpretive Center closed.

January 3

Christmas Bird Count at the Confluence, 11 a.m., Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. This fun activity for first-time birders and the old pros assists the Audubon Society with its official annual bird census. Learn to identify birds and some of the tips and tricks that go with this fun activity. Free refreshments. (701) 572-9034.

January 8

Reception for State Legislators, sponsored by the SHSND Foundation, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., North Dakota Heritage Center.

January 9

State Historical Board meeting, 8:30 a.m., **SHSND Foundation Board meeting**, 1:30 p.m., North Dakota Heritage Center.

January 9-10

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.

January 10

Corridor of Time exhibit grand opening, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., North Dakota Heritage Center, with ribbon cutting at 1 p.m. See story on page 1.

January 11

Wintering at the Fort: The Soldiers' Stories, 1 to 5 p.m., Fort Buford State Historic Site. Join and learn about the winter life of the soldiers of the 6th Infantry as they huddle around the stoves in the Fort Buford Enlisted Men's Barracks. (701) 572-9034.

January 14

Fort Buford History Book Club, 7 p.m., Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. Join other history buffs in an interesting discussion of the month's selected book. Free refreshments. Please call in advance. (701) 572-9034.

January 17

Confluence Quilters, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. Join the *Confluence Quilters* for their monthly meeting at the Confluence. All experience levels invited and instruction provided. (701) 572-9034.

January 25

Concert at the Confluence, 2 p.m., Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. Enjoy a wonderful winter *Concert at the Confluence* while overlooking one of North Dakota's most beautiful natural sights. Free refreshments. (701) 572-9034.

January 31

Crafter's Bee and Social, 1 to 5 p.m., Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site, Bismarck. Crafters of all types are invited to spend the afternoon visiting and working on their favorite craft items. Knitters, needle pointers, crocheters, stampers, quilters, and even fly tiers are welcome. (701) 328-9528.

February

February 9-13

Lincoln Life Lessons, featuring a wide variety of programs and events for people of all ages commemorating the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, Frances Leach High Prairie Arts and Science Complex, Bismarck. (701) 328-2792.

North Dakota Heritage Center, Bismarck

February 11

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February 12

Programs commemorating the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln during a joint session of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly, 12:45 p.m. at the State Capitol Building in Bismarck, and at the North Dakota Heritage Center, 5 p.m. Both programs will feature Chautauqua scholar George Frein in character as Lincoln; joining Frein at the Heritage Center program will be Chautauqua scholar Jerry Tweton in character as William Jayne, the first governor of Dakota Territory appointed by President Lincoln. (701) 328-1476. See story on page 5.

February 13-14

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.

February 16

Second Annual Governor Arthur A. Link Fiddling Competition at the Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site, Bismarck. Sponsored by the Society for Preservation of the Former Governors' Mansion and SHSND. (701) 328-9528.

February 21

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February 22

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SHSND Exhibits

For information about the SHSND's many exhibits, contact Curator of Exhibits Genia Hesser at (701) 328-2102.

For a complete listing and availability of the popular Traveling Interpretive Exhibits Service (TIES) program, contact Outreach Programs Coordinator Scott Schaffnit at (701) 328-2794. Additional information is available at the Society's website at www.nd.gov/hist/mus/exhb.htm.

Dakota: A Mummified Dinosaur

Museum Entrance

Opened June 14, 2008

One of the rarest types of dinosaur fossils was found near Marmarth, North Dakota in 1999 – a mummified duck-billed dinosaur. For a limited period of time, portions of this “dinomummy” are on exhibit, revealing 65-million-year-old secrets about how dinosaurs looked and behaved.

Lincoln's Legacy in North Dakota

Auditorium Gallery

Through January 31, 2010

Abraham Lincoln's connections to North Dakota – then northern Dakota Territory – are many, including appointing the Territory's first two governors; signing the Homestead Act in 1862; signing the Morrill Land Grant College Act of 1862, which led to the establishment of what is now North Dakota State University; and issuing the charter for the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1864. This exhibit examines Lincoln's legacy in the 39th state as North Dakota and the nation prepare to commemorate the bicentennial birthday of the 16th U.S. President on February 12, 2009.

The Atomic Age Arrives: The Cold War in North Dakota

James E. Sperry Gallery

Through November 15, 2009

The Cold War lasted for nearly 50 years, and North Dakota's landscape is marked with its legacy. This exhibit explores how the atomic age escalated and its civil and military impacts on North Dakotans. Artifacts featured include a replica fallout shelter, missile silo model, and U.S. Air Force uniforms.

Recent Acquisitions

Museum Entrance

No Closing Date

A mini-exhibit featuring a selection of recently donated objects to the SHSND's collections. As an annual project done by the agency's interns, *Recent Acquisitions* is changed each summer.

Pembina State Museum, Pembina

Looking Back: Pembina's Flood Battles

Through Spring 2009

Pembina's location at the confluence of the Red and Pembina Rivers was of strategic importance to early fur traders, but it has had its disadvantages as well. Ten years after the great flood of 1997, this exhibit examines the struggles the city's residents have faced with flooding, including battles won and lost.

Emigrants from the Empires: North Dakota's Germans

Through January 10, 2010

This exhibit investigates what it meant to be German in North Dakota before and after both world wars. Artifacts, photographs, and documents tell the story of who they are, how and why they emigrated, and how their culture and traditions still thrive in North Dakota.

Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora

Rails, Ranching and Riches:

The Marquis de Mores in Dakota

No Closing Date

This exhibit at the site's new interpretive center tells the story of the Marquis de Mores (1858-96), a French nobleman and entrepreneur who, from 1883 to 1886, ran a cutting-edge meatpacking plant and other businesses in the town he named after his wife, Medora. His family's 26-room summer home includes thousands of original artifacts. Featured is a smaller-scale refrigerator car, along with the *Deadwood*, an original stagecoach from the Marquis's *Deadwood* and Medora Stage and Forwarding Company.

Land in Her Own Name

Through July 19, 2009

North Dakota State University sociologist Elaine Lindgren spent five years studying 292 women who homesteaded in North Dakota. The voices of these extraordinary women are combined here in a strong, clear story about our land and people. They are identified by the names they used when filing claims.

The Art of Einar Olstad

Through October 17, 2010

Inspired by the people, scenery, and ranch life of the Dakota Badlands, rancher and artist Einar Olstad (1878-1955) captured the essence of the American West in his whimsical and often humorous portrayals of the Dakota cowboy. In addition to a wide selection of his evocative paintings, objects relating to ranching life in the 1930s are on display.

Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, Fort Buford State Historic Site near Williston

North Dakota Remembers World War II

Through April 18, 2010

Presenting stories of North Dakotans from all branches of the armed forces and their experiences worldwide, this exhibit at the Confluence Center features a selection of the more than 1,200 interviews collected through the North Dakota Veterans History Project coordinated by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. The exhibit also features World War II-era uniforms, medals, photographs, and other artifacts related to personal experiences in the war.

Upcoming Conferences

The **52nd Annual Missouri Valley History Conference** will be held March 5-7, 2009 in Omaha, Nebraska. For more information, contact Maria Arbelaez, Department of History, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182-0213, or email marbelaez@mail.unomaha.edu.

The **41st Annual Dakota Conference** on Northern Plains History, Literature, Art, and Archaeology will be held April 24-25, 2009 at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Presented by the Center for Western Studies at Augustana College, the theme is "Abraham Lincoln Looks West." For more information, contact Dr. Harry F. Thompson, conference director, Center for Western Studies, 2001 S. Summit Avenue, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD 57197, call (605) 274-4007 or email cws@augie.edu.

Transitions

Sarah Walker began work September 15 as a reference specialist for the State Archives Division. In May 2007, she graduated from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks with a bachelor of arts degree in history, English, classical studies, and honors. A native of Bismarck, Walker interned with the State Archives reference staff in the summer of 2006. She also writes for *Dakota Datebook*, a daily feature of Prairie Public Broadcasting Radio.

Shane Molander was promoted to deputy state archivist, effective October 1. He had been a reference specialist since beginning employment with the State Historical Society in August 2002. A native of Crosby, North Dakota, he has farmed in Divide County and taught American history at Williston State College. Molander received a bachelor of arts degree in history from Minot State University and is working toward a master's degree in public administration at the University of North Dakota. He replaces **Lotte Bailey**, who retired September 30 after serving as deputy state archivist since 1990.

Bryan Turnbow began work October 23 as museum preparator. He worked as a service writer with Johnsen Trailer Sales in Bismarck and salesman with Hedahls Parts Plus in Mandan. He also was the community service coordinator for the North Dakota Council on the Arts. Turnbow earned a bachelor of arts degree in visual art from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and an associate of arts degree in literature from Bismarck State College.

Jean Erickson will retire effective November 30 as administrative assistant for the Archaeology and Historic Preservation Division. She assists division staff with many projects, including the National Register of Historic Places and State Historic Sites Registry, historic preservation grants, and Certified Local Governments (CLG) programs. Erickson began her employment with the agency in September 1972.

Seventh in Series of SHSND Reproductions *The Big Book of Mother Goose*

Mother Goose's nursery rhymes have entertained children for generations. A 1953 version, *The Big Book of Mother Goose*, has been printed as the seventh in a series of classic reproductions from the collections of the state's history agency.

More than 70 classic nursery rhymes, with beautiful, full-color illustrations, fill this version of the much-loved collection of traditional children's rhymes. Well-known favorites, such as "The Old Woman Who Lived in the Shoe," as well as lesser-known rhymes like "Little Sally Waters" will delight readers of all ages.

The original book was printed by Grosset & Dunlap Publishers of New York and illustrated by Alice Schlesinger. It was donated to the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) by Mary Brown of Bismarck, North Dakota. One of her favorite childhood books, it was donated so that it could be shared with visitors to the SHSND Archives for years to come.

Like many classic works, opinions vary as to the origins of Mother Goose. Some claim she was a resident of Boston in the 1660s, Mrs. Isaac Goose, who would sing the songs to her grandchildren; others claim that the original Mother Goose was one of two French queens. Despite the questions surrounding her origins, it is widely accepted that the first printed collection of children's stories attributed to the good mother was *Tales of My Mother Goose*, published in France during the

1690s by Charles Perrault. Unlike the short rhymes included in Mother Goose collections today, this early version contained stories such as "Little Red Riding Hood."

Previous classic reprints by the SHSND have included a 1946 version of *Cinderella* (2007), a 1904 version of *The Night Before Christmas* (2006), an 1897 version of *Beauty and the Beast* (2005), a 1942 *Three Little Kittens* book (2004), an 1888 version of *Red Riding Hood* (2003), and an 1896 edition of *The Night Before Christmas* (2002).

The first two reprints, *Red Riding Hood* and the 1896 edition of *The Night Before Christmas*, are no longer available for sale. The other four reprints are still available for purchase. The reprints have been funded by the North Dakota Heritage Center Museum Store.

Only \$12.95, this limited edition, full-color book reproduction is available at the North Dakota Heritage Center Museum Store in Bismarck, the Pembina State Museum in Pembina, the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center in Medora, and the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center near Williston, as well as at select bookstores statewide. For mail orders, call Museum Stores Manager Rhonda Brown at (701) 328-2822, email at museumstore@nd.gov or visit www.nd.gov/hist/museumstore (add \$2.95 for shipping and handling, and North Dakota residents add 95 cents state sales tax).

This 1953 reproduction of *The Big Book of Mother Goose* is now on display in the lobby of the North Dakota Heritage Center through January 31, 2009. Visitors are able to compare the original with a copy of the reproduction next to it.



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Special Honors



Courtesy of North Dakota State University

The SHSND's Curator of Education Marilyn Snyder received the 2008 "Environmental Educator" Trees Award in October 11 ceremonies in Fargo. She was one of 21 Trees Award winners recognized by the North Dakota Forest Service and North Dakota State University (NDSU). Snyder has been instrumental in providing educational programming for adults and children that has raised awareness and understanding of trees and forest resources. Presenting Snyder with her award are State Forester Larry Kotchman (l) and NDSU President Joseph Chapman.

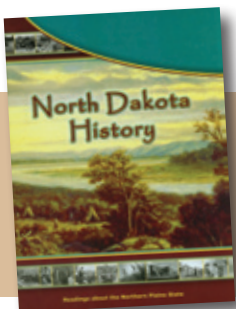
SHSND Book Wins State Award

A recent book detailing North Dakota's history from the age of dinosaurs to the 21st Century has received special recognition from the North Dakota Library Association (NDLA). The book is a collaborative publication of the State Historical Society of North Dakota and the North Dakota Center for Distance Education.

North Dakota History: Readings about the Northern Plains State, was chosen by the NDLA at its recent annual conference as the 2008 winner of the Association's award for the best state publication produced in North Dakota. The publication will be submitted to the American Library Association (ALA) for consideration for listing on the ALA's national list of Notable Government Documents.

North Dakota History is a collection of articles and images from more than a century of publications by the SHSND. It is intended for use as a North Dakota history textbook for high school students but it will also appeal to general audiences.

The North Dakota Center for Distance Education is a non-profit distance education high school headquartered in Fargo that has provided educational opportunities for students worldwide for more than 70 years.



Printed in full color, *North Dakota History* is a 434-page, hard-bound textbook that includes more than 340 photographs, maps, and other images to help bring the past into perspective. The book costs \$45, plus tax, and is available at the North Dakota Heritage Center Museum Store or by contacting Museum Stores Manager Rhonda Brown at (701) 328-2822, email museumstore@nd.gov or order online at www.nd.gov/hist/MuseumStore. The book, and its teacher resource guide, is also available through the North Dakota Center for Distance Education at (701) 231-6030 or by ordering online at www.NDstudies.org/order.

\$200,000 in Historic Preservation Grants Awarded

The SHSND's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) recently approved applications for the State Historic Preservation Program's annual grants for Fiscal Year 2008. Grants were awarded for nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, development projects, and Certified Local Government programs.

In all, \$200,000 in grant monies was awarded. When combined with matching funds, it will result in \$378,000 worth of preservation work in North Dakota.

Each year the SHSND assists the public and private sector in nominating historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places. For 2008 the SHSND has provided Historic Preservation Fund grants for two nominations. Summit Envirosolutions, Inc. of St. Paul, Minnesota was awarded a grant of \$39,900 for the North Dakota Statewide Historic Railroad Study. The study will examine the significance of railroad corridors and associated buildings and structures throughout North Dakota. It will identify the role of railroads in the development of the state, and provide guidelines on how to evaluate the National Register eligibility of these resources. Trefoil Cultural and Environmental Heritage of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota was awarded a grant of \$3,874 for the resurvey and updating of the National Register registration form for the R.S. Blome granitoid pavement located in Grand Forks. The granitoid pavement was listed in the National Register in 1991.

Development Projects are for improvements to properties listed in the National Register. These projects are developed and submitted by property owners. At least half of the total project cost must be raised by the owners. For this grant cycle, the SHPO received applications requesting over \$164,000. A total of \$87,000 was awarded:

- Bagg Bonanza Farm Historic Preservation Society, Wahpeton: \$21,459 for the restoration of the Main House basement.
- Grand Forks County Historical Society, Grand Forks: \$2,460 for window restoration on the Campbell House.

- Dickey County Courthouse, Ellendale: \$25,000 for repairs to the dome and roof replacement.
- Buxton in Bloom, Buxton: \$6,000 for the restoration on the interior of the First State Bank of Buxton.
- Lake Region Heritage Center, Devils Lake: \$7,238 for roof replacement.
- Bridges Arts Council, Valley City: \$25,000 for roof replacement on the Valley City Municipal Auditorium.

Certified Local Government (CLG) grants are awarded to North Dakota counties and cities that have qualified to participate as preservation partners with the SHPO. Recipients must provide a minimum match of 40 percent of the total project cost. A total of \$71,000 was awarded:

- City of Buffalo CLG: \$753 for administrative expenses and education opportunities.
- City of Devils Lake CLG: \$9,135 for heating system updates at the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse in Devils Lake.
- City of Dickinson CLG: \$9,435 for administrative expenses and to write a National Register nomination.
- City of Fargo CLG: \$7,583 for administrative expenses and a neighborhood survey.
- City of Grand Forks CLG: \$25,481 for administration, a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, and an historic district plaque.
- Pembina County CLG: \$11,560 for administration, education opportunities, and to purchase plaques for National Register properties.
- Walsh County CLG: \$7,750 for administration, education opportunities, and to purchase plaques for National Register properties.

For more about these programs, contact the SHSND's grants and contracts officer, Amy Munson, at (701) 328-3573 or email at amunson@nd.gov.

Photograph by Beth Campbell, SHSND



Homesteading Day

Visitors enjoy the work of bobbin-lace artisans during Homesteading Day September 20 at the North Dakota Heritage Center. Bobbin-lace has become a rare folk art, due primarily to the great amount of time required in making a single piece. More than 400 people turned out for the day, which featured speakers, demonstrations, and musical entertainment highlighting the Homestead Act and its impact on North Dakota. Signed in 1862 by President Lincoln, the Homestead Act was an exclusive exhibit at the North Dakota Heritage Center May 16 through November 11, 2008 as part of the state's Lincoln Bicentennial observance before being returned to the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

New to the National Register

Properties in Bowman, Devils Lake, Dickinson, and McKenzie, Rolette and Walsh counties are the most recent North Dakota sites to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The **Dickinson Carnegie Library** in Stark County has brought the community together since 1908, when the town voted overwhelmingly to support its construction. Since then, the library has continually updated its collection of books, other media, and technology to serve the public's needs. Despite numerous additions to the building, it maintains the strong feeling of community and education it has had for the last 100 years.

The **United Methodist Church of Devils Lake** in Ramsey County was built in 1915. The Methodist Episcopal Church (now known as the United Methodist Church) is significant because it was one of the first congregations organized in Devils Lake, contributing to the religious history of the area. It is an excellent example of the work of Devils Lake architect Joseph A. Shannon. The architectural construction methods reflect important concepts and connections to Protestant Church designs that originated in the American Midwest.

The **Sandstone School** in rural McKenzie County was built of local sandstone by Elmer Williams and Ed Daily in 1908 with other local community members doing the finish work. The value settlers placed on education can be seen through this donation of time and materials, as well as the distance parents were willing to have their children travel to attend school. Besides serving as a school, this building also served as a community gathering place that held church services, club meetings, and numerous social events.

The **Emma Petzuick and Otto Schade House** in Bowman, built between 1919 and 1921, is an excellent example of Prairie-School-style architecture, a rare style in North Dakota. The exterior of this house also demonstrates some influence by the Arts and Crafts Movement in its use of simple materials. Simplicity continues on the interior, as the numerous built-ins and simple but aesthetically pleasing moldings and decoration allowed work within the home to be more efficient.

Coghlan Castle in Rolette County is an excellent example of a regional stone masonry technique. Thomas Bowyer, a stone mason from Killarney, Canada, constructed the building for Maurice Coghlan in 1906-09. It is significant for its contribution to the understanding of the settlement patterns and economic system of the North Dakota/Manitoba, Canada borderlands and the Coghlan family's contributions to the development of the area.



Photograph by John Toso



Photograph by Steve Marrans

The **District No. 70 Hoff Rural School** in Walsh County was built in 1885 and is a prime example of a one-room schoolhouse from that time. Both inside and out, this schoolhouse is in near-original condition due to the continued local efforts for preservation. It also reflects the changes in American society by preserving the items added over the years, such as a 1920s telephone and wall lamps.

The **Westminster Presbyterian Church** in Devils Lake was built in 1915 and is an important example of the expertise of one of North Dakota's earliest architects, Joseph A. Shannon. It is significant in the context of local architecture during the period of 1898 to 1915, known as the **Second Dakota Boom**, which saw some 250,000 settlers buy or homestead land in North Dakota.



Courtesy of SFSND

The **Elks Club and Store Building, Dickinson Lodge #1137** in Dickinson was designed by Claude and Starck of Madison, Wisconsin and built between May 1911 and June 1913 using local brick. In addition to serving as a lodge, this building also housed the Dickinson Normal School from 1918 until 1924 on its upper floors. The retail space housed department stores for several decades before being divided into smaller retail spaces.



Photograph by Louis Hafermehl

Summer Sights

at the Sites

The summer of 2008 was a busy time at the historic sites and museums managed by the SHSND, as captured in these statewide snapshots:

Photograph by Belinda Murphy, SHSND



Hoop Dancer Kevin Locke of the Standing Rock Sioux Nation performs at the 16th Annual Living History Field Day held September 15 at Fort Totten State Historic Site near Devils Lake. Each year, the event attracts more than 600 area seventh grade students, who learn about frontier military life, boarding school trades, and American Indian culture.

Photograph by Mark Sundlov, SHSND



Visitors enjoyed a bluegrass concert by the Miles City, Montana band, "Prairie Junction," at Fort Buford State Historic Site September 14, celebrating the end of another successful summer season at the fort.

Photograph by Diane Rogness, SHSND



Participants on the July 26 Killdeer Mountain History Hike visited the site of the 1864 Battle of Killdeer Mountain, where a U.S. military force attacked groups of the Dakota, Nakota, and Lakota (Sioux) nations camped there. Tour guide Chuck Stalnaker explains the Medicine Hole, the area where the group stands. American Indian oral tradition says many of the village's inhabitants escaped to safety through this opening at the top of Killdeer Mountain.

Photograph by Diane Rogness, SHSND



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The ninth annual Education Field Day was held September 5 at Whitestone Hill Battlefield State Historic Site in southeastern North Dakota. Demonstration stations visited by area students included those shown here featuring a replica tipi and simulated instructions in the proper rifle drill techniques.

Orlin Ostby (blue shirt) and his family are accompanied by friend Steve Reynolds and Pum the ox as they began their trip on the Pembina Trail July 1 at the Pembina State Museum, seen in the background. Their two-month journey celebrated Minnesota's 150th anniversary of statehood, and took Pum, the Ostbys, and Reynolds from Pembina to St. Paul and back, a distance of some 420 miles. All are from Gatzke, Minnesota.



Photograph by Jeff Blanchard, SHSND

Photograph by Rita Acker



Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site Supervisor Jim Acker and U.S. Navy Reserve personnel from Fargo hold the blue field with stars while a short presentation is given about the American flag. They then demonstrated how to properly dispose of a worn flag ready for retirement by burning it. This event took place during Flag Day June 14 at the site, which served as a gateway to the Dakota frontier from 1858 until its closing in 1877.



Photograph by Kerry Finscus, SHSND

A youngster enjoys a round of "water limbo" at the Children's Carnival at the Confluence August 10 at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center near Williston. Helping him out are site volunteer Elizabeth Fellerer and Site Supervisor Mark Sundlov.

Photograph by Delores Linn, SHSND



The Chateau de Mores State Historic Site in Medora featured a living history tour for senior citizens every Tuesday in the summer. Here, site volunteer Linda Greenwood is in character as she talks about life as a school teacher in the 1880s.



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Workers from Double A Painting Company of Minot, North Dakota provided a fresh coat of paint in July to the Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site in Bismarck.



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Summer Dig at Indian Village Site

Photograph by Beth Campbell, SHSND



State Historical Society of North Dakota volunteers enjoyed an August 14 visit to Chief Looking's Village Site during their annual summer field trip. Here they examine some of the artifacts uncovered during archaeological digs that month by

the State Historical Society. The site is a fortified earthlodge village preserved within Pioneer Park in Bismarck. This settlement lies on a prominent hilltop with an eagle-eye view of the Missouri River and the city of Mandan to the west. The village is believed to be a prehistoric Mandan Indian settlement dating to around A.D. 1500.

History Haunt!

These Mother Goose characters were on hand to entertain youngsters as they enjoyed the *History Haunt!* at the North Dakota Heritage Center on Halloween night. Children of all ages also enjoyed crafts and games, as well as meeting a colorful cast of storybook and Halloween characters during this annual event sponsored by the State Historical Society. Portrayed here by Society staff are A Little Girl with a Curl (Larissa Harrison), Doctor Foster (Naomi Frantes) and The Queen of Hearts (Kiri Stone).



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