



Celebrating 50 Years of Historic Preservation

by Ann Crews Melton,
associate editor,
Communications
& Education Division

The Reuben H. Waldschmidt house in Bismarck's Cathedral Area Historic District, built in 1936, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Why do old places matter? What role can we play in preserving our history? These and many more questions will be posed at the 2016 Governor's History Conference, "Celebrating 50 Years of the National Historic Preservation Act," on Oct. 22-23 in Bismarck. The annual event hosted at the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum will feature two days of keynote speakers, tours of historic properties, and more, including a reception at the Former Governors' Mansion in Bismarck and updates on preservation efforts at the Stutsman County Courthouse.

"Historic preservation provides a means of recognizing and honoring our past. Whether preserving a building, a landscape, or an

archaeological site — these nonrenewable resources contribute to a future guided by past successes and challenges," said Fern Swenson, director of the State Historical Society's Archaeology & Historic Preservation Division.

This year's keynote speakers include Tom Mayes, National Trust for Historic Preservation; Steve Martens, former architecture professor at North Dakota State University; Connie Sprynczynatyk, former Bismarck city commissioner; Kimball Banks, Metcalf Archaeological Consulting; Wendi Field Murray, research archaeologist at the State Historical Society of ND; Brad KuuNUx TeeRIt Kroupa, Arikara Cultural Center; Guinn Hinman, historic sites manager—north region

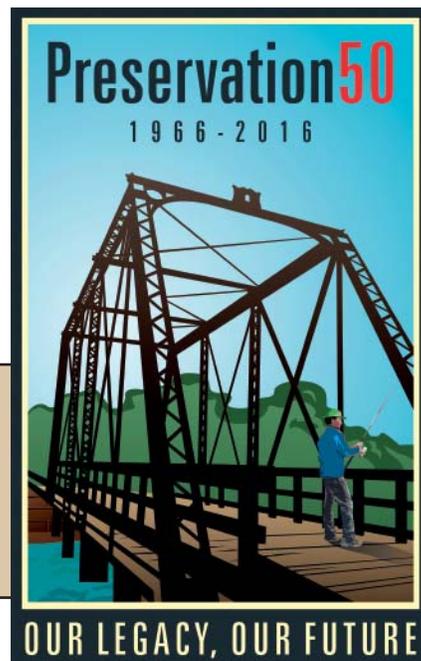
Continued on page 2

Continued from front cover

at the State Historical Society of ND; Guy Paulson, Hopperstad Stave Church artist; and Dennis Neumann, United Tribes Technical College.

"We are thrilled with the line-up of speakers and their depth of experience and enthusiasm," Swenson said.

The conference is part of a year-long celebration of the National Historic Preservation Act, which established the National Register of Historic Places half a century ago. A special preservation exhibit is on view through the end of October at the ND Heritage Center & State Museum. Register at history.nd.gov/conference.



Governor's History Conference

Celebrating 50 Years of the National Historic Preservation Act

Oct. 22-23, 2016

North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum

history.nd.gov/conference



Three Properties Listed in National Register

by Lorna Meidinger, architectural historian,
Archaeology & Historic Preservation Division

Three North Dakota properties have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register, now celebrating its 50th anniversary as part of the National Historic Preservation Act, is the federal government's list of properties it considers worthy of preservation and recognition. Entry into the National Register gives a property prestige, provides protection through federally assisted projects, and provides eligibility for certain preservation financial incentives.

St. Michael's Parochial School in Grand Forks was built in three sections as the needs of the school and of the local community changed. The original 1916 school was designed by William J. Edwards and built by the Dinnie Brothers; the 1949 Youth Center and the 1953 addition were designed by Ursa Louis Freed. This school complex tells the story of parochial education and shows the transition from early 20th-century school architecture to mid-century modernist architecture.

In 1936, Works Progress Administration (WPA) funds helped build the **Zeeland Hall** in McIntosh County. This community center is significant for its Colonial Revival architecture, its connection with federal work relief construction programs from the Depression Era, and for its rich heritage as the location of many community events, such as movies, sporting events, weddings, and dances.

The **Creaser Building** on the corner of Main Street and Broadway in Williston was nominated for its architecture. Built in 1916, this striking early commercial brick building has distinct cream and red brick bands running horizontally along both street sides. It also has pilasters separating bays and diagonal blond brick centered near the top of each bay.

St. Michael's Parochial School (1916 building) by Michelle Dennis

Zeeland Hall by Lorna Meidinger

Creaser Building by Angela Skogen

ND Heritage Center Receives State and National Awards

Based on the technology within the newly expanded spaces, the ND Heritage Center & State Museum received the Information Technology Council of North Dakota's annual Technology Innovator award in August. The State Museum also received national recognition from the American Alliance of Museums' Excellence in Exhibition Awards with an honorable mention for "Excellent Outreach to Create Multi-Sensory Experiences" in the Innovation Gallery: Early Peoples.



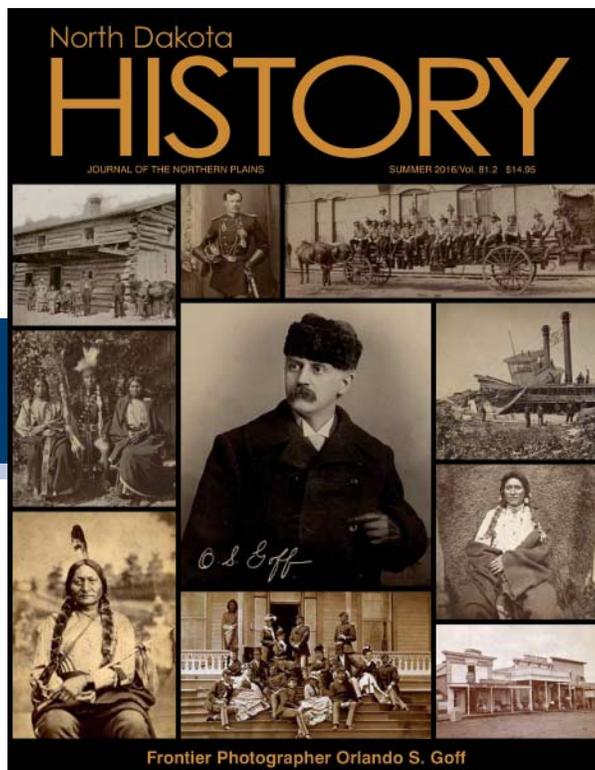
State Historical Society staff Wendi Murray, Paul Picha, Fern Swenson, Genia Hesser, Andrew Kerr, Amy Bleier, Bryan Turnbow, Jenny Yearous, and Geoff Woodcox with the American Alliance of Museums award for the State Museum's Innovation Gallery: Early Peoples.

Volunteer Recognition



Art Todd (second from left) and Barb Lang (center) were honored Aug. 9 with the Special Project Award at the Heritage Volunteer Recognition Banquet. Also pictured are Virginia Nelsen, SHSND Foundation director, Guinn Hinman, state historic sites manager–north region, and Claudia Berg, State Historical Society director. Additional award recipients include Erlys Fardal, Dedication Award; Olive Fricke, Hospitality Award; David Nix, Curatorial Award; Dr. Herbert and Lilian Wilson, 20 Years of Service; and Barbara Handy-Marchello and Helen Tollerud, 10 Years of Service.

Learn more at:
history.nd.gov/volunteers.html



Check out our new website!
statemuseum.nd.gov

North Dakota History Article Available Online

The summer 2016 issue of *North Dakota History* features an article on frontier photographer Orlando S. Goff (1843–1916). Visit bit.ly/ndh-fa to read about Goff's fascinating life and view his historic images. Journals are available for purchase at the Museum Store, and complimentary copies are a benefit of State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation membership.



Native American Hall of Honor

The North Dakota Native American Hall of Honor committee has selected the first seven inductees to be recognized at the ND Heritage Center & State Museum. The Native American Hall of Honor recognizes traditional and contemporary achievements in four categories. The first inductees include:

Sports/Athletics: *Robert Eaglestaff*, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and *Arnold Charging*, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation

Culture/Arts: *Anthony McDonald*, Spirit Lake Nation

Veteran/Military: *Nathan Goodiron*, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation – Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and *Richard Marcellias*, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

Leadership: *Harriett Skye*, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and *Marcellus Red Tomahawk*, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

The public induction ceremony will be Thursday, Sept. 8 at the ND Heritage Center with a social and traditional feed at 5 p.m. and ceremony at 6 p.m. Information relating to each inductee will be featured in an annual exhibit at the State Museum. Learn more at bit.ly/nahoh.



In Memoriam: Pat Jennings

The State Archives lost Pat Jennings, who passed away on May 2. Since 2009 she ran the microfilm operation smoothly and efficiently, overseeing production for the

National Digital Newspaper Project and marriage microfilming grants and keeping up with 88 currently published newspapers. Pat is greatly missed for her warmth and kindness to others, ability to listen, great enthusiasm, love of decorating for all holidays, and her Scotcheroos.

2015 Annual Report

January – December 2015



Walk Homestead
State Historic Site



Annual Report

The 2015 Annual Report for the State Historical Society of North Dakota and SHSND Foundation is now available online. View it at bit.ly/shsndreport.

New Interactive Touchscreen at State Museum

Experience North Dakota 66 million years ago with a new touchscreen in the Adaption Gallery: Geologic Time at the ND Heritage Center & State Museum. Using the touchscreen, visitors can customize the look and size of *Tyrannosaurus rex* and *Triceratops* and watch them engage in battle. Visitors can also take a virtual walk through the lush environment of the Cretaceous Period. Plan your visit at statemuseum.nd.gov.



Photograph courtesy of Angle Park

SHSND Staff and Board Updates

New staff:

Mark Sundlov, Museum Division director
Brian Grove, Welk Homestead State Historic Site supervisor
Tam Leben, State Archives microfilm specialist

Retirements:

Brian Austin, Museum Division graphic services coordinator
Eileen Schneider, Museum Store employee

State Historical Board:

Terrance Rockstad of Bismarck was appointed by Gov. Dalrymple and A. Ruric Todd III of Jamestown retired

Shakespeare Visits North Dakota



The State Historical Society in collaboration with Capitol Shakespeare hosted a month of Bard-inspired programs in July. All events were in conjunction with the *First Folio! The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare* exhibit on loan from the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. The Shakespeare selfie booth proved particularly popular, as demonstrated by State Historical Society volunteer Erna Lahr.

Hands-on Summer School

Each year the State Historical Society offers paid internships as an educational opportunity for college students. This summer we hosted five interns and temporary staff at the ND Heritage Center & State Museum. Read their reflections online at history.nd.gov/plainstalk.



Maria Mears, Meg Glazier-Anderson, Elenore Leonard, Zach Kautzman, and Brian Faris visit Double Ditch State Historic Site.

Leo LaLonde Photograph Collection



by Emily Ergen, archives specialist, State Archives



Leo LaLonde is pictured in the third photo from left.

Leo LaLonde was one of North Dakota's best-known photographers, and he worked as chief photographer for the *Bismarck Tribune* for nearly a quarter century. The North Dakota State Archives received an addition to the Leo LaLonde photograph collection (00276) from Leo's son, Mike, in June 2016. The new images highlight LaLonde's photographic expertise near the end of his career with the *Tribune* and his artistic endeavors during retirement; they depict people, towns and abandoned structures, and agricultural equipment. The images were added to the existing collection of 13,092 studio images of businesses and portraits.

Summer at the Sites

Fort Abercrombie

To kick off summer Sunday History Programs on June 5, Ron Pfeiff (center) presented a story about a wagon train family, portrayed by his daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren. The covered wagon was a gift of the Friends of Fort Abercrombie, along with a recently constructed storage shed.



Camp Hancock

Volunteers from the Bismarck-Mandan Young Professionals Network, including ambassador team member Sarah Baer, held a work day at Camp Hancock State Historic Site on July 15.



Welk Homestead

At a demonstration at Welk Homestead State Historic Site on June 4, blacksmith Bob McCay heated up a fire poker to demonstrate how to create a metalwork design.



Former Governors' Mansion

On July 18, youth offered tours acting as children of former governors at the Former Governors' Mansion in Bismarck. From left to right are Lila Shortridge (Zoe), Edwin Lee White (Griffin), Unie Frazier (Annelise), Versie Frazier (Amethyst), and Cornelia Langer (Lucy), with site interpreter Kris Kitko as the maid.



Chateau de Mores

Interpreter Karen Nelson portrayed Medora, the Marquise de Mores, on June 11 as part of the History Alive! series at Chateau de Mores State Historic Site.



Fort Buford

Charles Snargrass, one of the last living Buffalo Soldiers, posed with a Buffalo Soldier monument dedicated near Fort Buford on May 28. The riderless horse, sculpted by Jim



Dolan, stands at the Masonic historic site adjacent to Fort Buford, where Buffalo Soldiers were stationed from 1891 to 1896.

Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded

The State Historical Society of North Dakota awarded more than \$42,000 in Cultural Heritage Grants to eight organizations throughout the state. Cultural Heritage Grants provide grant funding to nonprofit organizations including local museums and historical societies as well as city, county, and tribal governments. Eligible projects include exhibits, special projects or events, educational activities, and collections.

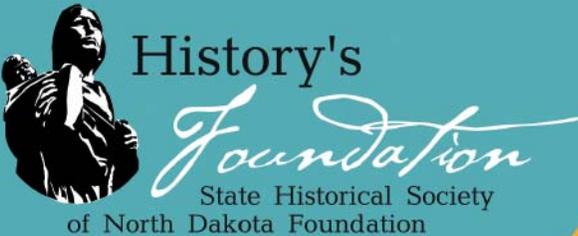
The following organizations received 2016 grants:

Arikara Community Action Group, Garrison FM Area Foundation with Video Arts Studios, Fargo Geographical Center Historical Society, Rugby Grand Forks County Historical Society, Grand Forks Lillian and Colman Taube Museum, Minot Pembina County Historical Society, Cavalier Pioneer Trails Regional Museum, Bowman Three Affiliated Tribes Museum, New Town



WALL-E, a free family film, screens at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sept. 24 in the ND Heritage Center's Russell Reid Auditorium.

View upcoming ND Heritage Center and state historic site fall programs at history.nd.gov/events.

FOUNDATION
NOTES


The Foundation Memorial Program

Elegant Sympathy Card Available to Donors

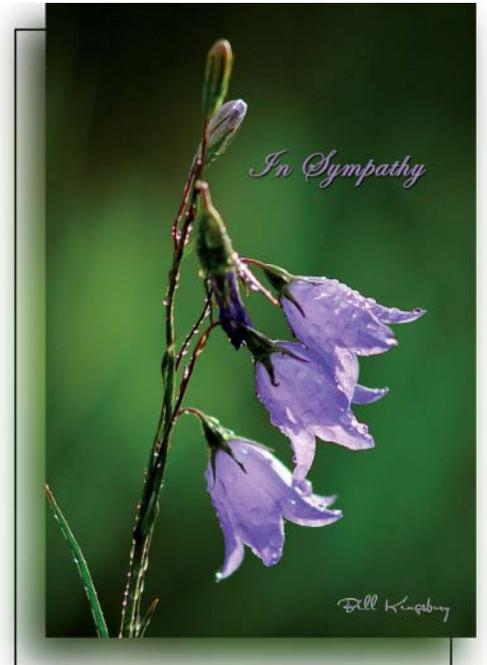
Bidding farewell to a loved one is difficult. For many years, donors have honored family and friends with contributions to the Foundation. Now, as each of these memorial gifts is received, we provide an elegant sympathy card to the donor as a thank you—and the program continues and grows.

Photographer Bill Kingsbury, a retired farmer from Grafton, North Dakota, was chosen as the artist for this card. “The Kingsbury Collection” provides an outstanding and fitting image for the sympathy card.

Each of us remembers family members and friends with memorial donations. The Foundation program allows you to give a memorial gift to the Historical Foundation in any amount and provides a sympathy card to send to the family to honor their loved one. The Foundation follows up with a tax-deductible receipt to the donor and a letter to the family confirming your gift.

If you would like to have a few of these cards for your memorial giving, please contact the Foundation office. We will send cards to you without charge. This is a wonderful way to honor loved ones.

When visiting the ND Heritage Center on the Capitol Grounds, check out the Memorial Kiosk, which has nearly 7,000 memorial tributes to North Dakotans—a partnership with funeral homes across the state. Anyone can add their family history to the kiosk. Contact us for information.



Foundation Development Staff



Virginia A. Nelson, SHSND Foundation Executive Director
 Mario Sveen, SHSND Foundation Development Director
 Gina Hiruby-Buehholz, SHSND Foundation Development Officer

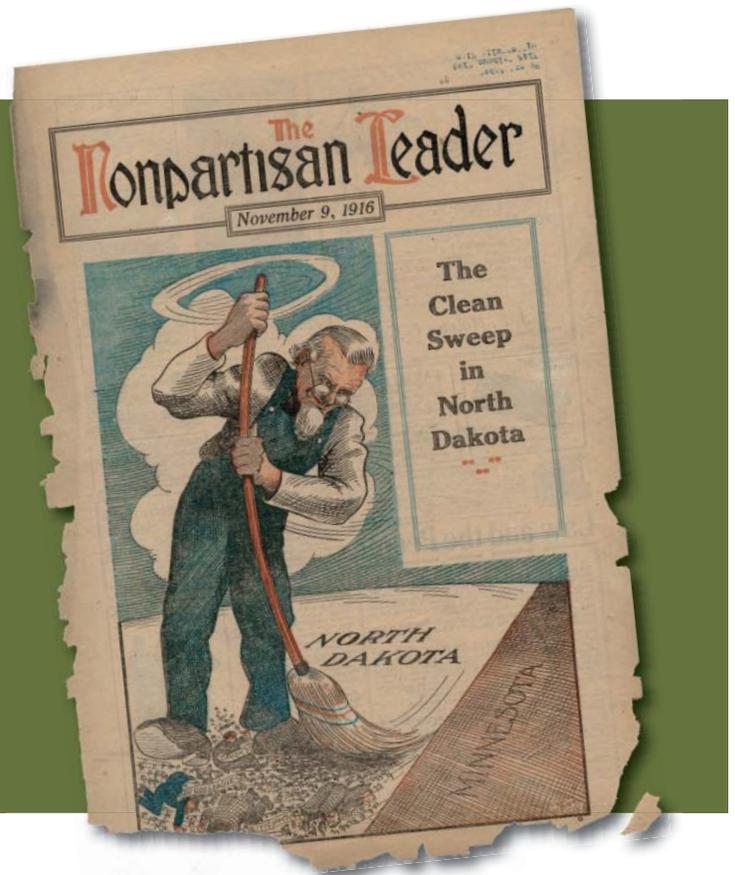
State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation
 PO Box 1976, Bismarck, ND 58502-1976
 701.222.1966
statehistoricalfoundation@btinet.net

NEW EXHIBIT

The Peak of Power: The Nonpartisan League 100 Years Ago

Like a prairie fire, the newly formed Nonpartisan League (NPL), a farmer protest movement, spread across the state in 1915, gaining membership and support from farmers and other workers. The organization's strategy for victory was to run NPL candidates as Republicans in primary elections. Following the elections of 1916 and 1918, the NPL controlled both houses of the Legislative Assembly, the North Dakota Supreme Court, and the governor's office. The 1919 legislative session became the stage for the NPL platform to be implemented.

A new exhibit in the ND Heritage Center & State Museum's James E. Sperry Gallery displays items from the State Archives that highlight the NPL platform and the political activities of the NPL and its opponents from 1915 to 1921. These primary sources include documents, publications, photographs, and oral histories. The exhibit will be on view through July 2017. Plan your visit at statemuseum.nd.gov.



Plains Talk is published quarterly by the State Historical Society of North Dakota, ND Heritage Center, 612 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505/701.328.2666/history.nd.gov. Claudia J. Berg, Director; Ann Crews Melton, *Plains Talk* Editor; *Plains Talk* is a benefit to members of the SHSND Foundation.

North Dakota State Historical Board:

Margaret L. Puetz, *Bismarck*, President; Gereld Gerntholz, *Valley City*, Vice President; Albert I. Berger, *Grand Forks*, Secretary; Diane K. Larson, *Bismarck*; Chester E. Nelson Jr., *Bismarck*; Calvin Grinnell, *New Town*; Terrance Rockstad, *Bismarck*; Sara Otte Coleman, Director, Department of Commerce, Tourism Division; Alvin A. Jaeger, Secretary of State; Kelly Schmidt, State Treasurer; Grant Levi, Director, Department of Transportation; Mark A. Zimmerman, Director, Parks and Recreation Department.

SHSND Foundation Board: Jon McMillan, *Fordville*, President; Dalles Schneider, *Bismarck*, Vice President; Barbara S. Lang, *Jamestown*, Treasurer; Darrell L. Dorgan, *Bismarck*, Secretary; Don Haugen, *Fargo*; Pat Grantier, *Bismarck*; Armen Hanson, *Devils Lake*; Robert M. Horne, *Fargo*; Dennis Johnson, *Watford City*; Paul H. Olson, *Fargo*; Bruce Dolezal, *Dickinson*; Calvin Grinnell, *New Town*, State Historical Board Liaison.

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter!
history.nd.gov/enews