



# The Local Network

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## \$307,000 IN CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTS AWARDED BY STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BISMARCK – North Dakota’s history agency has awarded more than \$307,000 in Cultural Heritage Grants for the coming year to 40 eligible organizations throughout the state. A total of 56 organizations from all areas of North Dakota applied for the grants from the State Historical Society of North Dakota, requesting more than \$439,000.

Under the guidelines, a maximum of \$20,000 is available per grant, with a dollar-for-dollar match requirement. That match may be either in

cash or in-kind services. Funding for these grants was approved by the 2009 Legislative Assembly.

“We are delighted with the tremendous response to this program,” said Merl Paaverud, director of the State Historical Society of North Dakota. “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 appreciate the efforts of the North Dakota Legislature in making this program a reality.”

The following are those organizations awarded grants, the amounts they received, and a brief description of their project:

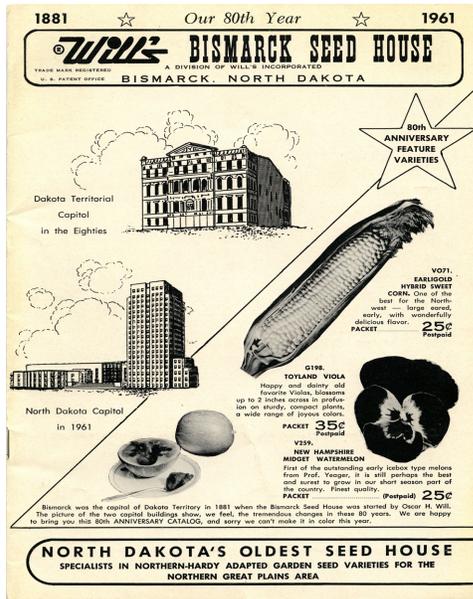
- \* Barnes County Historical Society, Valley City – Sewer system gate installation - \$1,000
- \* Bowman County Historical Society, Bowman – Bowman Pioneer Trails Museum heating system - \$18,500
- \* Buffalo Historical Society, Inc., Buffalo – 1916 high school preservation - \$7,700
- \* Buxton in Bloom – First State Bank of Buxton exhibits - \$4,000
- \* City of Northwood – Northwood Museum - \$10,000
- \* City of Tuttle – Works Project Administration (WPA) Public Office Building rehabilitation - \$10,000
- \* Dakota Buttes Visitors Council, Hettinger – The Last Great Buffalo Hunt Project - \$4,400
- \* Dickey County Historical Society, Oakes – Dickey County Historical Society Building Rehabilitation - \$5,000

- \* Divide County Historical Society, Crosby – Artifact Labeling Project - \$194
- \* Ellendale Historical Society, Ellendale – Coleman Memorial Museum Records Collections Project - \$2,475
- \* The Enchanted Highway – Lampl Historical Homestead Rehabilitation - \$10,000
- \* Enderlin Historical Society and Museum, Enderlin – Electrical system and exit door updates, archival supplies purchase - \$2,968
- \* Eddy County Museum, New Rockford – North Dakota Museum Assessment Program - \$10,000
- \* Flickertail Village and Museum, Stanley – Roof replacement of six Flickertail Village and Museum Buildings - \$10,750
- \* Glen Ullin Museum, Glen Ullin – Glen Ullin Museum Building addition - \$5,850
- \* Gorges Arts and Heritage Council, Walhalla – Walhalla Theater roof structural analysis and stabilization - \$20,000
- \* Grand Forks County Historical Society, Grand Forks – Archival supplies purchase - \$974
- \* Greater Grand Forks Symphony Association – Greater Grand Forks Symphony Centennial Book - \$4,300
- \* Green School Community Center, Valley City – Green School protection and preservation - \$9,085
- \* Hatton-Eielson Museum and Historical Society, Hatton – Exterior painting of Eielson Home - \$20,000
- \* Hiddenwood Old Settlers Association, Ryder – Hiddenwood Old Settlers Chapel preservation - \$2,124
- \* Hillsboro Community Partnership – Union Block Building Rehabilitation - \$20,000
- \* Lake County Historical Society, Kenmare – Foundation and roofing of Bintz House and Niobe Hall - \$14,325
- \* LaMoure County Museum Board, Grand Rapids – LaMoure County Museum and School House Rehabilitation - \$8,000
- \* Larimore Community Museum and Historical Society, Larimore – Window repairs on the Larimore Community Museum - \$20,000
- \* Makoti Threshers Association, Makoti – Spring Valley Lutheran Church Preservation - \$12,000
- \* Mandan Historical Society, Mandan – Photo Archives - \$1,500
- \* Manfred History and Preservation, Inc., Manfred – Melby Rogness House Exhibit - \$5,171
- \* McIntosh County Commission, Ashley – McIntosh County Historical Society Museum furnace replacement - \$3,526
- \* Mercer County Historical Society, Beulah – Light fixture replacement and archival supplies purchase - \$6,795
- \* Mott Gallery of History and Arts, Mott – Gutter, roof and window weatherization - \$3,472
- \* OPERA, Inc., Ellendale – Opera House Kitchen/Green Room Storage Rehabilitation - \$5,000
- \* Ox Cart Trails Historical Society, Drayton – Drayton Historical/Heritage Program - \$6,000
- \* Pembina County Historical Society, Cavalier -- Kemp Building Exhibits - \$5,000
- \* Rural Vestige Alliance, Manfred – Manfred School and Rogne, Soderback, and Solheim House Reroof Project - \$8,170
- \* Save Coghlan Castle, Inc., Rolla – Coghlan Castle Exterior Rehabilitation - \$15,000
- \* Save the Hens Foundation, Sheldon – Sheldon Community Center Facade Rehabilitation - \$8,000
- \* Stutsman County Memorial Museum, Jamestown – Photo Preservation Project - \$1,000
- \* Towner County Historical Society, Egeland – Egeland School Painting - \$3,750
- \* Wells County Historical Society, Fessenden – Photo Archives and Exhibit Project - \$1,000

This is the first of two grant rounds for the 2009-11 biennium. In the second round, about \$130,000 will be available – the announcement for applications for that second round will be made in February 2010. For more information, contact the State Historical Society of North Dakota's Grants and Contracts Officer Amy Munson at (701) 328-3573 or email at [amunson@nd.gov](mailto:amunson@nd.gov).

## HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW? GARDENING IN NORTH DAKOTA

The history of gardening in North Dakota is explored in a new exhibit. *How Does Your Garden Grow? Gardening in North Dakota* opens Friday, November 20 at 3 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the North Dakota Heritage Center. Remarks will also be made by Barbara Handy-Marchello, associate professor of history emerita of the University of North Dakota, who researched the exhibit's content.



The exhibit explores 900 years of gardening in North Dakota, beginning when American Indians began cultivating corn, squash, sunflowers, and beans along the Missouri and other river systems in the state. It tells the story of gardening in what would become North Dakota using photographs, colorful images from seed catalogs and posters, heirloom seeds, gardening tools and preserving utensils from the collections of the state's history agency, the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND).

Gardens were essential for the survival of the frontier soldiers, and when pioneers arrived in the new territories, gardens quickly appeared on the new homesteads. Women from the eastern United States, Norway, Germany, Russia, and other parts

of Europe brought new vegetables to add to the garden staples developed by their Indian and military predecessors.

### *The Seeds of Victory: Home Gardening Posters from the World Wars* .....

is the newest Traveling Interpretive Exhibit (TIES) featuring 37 full-color war garden posters reproduced from the originals held by the North Dakota State Archives.



To help the United States win World War I and World War II, civilians made do with less so there would be enough supplies for the armed forces. Planting a garden was encouraged by the federal government to supplement civilian shortages and allow raw materials to be diverted to the military. Through propaganda such as posters, governments and private entities encouraged growing one's food. Gardening and canning became patriotic acts.

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## DOCUMENTING NORTH DAKOTA'S SCHOOLS PROJECT UNDERWAY:

Symbols of our rural and educational past, country schools once dotted the North Dakota landscape, many of the school buildings are in danger of vanishing. The State Historical Society of North Dakotas (SHSND) is spearheading a volunteer-based project to document potentially historic school buildings, including photographing, measuring, and noting architectural features of each structure, as well as its relevant history. Volunteers are needed to help record these important symbols.

SHSND Architectural Historian Lorna Meidinger and SHSND Research Archaeologist Amy Bleier, who are leading the project, will update attendees on the school documentation project at the next Governor's Conference on North Dakota History, set for October 29-30, 2010 at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck.

Instructions for volunteers interested in helping with the schoolhouse documentation project can be found on the website at [www.history.nd.gov/hp/recordingbuildings.html](http://www.history.nd.gov/hp/recordingbuildings.html). This website, which will be updated periodically, includes a list of schools already documented, an outline example, forms, and the architectural manual with specific instructions on how to fill out the site forms needed for the project. The manual also explains how to describe a legal location, which is needed to fill out the site forms.

*If you are interested in helping to document the vanishing part of North Dakota history or have questions about the project, contact Meidinger at (701) 328-2089, email [lbmeidinger@nd.gov](mailto:lbmeidinger@nd.gov) or Bleier at 328-3088, email [ableier@nd.gov](mailto:ableier@nd.gov).*

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