



22nd Annual Governor's Conference on North Dakota History

The 3 Rs in North Dakota: Education from 1951 to 2010

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2010

Conference Registration 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Heritage Center Lobby

- Pre-registration is required for the Friday MACC workshop.
- Additional lunches may be purchased for people attending Saturday's luncheon only.

☞ A SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS AND MEALS WILL BE INSERTED IN THE BACK OF YOUR NAME BADGE HOLDER FOR EASY REFERENCE.

M.A.C.C. Workshop – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cleaning Museum Artifacts: What's Right and What's Wrong

Presenters: Neil C. Cockerline, Director of Preservation Services and Conservator, Midwest Art Conservation Center

This one-day workshop is designed for collections staff with little or no formal conservation training, but who are often faced with "sprucing up" collection artifacts for storage or exhibition purposes. In addition to a power point lecture, hands-on demonstrations will show how to assess whether different types of artifacts can be cleaned by the local staff. Common commercial cleaning products that may be harmful to artifact materials will be identified. A variety of safe (and often inexpensive) cleaning products will be introduced through hands-on demonstrations. Participants will learn when simple cleaning procedures may be used and when a professional conservator needs to be called in for treatment. A notebook of technical leaflets with recipes and directions for the use of safe cleaning agents will be given to each participant.

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Conference Opening and Welcome

Merlan J. Paaverud, Jr., Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota
Dr. Wayne Sanstead, North Dakota Superintendent of Public Instruction

Session #1 – 1:15 to 2:05 p.m.

Excellence and Community in North Dakota Education, 1951 to 2010

Presenter: Mary Harris, Regents Professor of Teacher Education and Administration and Meadows Chair for Excellence in Education, University of North Texas

In North Dakota education, school community enables the preservation of identity and culture along with assuring the development and learning of children. The last 60 years have witnessed increasing federalization of schooling in the U.S., with equity and excellence as goals. How have federal policies and other national developments in education impacted North Dakota? Has education improved over the last 60 years? How do we balance community with excellence in North Dakota schools?

Session #2 – 2:20 to 3:05 p.m.

Preservation Through Documentation: The Country Schoolhouse Project

Presenters: Amy Bleier, Research Archaeologist, SHSND,
Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator, SHSND

This power point presentation will discuss the 2009-2010 Country Schoolhouse Project, a documentation program led by the Archaeology and Historic Preservation Division of the State Historical Society of North Dakota. The primary goal of the project has been to guide volunteers in recordation of country schoolhouse structures throughout the state. This capstone presentation will summarize the goals, statistics, and results, marking the end of the project.

Session #3 – 3:20 to 4:05 p.m.

What is the Role of the Federal Government in State Education Systems and How Is a Local Control State Like North Dakota Addressing its Impact?

Presenter: State Representative RaeAnn Kelsch (R-Mandan), and Chairman of the House Education Committee

This session will delve into the discussion of the federal government's role in K-12 education. Topics to be discussed will be the infusion of stimulus money to the states, the Race to the Top Program and its unintended consequences, the re-authorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act findings of the National Conference of State Legislators Task Force on Federal Education Issues, and the work of the North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement.

Session #4 – 4:20 to 5:05 p.m.

Indian Schools in North Dakota

Presenter: Carole Barrett, Professor, American Indian Studies, University of Mary

Why is Indian education a separate topic when speaking about education in the state of North Dakota? Why has education often been viewed as a negative within the American Indian community? Why did a 1969 Congressional study describe Indian education as “a national tragedy, a national challenge?” Where has Indian education come since then? This session will look at the history of American Indian education, highlighting schools in North Dakota.

Community Supper – 6:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center Mezzanine

Experience a “grown-up” version of one of the good, hearty meals served in the school cafeterias of the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. Catered by DiDonna's Italian Fine Dining of Bismarck. Entertainment will be provided by the New Generation Jazz Chorus from Bismarck High School under the direction of Michael Seil.

Annual Awards Presentation — 7:15 p.m. — Russell Reid Auditorium

Dessert and coffee reception — 8:00 p.m. — Lobby

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2010

Conference Registration 8:00 to 8:45 a.m., Heritage Center Lobby

8:45 to 9:00 a.m. – Greetings and Housekeeping

Session #5 – 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.

Notable Events in North Dakota Education, 1951 to 2010

Presenter: Mary Harris, Regents Professor of Teacher Education and Administration and Meadows Chair for Excellence in Education, University of North Texas

This session considers the impact on North Dakota education of seven or eight notable events of the last 60 years. It will look at the impact of the Minot teacher strike of 1969, the New School for Behavioral Studies at the University of North Dakota from 1968 to 1972, the legislation that required the study by teachers of the history of American Indians of North Dakota starting in 1980, and the middle-school movement of the 1990s, among other issues.

Session #6 – 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Sweeping Changes in Classroom Technology

Presenters: Cindy Bleier, Retired Director of Instructional Resources for Fargo Public Schools
Gina Swanson Phillips, Library Media Specialist, Bismarck Public Schools

Who remembers the smell emanating from the mimeographed work sheets and tests as the teacher passed the papers out? For those who do, the technology resources available to teachers and students now would be incomprehensible. The tools and the support system available to North Dakota teachers are excellent, and these two presenters have been in the forefront of ensuring that teachers have the tools and the skills to use them. Cindy Bleier will discuss the early period of development of computer programs and other resources that have been used by the classroom teachers, while Gina Swanson Phillips will provide information on the newest programs and equipment for the classroom.

Session #7 – 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.

The Hot Lunch Program – Its Beginnings to Now

Presenter: Harvey Schilling, Food Service Director with the Bismarck Public Schools from 1972 to 1999. Served as state president for the North Dakota Food Service Association, and as a presenter for the State Food Association and the National Food Association

Today school-lunch boxes are valuable antiques, but in the earlier days of North Dakota education, the lunch boxes were an important part of the students' school days. Lunches were dutifully packed each day because the students did not have any other way to enjoy a midday meal. Then the school hot-lunch programs came along, and the schools were feeding the students each day. Harvey Schilling was an integral part of the hot-lunch improvement process, as he worked with the federal and state officials to bring nutritional meals to students, not only in Bismarck but throughout the state. He will present a light-hearted look at the coming-of-age of the school food program.

School Lunch – 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting of the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation Board

Session #8 – 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Options for Educating Students in North Dakota

Presenters: Neil Howe, North Dakota Studies Coordinator, North Dakota Center for Distance Education, Fargo
Cam Leedahl, homeschool teacher and advocate, Leonard, North Dakota
Fr. Albert Leary, retired teacher, North Dakota Catholic Schools, Strasburg, North Dakota
Panel Moderator: Kathleen Davison, Editor, State Historical Society of North Dakota

As education has grown and diversified, various alternative methods of schooling have been introduced and accepted by authorities and the people of North Dakota. The history of several of these alternatives is the topic of this panel. Parochial schools have existed in North Dakota since before statehood. Father Albert Leary will present a brief history of parochial schools in the state and relate some of his experiences as a teacher and administrator in North Dakota's Catholic schools. The Center for Distance Education was created in the 1930s as a correspondence program for students who were unable to attend an organized high school and for enrolled students who wanted to take courses not offered locally. Neil Howe, a retired teacher and administrator for the program, will review how the program has responded to changing needs over time, highlighting the development of a web-based, technology-oriented program. The most recent alternative to public schools that has emerged in North Dakota is homeschooling. Cam Leedahl, a homeschool teacher and advocate, will share insights into how the movement for homeschooling has developed and grown.

Session #9 – 2:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Beyond the Book: Extracurricular Activities

Presenters: Tim Fogderud, retired Century High School of Bismarck band director
Jack Lynch, retired Bismarck High School coach and referee
Susan Anderson, Richardton High School speech and drama coach
Billie Ann Caya, Bismarck High School cheerleading coach
Panel Moderator: Walter Bailey, retired Historic Preservation Planner, State Historical Society of North Dakota

After the drudgery of all the required classes, the FUN begins. Students thrive on the opportunities they have outside the regular classroom. Whether it is going out for basketball, football, band, chorus, cheerleading, or participating in theater, speech, or debate, these are the opportunities for them to have fun and excel. The panelists have seen the very best (and perhaps worst) of those students as they have helped develop their talents. Tim Fogderud is the recently retired director of the renowned Century Patriots Marching Band and other ensembles. Jack Lynch, a noted former coach and referee, has many memories and stories of the students he's watched and trained. Susan Anderson has a long track record of bringing in winners at speech and debate meets at the state and national levels. Billie Ann Caya has led her Bismarck High School cheerleaders to 16 state championships in her 30 years of teaching the students the fun of school spirit and participation.



Save this date!

The topic for the 2011 Governor's Conference on North Dakota History will be
Too Much or Too Little: The Story of Water in North Dakota,
scheduled for October 28-29, 2011 at the North Dakota Heritage Center.