



## Engaging the Digital Generation

Lakota hoop dancer Kevin Locke performs for local students at the 2018 Whitestone Hill Education Day in September, held annually at the state historic site southeast of Kulm.

The State Historical Society values lifelong learning, whether offering educational programs at our many state historic sites or developing award-winning curriculum for North Dakota's teachers. This season our state historic sites welcomed scores of area students for annual education days or field trips, and the ND Heritage Center & State Museum continues to be a favorite destination for school groups to discover interactive history come to life.

The North Dakota Studies program, produced by the State Historical Society and overseen by Coordinator Neil Howe, melds these hands-on learning opportunities with stellar online and print resources for students, teachers, and anyone else who wants to explore our state's fascinating history. North Dakota Studies just launched an updated website at [ndstudies.gov](http://ndstudies.gov), where you can find accessible and informative resources on the geography, history, and government of North Dakota.

To implement these updated virtual learning tools, North Dakota Studies hosted a teacher workshop in Bismarck in October, where educators from locations as diverse as Mott, New Rockford, and Starkweather gathered for two days of interactive sessions. Thirty-five teachers from 26 schools, serving more than 1,000 students, explored available web-based curricula for fourth and eighth grades, with special attention devoted to the ND Native

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## Engaging the Digital Generation Continued



State Historical Society staff hosted 35 teachers at the ND Heritage Center & State Museum for a two-day North Dakota Studies workshop in October.

American Essential Understandings developed for North Dakota schools. State Historical Society staff and guest presenters covered topics from web-usability to historic site visitation to museum interaction, not to mention archival research, public broadcasting, biopics, energy, and early people groups.

Check out the updated website at [ndstudies.gov](http://ndstudies.gov). In 2019, look for more exciting educational programs coming to life at a state historic site near you.



The train in The Treehouse children's exhibit received a new interactive panel for conductors in training.

## New at the North Dakota Heritage Center

Look what's new at the State Museum! *The Horse in North Dakota* exhibit in the Governors Gallery opened in August, featuring horse-related objects from the State Historical Society collections. Another exhibit from our collections, *Chisels and Shavings: North Dakota Woodcarvings*, will open in the North Dakota Art Red River Hall in January. Meanwhile our gallery guides now offer daily pop-up history programs at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at various locations in the Museum — short demonstrations or talks to delve more in depth with our exhibits. And just in time for winter, The Treehouse children's exhibit continues to receive enhancements, so stop by with your young ones for interactive indoor play. Plan your visit now at [statemuseum.nd.gov](http://statemuseum.nd.gov).



Dakota parfleche bags, saddle, and travois are now on display in *The Horse in North Dakota* exhibit in the Governors Gallery.



Trout sculpted from basswood by Warren Schlecht of Bismarck will be featured in *Chisels and Shavings: North Dakota Woodcarvings* at the State Museum.

# Horsing Around at the State Museum

With the opening of the new exhibit *The Horse in North Dakota*, now on view in the State Museum's Governors Gallery, State Historical Society staff have been saddled with the fun responsibility of creating horse-themed programs. The exhibit grand opening featured veterinarian Dr. Russ Voigt, how-to-draw-a-horse lessons with Jessica Rockeman, and Miss Rodeo North Dakota 2018, Hope Ebel. A few weeks later we hosted *HARVEST*, a farm-to-table sampler event in partnership with Bismarck restaurant Terra Nomad, which featured exquisite tastings, exhibit tours, and cowboy songs by musician Kris Kitko. Keep your ears open for more fun horse programs, and if you haven't made it to the exhibit yet, quit stalling and hoof it to the State Museum.



Veterinarian Dr. Russ Voigt demonstrates how to care for horses in the Prairie Amphitheater on Aug. 25.



Artist Jessica Rockeman teaches young museum-goers how to draw a horse.



*HARVEST* attendees sample locally sourced appetizers from Terra Nomad on Sept. 13.



Musician Kris Kitko guided listeners through happy trails at *HARVEST* on Sept. 13.



Reigning Miss Rodeo North Dakota Hope Ebel presented at *The Horse in North Dakota* grand opening on Aug. 25.

## Molander Site Excavated

By Fern Swenson,  
Archaeology & Historic Preservation Division director  
PaleoCultural Research Group, Oklahoma State University,  
the University of Arkansas, and the State Historical Society  
continued investigations at Molander Indian Village State  
Historic Site, a Hidatsa earthlodge village in Oliver County, this  
August. Geophysical surveys and targeted test excavation were  
conducted to determine the occupation history and layout of  
the site. Research will ultimately result in the development of  
interpretive materials for the public. Rory Becker from Eastern  
Oregon University captured virtual reality imagery that will  
eventually enable people to experience the site remotely and  
learn the process of archaeological research through interviews  
with the researchers.



Councilman Cory Spotted Bear (Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, left) and Rory Becker explore the potential of virtual reality imagery at Molander Indian Village State Historic Site.



Archaeologists excavate the Molander Indian Village site, occupied by the Awaxawi Hidatsa through the mid-18th century.



Dirt from the excavation units is washed through fine window screen and dried on canvas cots. This university participant bags all materials for transport to a lab for processing and analysis.

## New Property Listed in National Register



A Cold War Spartan missile launch site has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the federal government's list of properties it considers worthy of preservation and recognition. The Remote Sprint Launch Site 3 (RSL-3) in Cavalier County, active 1975–76, is the best preserved unit remaining of the Stanley R. Mickelsen Safeguard Complex that is not operational as an active military component. It contains the Sprint launch pad with 16 empty missile silos, the Limited Area Sentry Station (LASS) where one enters the site, and the large bunker Remote Launch Operations Building (ROB), where service people maintained communications and equipment in ready for any potential launch situation while in contact with the other Stanley R. Mickelsen Safeguard Complex units throughout northeast North Dakota.

## AmeriCorps Visits Fort Totten

by Kyle Nelson, site supervisor

A team from the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) came to Fort Totten State Historic Site this fall. NCCC is a federally funded program by AmeriCorps that recruits young adults to engage in civil service around the country. Fort Totten's team consisted of eight members from all over the United States, none of whom had visited North Dakota before. Their primary objectives were cleaning out the site's 1925 gymnasium and cataloging the Pioneer Daughters collection. The Fort Totten Foundation kindly donated the use of the Totten Trail Historic Inn as living quarters. Read more about the team's visit at [history.nd.gov/plainstalk](http://history.nd.gov/plainstalk).



AmeriCorps team members Quinn, Tessa Ewing, Cameron Crawford, and Jabari Shirley take a break from working on the gymnasium at Fort Totten State Historic Site.

## Society Staff Receive Awards



Jenny Yearous receives the 2018 Mountain-Plains Museums Association President's Award from Steve Whittington, MPMA president, at the annual conference in Billings, Montana, this September.



Erik Holland receives the 2018 Environmental Educator of the Year Trees Award from NDSU President Dean Bresciani, left, and State Forester Larry Kotchman, right.

Two noteworthy awards were recently presented to Audience Engagement & Museum Division staff members. Curator of Collections Management Jenny Yearous received the 2018 Mountain-Plains Museums Association (MPMA) President's Award, given for significant service to the MPMA. Yearous, a longtime MPMA member and board member, contributes a handcrafted quilt to the auction to raise scholarship funds every year, provides educational training sessions, and has established valuable professional relationships with colleagues across the MPMA's 10-state region.

Curator of Education Erik Holland was recently named Environmental Educator of the Year by the North Dakota Forest Service and North Dakota State University at the 2018 Trees Awards Ceremony in Fargo. Holland was honored for his educational programs around how Native Americans utilized woodland resources and how the Timber Culture Act brought settlers to North Dakota. Congratulations to these outstanding staff members.

## Heritage Volunteers Honored

Heritage Volunteers serve roles from greeting visitors at museums and state historic sites to cataloging collections or staffing Museum Stores. On Aug. 24, we honored the following volunteers for their dedicated service across the state:

**Dedication:** Doug Wurtz

**Curatorial:** Kathy Dorgan, Coliene Jacobson, Tom Kilzer, Sherri Snyder

**Hospitality:** Genevieve Kirmis

**Special Project:**  
Connie Sprynczynatyk

**Youth:** Peighton Walker

**State Historic Sites:**  
Ben Gjorven

**20 Years of Service:**  
Laura Novak

**First Hundred Hours of Service:** Ben Gjorven, Lenore Hopfauf, Linda Larson, Arlene Olson, Paul Olson, Myrna Schedel, Hannah Vanorny

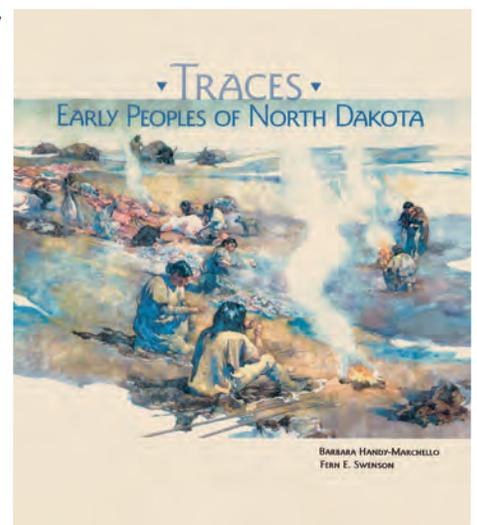
Learn how to get involved at [history.nd.gov/volunteers.html](http://history.nd.gov/volunteers.html).



Clockwise from top left: Linda Larson, Ben Gjorven, Lenore Hopfauf, and Arlene Olson were honored Aug. 24 for their first 100 hours of service as Heritage Volunteers. Gjorven also received the State Historic Sites Award.

## New Book Highlights Early Peoples

Published in 2018 by the State Historical Society, *Traces: Early Peoples of North Dakota* covers the archaeological history of what is now North Dakota. The story begins with a group of people who stored stones near Beach 13,500 years ago and examines the archaeological record until 1880. The book, authored by Barbara Handy-Marchello and Fern E. Swenson, corresponds to exhibits in the Innovation Gallery: Early Peoples at the ND Heritage Center & State Museum, providing greater depth to discoveries explaining where people came from, their work, and innovations that propelled them into modern times. The 128-page book is beautifully illustrated with images of objects from the State Historical Society collections, original paintings, and maps. Find your copy at the Museum Store or online at [statemuseum.nd.gov/store](http://statemuseum.nd.gov/store).



# University Students Conduct Ornithology Lab

An ornithology class at the University of Mary in Bismarck visited the ND Heritage Center multiple times this fall to study the State Historical Society bird and egg collections. After conducting lab work measuring specimens and examining identifying characteristics, the students completed a service project to verify the identification of a group of water birds. This project will be helpful in updating the cataloging information for our natural history collections. View select bird specimens on display in the permanent Birds of North Dakota exhibit in the State Museum.



University of Mary ornithology students measure an owl from the State Historical Society collections.

## Fall at the Sites

Superb programs and much-needed maintenance continue at our state historic sites. Stutsman County Courthouse in Jamestown and the Former Governors' Mansion in Bismarck both hosted Halloween open houses, and the Chateau de Mores in Medora held its annual Pie Day and Hay Rides on Oct. 27. Earlier this fall at the Chateau, the 135-year-old private stable building of the Marquis de Mores, which was damaged in the 2011 flood and in danger of collapsing, received a new foundation. Look for more site updates and holiday events statewide at [history.nd.gov/events](http://history.nd.gov/events).



Mason Reynolds and Morgan Delzer pose with ghosts of governors past at the annual Former Governors' Mansion Halloween Open House in Bismarck.

Workers from RDA Construction and Zentner House Moving work together to lower the historic stable building at the Chateau de Mores onto a new grade beam foundation. The building was raised 36 inches into the air, the new foundation poured, and then the building lowered and the walls straightened.



## State Historical Board Welcomes New Member



Allan Demaray



Calvin Grinnell

The North Dakota State Historical Board welcomes Allan Demaray of New Town, an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara (MHA) Nation. Demaray was appointed to the board by Gov. Doug Burgum, who also reappointed Calvin Grinnell of Bismarck. Grinnell, an MHA Nation tribal member, served as board president from 2013 to 2015 and will remain on the Historical Board through 2021.

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## The Foundation Honors Virginia Nelsen

*It is with great sadness we inform you that Virginia Nelsen, Executive Director, passed away November 16, 2018. Virginia gave 17 years of service to the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation. We honor her tireless efforts and tenacity in the countless projects she spearheaded for the State Historical Society of North Dakota and its Foundation. She will truly be missed.*

## Many Ways to Give to the Foundation

We are grateful for our members and for our North Dakota Heritage Center expansion donors. As we build relationships, we have the opportunity to share with people the many ways they can support the work of the Foundation.

**Membership:** \$35 to \$45 to \$100 or more provides a subscription to *Plains Talk* newsletter and *North Dakota History: Journal of the Northern Plains*, plus free admission to state historic sites, a 15 percent discount at all seven Museum Stores, and participation in the Time Travelers program, with discounted access to attractions around the US.

**Annual Giving Campaigns:** Three to four times a year we offer our members, donors, and friends the opportunity to give an *additional* gift to the Foundation's work. This is the perfect way to show your gratitude for what has been done and invest in projects moving forward.

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