



Plains Talk

North Dakota Heritage Center

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Full Expansion Project Approved by Legislature



Hammel, Green and Abramson (HGA), Inc.



This drawing shows the North Dakota Heritage Center expansion to be built, facing southeast toward State Street on the state capitol grounds in Bismarck. The main entrance from the east, featuring the *Northern Lights Atrium*, will provide a new opportunity to draw visitors to the State Capitol Complex from the busy adjacent highway. (above right) A second view of the *Northern Lights Atrium* highlights the east entrance. The Heritage Center's current west entrance will remain open for easy access into the building from the Capitol Complex. (left) *The Governors Gallery* will feature temporary and traveling exhibits, and host regional and world-class "blockbuster" events. This gallery will also provide the State Historical Society with the ability to display more of its collections and produce large-scale exhibits that can travel worldwide.

By Rick Collin

A historic \$51.7 million expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center was approved by the 61st Legislative Assembly in its final hours. The May 2 votes were 71-19 in the House and 45-1 in the Senate.

House Bill 1481 appropriates \$39.7 million in state funds, with an additional \$12 million to come from private and federal funds. The legislation requires that at least \$6 million of the private and federal funds be pledged before construction can begin.

"Our Heritage Center has always chronicled our natural and historical past, and now, as our state grows both economically and culturally, we will have a first-class facility to display the beauty, history, and culture of our great state for decades to come," said Governor John Hoeven as he signed the bill at 2:34 p.m. in a May 6 ceremony at the North Dakota Heritage Center.

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Governor John Hoeven signs the bill authorizing \$51.7 million for the Phase II expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center. Others at the May 6 ceremony at the Heritage Center were (l to r), Juan Thomas, KXMB-CBS television cameraman; SHSND Foundation consultant Bill Schott; Representative Lawrence Klemin (R-Bismarck) with pen; SHSND Director Merl Paaverud; Representative Karen Karls (R-Bismarck); State Treasurer and State Historical Board member Kelly Schmidt; Secretary of State and State Historical Board member Al Jaeger; and SHSND Foundation Board member Dalles Schneider.

Photograph by Brian Austin, SHSND



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“We deeply appreciate the strong support the project received during the legislative session from our supporters, together with the vision of Governor Hoeven, our legislators, Lieutenant Governor Dalrymple, and our former governors in helping make this a reality,” said State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) Director Merl Paaverud. “The vote approving the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center is the culmination of many years of perseverance, dedication, and hard work by all the supporters who have believed strongly in this vision. This is also a tribute to the great work done by our staff. By providing such excellent services to the public and caring for the important historical documentation and collections of our state, they have convinced so many that all we do as the state’s history agency is worthy of the level of support that the expansion represents.”

The 2007 North Dakota Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million for expanded designs for the 97,000 square-foot Phase II addition. The Phase II project also includes renovation of existing portions of the Heritage Center.

In the Phase I expansion and other 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 Wah-



The artist’s rendering above shows the expanded Heritage Center extending from the original gallery at the far end in this view. The four gallery windows will act as billboards, announcing the exhibits within each gallery and welcoming visitors and tourists to the State Capitol Complex.

In addition to badly needed new exhibit gallery and collections space, the Phase II expansion will also include:

- *The 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 13,000-year history of American Indians on the Northern Plains
- *The Geological Time Gallery*, about the 500 million years that preceded the arrival of people in what is now North Dakota, including the era of the dinosaurs
- *The Governors Gallery*, designed primarily for high-profile temporary and traveling exhibits
- *The Inspiration, Opportunities, and Innovation Gallery*, beginning with European-American settlement and including industry innovations and expanding technologies of the past 150 years and into the future
- *The North Dakota Corridor of History*, a 25-foot-wide passageway connecting the new galleries and featuring exhibits, high-tech wall murals, programming space, and visitor seating
- *The Great Plains Theater*, a 60-seat theater offering high 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 announcing 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 contemporary vistas of North Dakota



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Although the expansion is visually striking, it has been designed not to detract from the focal point of the Capitol Complex – the State Capitol building. This view from *The Missouri River Special Events Center* will provide opportunities to interpret the history of the Capitol building and grounds. *The James River Café*, located in this area, will provide refreshments for visitors.

peton, and the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center in Medora. A strong cultural heritage grant program was also approved by the Legislative Assembly.

A \$5.7 million expansion of the State Archives was funded mostly through a bond approved by the 2005 Legislative Assembly.

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

“This exciting and ‘must see’ expanded North Dakota Heritage Center will draw on the timeless architecture of the

Photograph by Gerald Neuborg

Grand Opening This Summer

New Historic Site to Tell Cold War Story

By Bonnie T. Johnson

The State Historical Society of North Dakota's (SHSND) newest state historic site will celebrate its grand opening Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 1 with a ribbon cutting held Friday. Directly on the front lines of the Cold War, the Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site near Cooperstown will preserve and interpret the story of the Minuteman missile system as well as the people working in and living around the missile sites.

The State Historical Board will hold its summer meeting July 31 at the site to mark the grand opening. The site is named after Reagan as a result of legislation approved by the 2007 Legislative Assembly to honor the 40th President's role in ending the Cold War.

The new state historic site consists of two sites – the Oscar-Zero Missile Alert Facility (MAF) and the nearby November-33 Launch Facility (LF).

Events planned for the grand opening include tours of the Oscar-Zero MAF and the November-33 LF, as well as the Cold War exhibit at the Griggs County Museum. Military

equipment will be on display both days at the Griggs County

Fairgrounds. Registration for special tours, meals, and events runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday at the Griggs County Museum, and a shuttle bus will be available to transport visitors from the museum to the new historic site both days of the grand opening. A buffet dinner will be served Friday night, with speakers, special guests, and music by the North Dakota Army National Guard Band. A picnic lunch, model airplane fly-in, and music from local groups highlight Saturday's events. Pre-registration for grand opening events is encouraged, especially for the Friday evening dinner. For more information or to register, contact Becky Meidinger of the Cooperstown-Griggs County Economic Development Council at cooperedc@invisimax.com or call (701) 797-3712.

The Cold War began in 1945 as a post-World War II confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union over many issues, most importantly the shape of the post-war world. A massive arms race ensued, although the two superpowers never fought each other directly because of the potential of nuclear weapons to destroy both nations. It ended with the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Constructed as part of the Grand Forks Air Force Base's 321st Missile Wing, Oscar-Zero and November-33 were completed in 1965, with Minuteman II missiles installed shortly

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The new Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site actually consists of two sites telling the story of the Cold War years in North Dakota. They are the Oscar-Zero Missile Alert Facility (top) and the November-33 Launch Facility (left). They are the last remnants of the 321st Missile Wing, a cluster of intercontinental ballistic missile launch sites that were spread over a 6,500-square-mile area around the Grand Forks Air Force Base.

existing building designed by the architectural firm AWBW of Bismarck more than 25 years ago and create a 'Smithsonian of the Plains,' " said SHSND Foundation Director Virginia Nelsen.

"In 2014, we will be celebrating our 125th anniversary of statehood," said Paaverud. "That will be the perfect time 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. It will be a wonderful gift to the people of our state."

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, chaired by Lt. Governor Dalrymple, 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.

Photograph by Gerald Neuborg



New Historic Site *continued from page 3*

after completion. The sites were modified in the 1970s to accommodate Minuteman III missiles. For nearly 30 years these two missile facilities were on continuous alert. The Strategic Arms Reduction (START) Treaty in 1991 between the Soviet Union and the United States limited the number of strategic weapons on both sides, eventually resulting in the closing of the 321st Wing at Grand Forks and the removal of all Minuteman missiles from the base. Other LF and MAF were dynamited or filled, leaving the Oscar-Zero MAF to be preserved by the U.S. Air Force. The SHSND took control of the facility in December 2007. It is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Minuteman missile fields are still operating in North Dakota, based out of the Minot Air Force Base.

Visitors to Oscar-Zero will be given a guided tour of topside facilities and will learn how the facility managers, security forces, maintenance teams, and cooks lived their daily lives at the MAF. Guests may also choose to be guided down the elevator shaft to the underground Launch Control Equipment Building and Launch Control Center, where they will see firsthand the front lines of the United States' strategy of nuclear deterrence. They will be able to step behind the concrete blast door and witness the equipment that could have been used by the missile crews to launch nuclear missiles.

At November-33 visitors will see the topside of a launch facility, including the massive launch closure door which once protected a missile, an imposing security fence, the electronic security system, and the ventilation systems that served the underground equipment buildings. The topside appears exactly as it did during its existence as an active launch facility.

Once it opens to the public in July, the Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site will be open daily from May 16 through September 15 and by appointment during the off-season. There will be an admission fee for tours of Oscar-Zero. SHSND Foundation members and children age five and under will be admitted free; school groups will pay reduced admission. Oscar-Zero is located four miles north of Cooperstown on Highway 45, and November-33 is two miles east of Cooperstown on Highway 200. Brochures describing the site will be available at the site or from the SHSND.

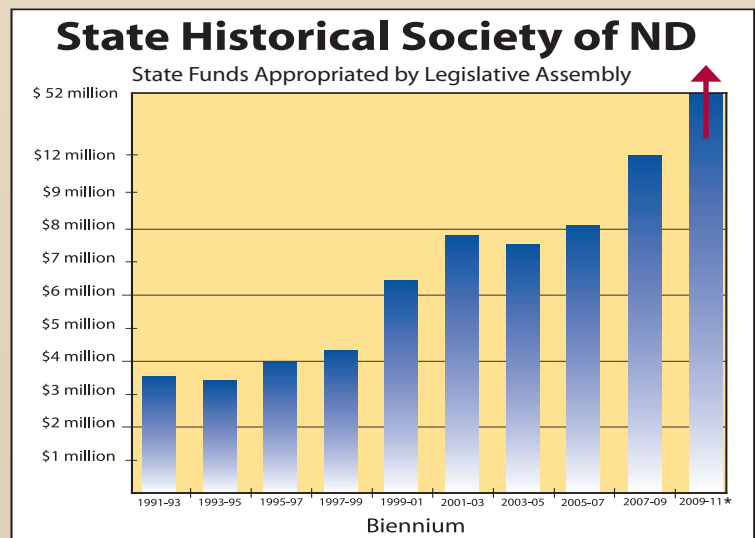
For more information, contact Mark Sundlov, site supervisor, Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site, 555 113th 1/2 Avenue NE, Hwy 45, Cooperstown, North Dakota, 58425 or msundlov@nd.gov.

Legislature Approves 2009-11 Budget; Review of Other 2009 Session Highlights

The State Historical Society's budget for the 2009-11 biennium has been approved by the North Dakota Legislature. The agency's budget for the new biennium (see graph below) is \$67.8 million for the two-year cycle, of which \$52.2 million comes from state funds and the rest from federal and other funding sources.

Highlights from the 2009 Legislative Assembly include:

- \$39.7 million in state funds for the Phase II expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center, which will add another 97,000 square feet to the Heritage Center's 171,000 square feet (which includes the archives expansion addition of 30,000 square feet). An additional \$12 million will need to come from private and federal funds, with at least \$6 million of this raised as pledges before construction can begin.
- \$504,500 in state funds for cultural heritage grants to local historical societies, organizations, and attractions
- \$350,000 to complete compact shelving on the third floor of the new archives addition
- \$330,000 for exhibit repair and new exhibit development
- \$288,416 for operating the Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site near Cooperstown, North Dakota. This missile alert facility and missile launch facility will tell the story of the Cold War in North Dakota
- \$250,000 in state funds and \$800,000 in federal funds to stabilize the floor of the hospital building and other repairs and building maintenance at Fort Totten State Historic Site near Devils Lake
- \$150,000 for repairs and building maintenance at the Chateau de Mores State Historic Site in Medora
- \$145,000 to replace the security card system at the North Dakota Heritage Center and install additional security equipment at state historic sites
- \$100,000 in state funds and \$25,000 in other funds to construct a new maintenance facility at Fort Buford State Historic Site near Williston
- \$75,000 in state funds for SHSND marketing and signage improvements
- Two fulltime SHSND employee positions: one at the state archives at the North Dakota Heritage Center and a site supervisor at the Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site



* includes \$40 million funding for North Dakota Heritage Center expansion

State Historic Sites Now Open for Season

By Deborah K. Hellman

Explore North Dakota's rich history with a visit to one of the state historic sites or museums managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND). The visitor season opened May 16 and continues through September 15.

Throughout the summer, visitors can experience and explore North Dakota history further through the many programs and events scheduled statewide. The popular **History Alive!** performances feature several historic figures from North Dakota's past, including the *Marquis de Mores*, his charming wife *Madame de Mores*, buffalo hunter *Yellowstone Vic Smith*, the 1880s editor of the *Bad Lands Cow Boy* *A.T. Packard*, *Sgt. John Ordway* of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and steamboat captain *Grant Marsh*.

Events at **Fort Buford State Historic Site**, including the **Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center (MYCIC)**, will include **History Alive!** performances by *Yellowstone Vic Smith* and *Grant Marsh*. The fort will be brought back to life during the August 15-16 *Annual Fort Buford Sixth Infantry Frontier Military Encamp-*

ment, now in its 27th year. The third annual *Children's Carnival* August 8 offers one more summer blast that the whole family will enjoy. To close the summer season, *A Foot-Stompin' Flag Retreat* September 13 will celebrate the end of the summer with a flag retreat and great music.

The Chateau de Mores State Historic Site in Medora continues its award-winning *Footsteps into Medora's Past* along with the popular **History Alive!** performances by both the *Marquis and Madame de Mores*, as well as *A.T. Packard* and *Yellowstone Vic Smith*. Also featured will be a July 12 book signing by Jeanette Producers, editor of *The Champion Buffalo Hunter: The Frontier Memoirs of Yellowstone Vic Smith*.

The annual *Aber Days Celebration* takes place June 19 to 21 at **Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site**. The site, historically known as the "Gateway to the Dakotas," will also host the *School of the Soldier* July 11-12. Visitors to the **Pembina State Museum** will enjoy the new *Pembina Today* exhibit highlighting current trends in industry, agriculture, and recreation in northeast North

Dakota.

Other events statewide include the **Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site's High Tea**, hosted by former First Lady Grace Link June 23 and July 13, and the *Annual Lawn Party* August 9. **Fort Totten State Historic Site** will be hosting a weekly story time during the three summer months as well as the *17th Annual Living History Field Day* September 14, and **Whitestone Hill Battlefield State Historic Site** will host the *10th Annual Education Field Day* September 4.

Camp Hancock State Historic Site will once again feature an *Ice Cream Social* July 4, and the *15th Annual Gingras Day!* celebration will be held at **Gingras Trading Post State Historic Site** August 8.

The much anticipated grand opening celebration of the **Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site** is set for July 31-August 1 (See page 3).

For a complete list of SHSND summer programs, events, and exhibits, see pages 8-11 or visit the Society's website at www.history.nd.gov.

Rand McNally Loves North Dakota Heritage Center

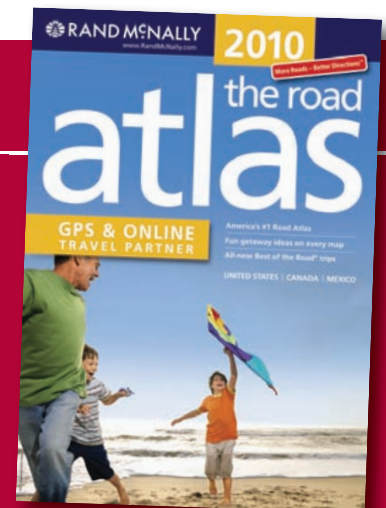
Rand McNally confirms what visitors to the North Dakota Heritage Center have long been saying – the state museum in Bismarck is a "must-see" destination.

The Heritage Center received this recognition in Rand McNally's 2010 *Road Atlas* "Best of the Road" program. The other Bismarck-Mandan "must-see" destination selected by the mapmaker is Five Nations Arts in Mandan, featuring authentic, handcrafted work of American Indians.

Rand McNally identifies the two sites out of a handful of stops on a road trip from Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Bismarck. The 2010 *Road Atlas* lists five road trips in regions through such states as Oregon, South Carolina, and New York, with each trip including recommended stops.

"Every year our editors seek out and drive some of the best, most scenic road trip routes in the nation to find our Best of the Road winners," said Rand McNally Editorial Director Laurie Borman. "The spots we've highlighted really capture the charm and local flavor of the destination."

Rand McNally is America's largest commercial maker of national and local maps and atlases.



Tesoro, USDA Forest Service Fund Updated Passport, New History on Call Program

By Andrea Winkjer Collin

A new edition of the award-winning *Passport to North Dakota History*, a traveler's guide to North Dakota historic sites, has been republished for another North Dakota tourist season with a \$25,000 donation from Tesoro.

Complementing the *Passport* this year is the new State Historical Society of North Dakota's *History on Call* program, which offers sound bites to travelers about the historic sites included in the *Passport*. The statewide *History on Call* number, (701) 557-9190, can be accessed by cell or regular telephone. It has been funded by a \$15,000 donation from the USDA Forest Service.

The new *Passport* and *History on Call* were introduced at the North Dakota Heritage Center May 14 before a group of people that included eighth grade North Dakota Studies students from Shiloh Christian School in Bismarck and members of the Roughrider Family Campers and RVers Club, who used the *Passport* during camping trips in the summer of 2008.

"The historic attractions available in North Dakota tell the unique stories that showcase our many legends," said North Dakota Tourism Director Sara Otte Coleman at the ceremony. "The *Passport to History* and *History on Call* tools will help visitors find and enjoy these 69-plus sites across the state."

The new edition of the *Passport* features thumbnail sketches and photos of more than 60 historic sites, state parks, scenic byways and wildlife refuges. It also lists state campgrounds and scenic byways.

More than 90 Tesoro retail stations in North Dakota and the region are distributing the *Passports*, and they are also available at state and national historic sites, Dakota Prairie Grasslands offices, North Dakota parks and recre-



Photograph by Diamond Photography



ation areas, a number of grocery stores, and at the North Dakota Heritage Center Museum Store.

Previous editions of the *Passport to North Dakota History* have won three USDA Forest Service national awards, including the USDA Forest Service 2008 Windows on the Past National Award for Excellence.

More than a dozen partners are participating in the production and distribution of the *Passports* and promoting *History on Call*. Dave Blair, at the Kadmas, Lee and Jackson engineering and development firm in Bismarck, coordinated the book's design. It was printed by Image Printing of Bismarck. Other promotion and distribution partners are North Dakota Tourism, the Bismarck-Mandan Convention and Visitors Bureau, North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department, the North Dakota Geological Survey, Cass-Clay Creamery, and regional grocery stores: Dan's Supermarkets of Bismarck, Mandan and Dickinson, Leever's Foods of Devils Lake and regional stores, Hornbacher's Foods in Fargo-Moorhead, Miracle Marts in Minot, Economart in Williston and the North Dakota Grocers Association.

In addition to being available at Tesoro stations and sites statewide, the *Passport* is available online to download and print from the Society and Foundation websites: www.history.nd.gov and www.statehistoricalfoundation.com.

Eighth grade students from Shiloh Christian School in Bismarck brought their cell phones to the May 14 ceremony launching the new *History on Call* program that provides recorded information about historic sites throughout North Dakota. The number is (701) 557-9190.



FOUNDATION
 Corner

*Persistence and People –
 Watchwords for Success;
 Heritage Center Expansion Funded*

Persistence and people are the two watchwords that frame the full funding of the new expansion of the state's museum, the North Dakota Heritage Center, by the 2009 Legislative Assembly. An investment of \$51.7 million will put into place the "Smithsonian on the Plains" by the 125th anniversary of statehood in 2014.

There are no more persistent people than the former Governors William Guy, Arthur Link, Allen Olson, George Sinner and Edward Schafer, along with Governor John Hoeven, who put into place the State Historical Society of North Dakota Commission, chaired by Lieutenant Governor Jack Dalrymple. This 18-member commission formed a vision for the expansion of the Society's resources for our state. Society and Foundation board members and staff worked the vision and shared the big dreams with stakeholders all across the state.

Bill Schott, Trustee consultant to the Foundation, offered these words: "Persistence and people got this project funded." Hundreds of people have been involved. Architects Lightowler, Johnson and Associates of Fargo and Hammel, Green and Abrahamson (HGA), Inc. of Minneapolis took the vision of the Society staff and created the three-dimensional dream. The Legislature's foresight in 2005 and 2007 funded the State Archives, allocated planning dollars to design the exhibit and collections spaces, and now in 2009 funded those plans.

Leaders across the state have seen the building concepts in a series of regional luncheons over the last few years. Legislators, community leaders, donors, service club leaders, history professionals, regional

historical societies and media – *the dream was born in the hearts of hundreds of friends and supporters.*

At the January 8 legislative reception at the Heritage Center – just as the 2009 Legislative Assembly was underway – supporters were in high gear. A total of \$2.5 million had been pledged from a significant number of corporate and private gifts. More than 120 Trustees of the Foundation and other partners each selected key legislators to contact; many Trustees also agreed to testify and attend hearings. This team

of persistent people, organized by Bill Schott, dug in during the session and kept the interest high. From Enoch Thorsgard, a 91-year-old former legislator from Northwood, to Owen Piehl, an eight-year-old dinosaur lover from Menoken, testimony was strong in support of the new international "destination."

Marlo Sveen,

Foundation development director, walked the legislative halls daily with SHSND Director Merl Paaverud, building key relationships and offering information to decision makers. "Champions in both chambers emerged, and they carried the project, molded the bill, and made it happen," Sveen said. Society staff members Claudia Berg, expansion coordinator, and Dave Skalsky, assistant director, gained legislative support with their informed testimonies and skilled presentations.

The full expansion of \$51.7 million has been authorized, with \$39.7 million in state funds and \$12 million in private gifts, grants, and federal sources. Six million dollars of the private funds need to be pledged to begin construction.

Plenty of people and persistence—a proven winning combination. Thank you to everyone involved.



Enoch Thorsgard and Owen Piehl testify March 5 before the Senate Appropriations Committee. Thorsgard, who served in the North Dakota House of Representatives from 1969 to 1981, championed the building of the Heritage Center as a member of the House Appropriations Committee. Piehl is the son of Marnie and Shadd Piehl of Menoken, and a grandson of Becky and Walter Piehl of Minot and SHSND Foundation Trustees Dina and Bill Butcher of Bismarck.



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

May 1-31

National Historic Preservation Month. This year's theme is "This Place Matters."

Beginning May 1

Footsteps into Medora's Past has gone hi-tech with the walking tours of historic Medora now available in MP3 format year-round. MP3 players can be borrowed at the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center or the Billings County Museum or the tour can be downloaded onto any MP3 player by going to the Chateau de Mores website at www.history.nd.gov/historicsites/chateau or bring your MP3 player to the Chateau and the staff will download it for you. For more, call (701) 623-4355.

May 30

Pembina Today exhibit opening, Pembina State Museum. Highlighting current trends in industry, agriculture, and recreation in northeast North Dakota, (701) 825-6840.

May 30-31

History Alive! performances featuring the charming hostess of the Chateau, *Madame de Mores*, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT). Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

JUNE

June 1

Be Creative at Your Library kickoff of summer reading program, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with activities throughout the day for children. Free and open to the public. North Dakota Heritage Center, (701) 328-2792.

June 5 - August 9

Recollections of Murder and Mayhem in Medora, a 20-minute theater production dramatizing the conflict between cowboys and outsiders over land use and barbed wire. Courtroom of the Billings County Courthouse Museum in Medora, every Friday at 2:30 p.m. (MT), and Saturday and Sunday at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., (701) 623-4355.

June 5 - August 21

Story Time, Fridays, 2 p.m. Fort Totten State Historic Site, (701) 766-4441.

June 6 - 7

History Alive! performances featuring the 1880s editor of the *Bad Lands Cow Boy*, A.T. Packard, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT), Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

June 6 - 7

History Alive! performances featuring buffalo hunter *Yellowstone Vic Smith*, at 2 and 4 p.m. Fort Buford State Historic Site, (701) 572-9034.

June 10

Judging Lincoln as a Judge, featuring Frank J. Williams, Lincoln scholar and former Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court; and Jim Getty, Abraham Lincoln impersonator, 8 to 11 a.m., Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck. Part of the State Bar Association of North Dakota's 110th annual meeting. This session is free and open to the public. For more, call (701) 255-1404 or visit www.sband.org.

June 13

Knit in Public program, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., part of *World-Wide Knit in Public* day. Knitters, crocheters, spinners and other fiber artists welcome to participate. Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site, Bismarck. For more, call (701) 328-9528.

June 13-14

History Alive! performances featuring *The Marquis de Mores*, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT). Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, (701) 623-4355.

June 14

De Mores Day. Celebrate the Marquis de Mores's 151st birthday! Cake and coffee in the interpretive center 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (MT), Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

June 15 - August 15

Living History Tour on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. (MT) for senior citizens and Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. for children, Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, (701) 623-4355.

June 16

Living History presentation of Theodore Roosevelt, portrayed by Arch Ellwein of Sidney, Montana, 6:30 p.m. (MT), Chateau de Mores State Historic Site Interpretive Center, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

June 16 - 17

People, Places, and Prehistory. The Teacher Resource Coalition hosts a class at the Chateau de Mores State Historic Site Interpretive Center in Medora, (701) 328-2792.

June 19 - 21

Aber Days, Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site, (701) 328-2124.

June 20 - 21

History Alive! performances featuring the charming hostess of the Chateau, *Madame de Mores*, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT). Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

June 20 - 21

History Alive! performances featuring legendary steamboat captain *Grant Marsh*, 2 and 4 p.m. Fort Buford State Historic Site, (701) 572-9034.

June 23

High Tea at the Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site, Bismarck, 2 p.m. Hosted by former First Lady Grace Link. Pre-registration and \$5 fee. To register, call (701) 328-2792.

June 27 - 28

History Alive! performances featuring buffalo hunter *Yellowstone Vic Smith*, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT), Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

JULY

July 4

Ice Cream Social, 2 to 4 p.m., Camp Hancock State Historic Site, (701) 328-9528.

July 4 - 5

History Alive! performances featuring the 1880s editor of the *Bad Lands Cow Boy*, A.T. Packard, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT), Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

July 4 - 5

History Alive! performances featuring legendary steamboat captain *Grant Marsh*, 1 and 3 p.m. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, (701) 572-9034.

July 10

Storytime with the Library, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., North Dakota Heritage Center, (701) 328-2792.

July 11-12

History Alive! performances featuring the *Marquis de Mores*, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT). Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

July 11 - 12

School of the Soldier, Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site, (701) 328-2124.

July 12

Book signing by Jeanette Prodggers, editor of *The Champion Buffalo Hunter: The Frontier Memoirs of Yellowstone Vic Smith*, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (MT). Also on hand will be *Yellowstone Vic Smith*, as portrayed by Arch Ellwein. Chateau de Mores State Historic Site Interpretive Center, (701) 623-4355.

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High Tea at the Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site, Bismarck, 2 p.m. Hosted by former First Lady Grace Link. Pre-registration and \$5 fee. To register, call (701) 328-2792.

July 18 - 19

History Alive! performances featuring buffalo hunter *Yellowstone Vic Smith*, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT), Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

July 25

Killdeer Mountain History Hike. Take a guided hike to the top of Killdeer Mountain and hear

about the 1864 Battle of Killdeer Mountain and the Medicine Hole. For more, call Diane Rogness at (701) 623-4355.

July 25 - 26

History Alive! performances featuring buffalo hunter *Yellowstone Vic Smith*, at 2 and 4 p.m. Fort Buford State Historic Site, (701) 572-9034.

July 25 - 26

History Alive! performances featuring the charming hostess of the Chateau, *Madame de Mores*, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT). Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

July 31

Storytime with the Library, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., North Dakota Heritage Center, (701) 328-2792.

July 31

State Historical Board Summer Meeting, Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site, Cooperstown.

July 31 - August 1

Grand Opening of Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site, Cooperstown, North Dakota, telling the story of the Cold War in North Dakota, (701) 328-3508. See story on page 3.

AUGUST

August 1 - 2

History Alive! performances featuring the *Marquis de Mores*, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT). Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

August 8

15th Annual Gingras Day! celebration at the Gingras Trading Post State Historic Site. This year's event will again be held in conjunction with the annual Art and Heritage Festival at Riverside Park in Walhalla. Events will celebrate Métis culture and the 19th Century fur trade era. This year's theme for the Festival is the pioneer era. All events are free and open to the public, (701) 825-6840.

August 8

Children's Carnival at the Confluence, 1 p.m. Bring your children and grandchildren out for this third annual event for one more summer blast before school begins. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, (701) 572-9034.

August 8 - 9

History Alive! performances featuring the 1880s editor of the *Bad Lands Cow Boy*, *A.T. Packard*, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT), Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

August 9

Annual Lawn Party, 1 to 4:30 p.m., Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site. Sponsored by

the SHSND and Society for the Preservation of the Former Governors' Mansion, (701) 328-9528.

August 11

High Tea at the Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site, Bismarck, 2 p.m. Hosted by former *First Lady Lydia Langer*, as portrayed by Marilyn Snyder, in the home she shared with Governor William Langer and their daughters in the 1930s. Pre-registration and \$5 fee. To register, call (701) 328-2792.

August 15 - 16

History Alive! performances featuring buffalo hunter *Yellowstone Vic Smith*, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT), Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

August 15 - 16

27th Annual Fort Buford Sixth Infantry Frontier Military Encampment, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fort Buford State Historic Site. Be at Fort Buford when it comes to life as the Sixth Infantry Regiment Association fill the barracks and parade ground, (701) 572-9034.

August 21

Celebrate Madame de Mores 153rd birthday! Cake and coffee served in the interpretive center, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (MT). *Madame de Mores* will be mingling with visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

August 22 - 23

History Alive! performances featuring the charming hostess of the Chateau, *Madame de Mores*, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT). Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

August 22 - 23

History Alive! performances featuring Sgt. *John Ordway* of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 2 and 4 p.m. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, (701) 572-9034.

August 29 - 30

History Alive! performances featuring the 1880s editor of the *Bad Lands Cow Boy*, *A.T. Packard*, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT), Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

August 30

Whitestone Hill Battlefield afternoon public program, (701) 328-2124.

SEPTEMBER

September 4

10th Annual Education Field Day, Whitestone Hill Battlefield State Historic Site, near Kulm. Area students visit to learn more about the site. Free tours of the battlefield and museum, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the SHSND and the Whitestone Hill Battlefield Historical Society, (701) 328-3508.

September 5 - 6

History Alive! performances featuring buffalo hunter *Yellowstone Vic Smith*, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT), Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

September 12

Haunting Memories, with History Alive! performances featuring the *Marquis de Mores* and the charming hostess of the Chateau, *Madame de Mores*, at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. (MT). Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, (701) 623-4355.

September 13

A Foot Stompin' Flag Retreat, 2 p.m. Celebrate the final weekend of Fort Buford State Historic Site's visiting season with an official flag retreat by the Sixth Infantry Regiment Association and a footstompin' free concert by a great band, (701) 572-9034.

September 14

17th Annual Living History Field Day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free public admission, \$2/student materials fee. Student registration required. Sponsored with the Fort Totten State Historic Site Foundation, Fort Totten State Historic Site, (701) 766-4441.

September 15

Last day North Dakota State Historic Sites open for the season.

September 16

North Dakota State Historic Sites closed for the season. Pembina State Museum begins winter hours through May 15, Mondays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. Central Time. **Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center begins winter hours** through May 15, Wednesdays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. Central Time. **Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center begins winter hours** through May 15, Wednesdays through Sundays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Time.

September 16

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.

September 25 - 26

21st Annual Governors' Conference on North Dakota History. The 3 Rs in North Dakota: Education from 1870 to 1950, North Dakota Heritage Center, (701) 328-2792. See story on page 13.

September 26

Natural World of the Confluence, 5 p.m. Be at the majestic confluence to enjoy an evening full of fun, with educational, hands-on, and nature-based activities. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, (701) 572-9034.

North Dakota Heritage Center, Bismarck

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. “Dakota” is spending this summer in Japan, as one of the featured attractions at an international fossil exhibition. On loan from the North Dakota Geological Survey, he will return this fall to the North Dakota Heritage Center. See page 20.

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.

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; the Morrill Land Grant College Act of 1862, which led to the establishment of what is now North Dakota State University; and 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 commemorate the bicentennial birthday of its 16th President.

Corridor of Time

Main Gallery

Permanent Exhibit

This exhibit depicts what life was like in North Dakota millions of years ago. One area, completed in December 2006, explores the Late Cretaceous (about 65 million years ago) and early Paleocene (about 60 million years ago) periods – a time when the region’s climate and environment resembled that of the Florida Everglades. A newly expanded section, which opened in December 2008, depicts life and geology of the Paleozoic Era (250 to 540 million years ago), through the Paleocene and Oligocene Eras (24 to 34 million years ago). Developed by the SHSND and the North Dakota Geological Survey.

The USS North Dakota and Nautical North Dakota

Hall of Honors

Permanent Exhibit

Featuring historic photographs and objects associated with the USS *North Dakota* battleship, this exhibit also includes objects and photographs of other vessels with North Dakota ties, such as the *Gurke*, named after Medal of Honor recipient Henry F. Gurke of Neche, N.D., the *Devils Lake*, the *George A. Custer*, the *Arikara*, and the recently commissioned supply ship, the *Sacagawea*.

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, the *Recent Acquisitions* exhibit is changed each summer.

Pembina State Museum, Pembina

Pembina Today

Permanent Exhibit

An updated display in the museum’s permanent gallery, *Pembina Today* highlights current trends in industry, agriculture and recreation in northeast North Dakota.

Emigrants from the Empires: North Dakota’s Germans

Through February 7, 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

Permanent Exhibit

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 cases of women who homesteaded in North Dakota. This exhibit is based on her research. The voices of these extraordinary women are combined here in a strong, clear story about our land and people. The women are identified by names they used when filing claims.

The Photographs of Frank B. Fiske

Opens July 20, 2009

Frank Bennett Fiske (1883-1952), born at Fort Bennett, Dakota Territory, spent most of his life in the Fort Yates area. Fiske learned the photography trade at the post studio and took it over in 1900. He was best known for documenting everyday life at Fort Yates and Standing Rock Agency during the early part of the 20th Century. This exhibit is a representative collection of the 7,000 images in the State Historical Society of North Dakota’s Frank B. Fiske collection.

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, *North Dakota Remembers World War II* 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.

Trails, Tracks, Rivers and Roads*Permanent Exhibit*

This exhibit at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center features the resources of the confluence and the transportation systems that brought people to those resources.

Life By the Bugle*Permanent Exhibit*

This permanent exhibit in the Field Officer's Quarters explores the life of a frontier military officer at Fort Buford, as well as examines the role of women at an army post. Several objects original to Fort Buford's days as a military post from 1866 to 1895 are displayed.

Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site near Fargo

Beyond the Boundaries: The History of Fort Abercrombie*Permanent Exhibit*

As the "Gateway to the Dakotas," Fort Abercrombie guarded vital transportation routes and served as an important supply point for military campaigns into the Dakota Territory of the 1860s. This exhibit at the new interpretive center features this history, including the fort's role in the Dakota Conflict of 1862. It includes a mountain howitzer and uniforms and equipment like those used by soldiers at the fort.

Fort Totten State Historic Site near Devils Lake

Photo Album of Historic North Dakota*May 16 through September 15, 2009*

A selection of photographs from the photo archives of the State Historical Society of North Dakota, documenting everyday life throughout the state from the turn of the 20th Century.

**Former Governors' Mansion State
Historic Site, Bismarck**

From Buckets of Oats to Quarts of Oil*Permanent Exhibit*

Located in the site's Carriage House, this exhibit illustrates the transition from horse and buggy to the automobile.

Camp Hancock State Historic Site, Bismarck

The Four Seasons at Camp Hancock*Permanent Exhibit*

This exhibit looks at the history of the site through the seasons. The oldest building in Bismarck, this is the only structure remaining from the U.S. Army infantry post stationed here from 1872 to 1877. After it was decommissioned, it served as the U.S. Weather Bureau Station for the region from 1894 to 1940.

TIES**(Traveling Interpretive Exhibits Service)****World War II Posters**

The CREHST Museum, Richland, Washington
through July 5

Finding North Dakota: 250 Years of Mapping

Camp Hancock State Historic Site
through August 16

Prairie Churches

Theodore Roosevelt Foundation, Medora
through August 31

Prairie Churches

The Historical Society of Clay County, Minnesota
through August 31

Photographs of Frank Fiske

Chateau de Mores State Historic Site
July 1 through October 17, 2010

Lincoln's Legacy in North Dakota

State Bar Association of North Dakota
June 8 through June 15

Icelandic State Park

June 20 through September 1

The Historical Society of Clay County, Minnesota
September 11 through December 3

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.history.nd.gov

Upcoming Conferences

The **American Association for State and Local History (AASLH)** will hold its annual meeting August 26-29 in Indianapolis, Indiana. For more, call the AASLH office at (615) 320-3203 or visit www.aaslh.org.

The **17th Annual West River History Conference** will be held September 24-26 at the Hotel Alex Johnson in Rapid City, South Dakota. The theme is "Women of the West." For more, call Shebby Lee, President, West River History Conference, at (605) 343-4852 or email wrhc@shebbyleetours.com.

The **Mountain-Plains Museum Association (MPMA)** will hold its 55th annual conference October 5-9 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The theme is "New West Solutions in Old West Settings." For more, call the MPMA at (303) 979-9358 or visit www.mpma.net.

The **49th Annual Western History Association (WHA)** Conference will be held October 7-10 in Denver, Colorado. For more information, call the WHA at (314) 516-7282, visit www.westernhistoryassociation.org or email wha@umsl.edu.

The **National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP)** will hold its annual National Preservation Conference October 13-17 in Nashville, Tennessee. The theme is "Sustaining the Future in Harmony with Our Pasts." For more, call the NTHP at 1-800-944-6847, email at conference@nthp.org or visit www.preservation.org.

The **44th Annual Northern Great Plains History Conference (NGPHC)** will be held October 14-17 at the Best Western Kelly Inn in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Sponsored by the Department of History at St. Cloud State University. For more, visit www.stcloudstate.edu/history/NGPHC. The Society for Military History will also sponsor sessions at the NGPHC.

The **4th Annual Theodore Roosevelt Symposium** will be held October 15-17 at Dickinson State University (DSU) in Dickinson, North Dakota. The theme is "Theodore Roosevelt: Family Man in the Arena." For more, call DSU at (701) 483-2166, 1-866-496-8797 or visit www.theodorerooseveltcenter.com.

Transitions

Mark Sundlov began work June 1 as the site supervisor for the new Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site near Cooperstown, opening in July (see story on page 3). He had been site supervisor at Fort Buford State Historic Site near Williston, which includes the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, since June 2007. Previous employment includes work as a historic sites program assistant with the Wisconsin Historical Society and internships with the Ten Chimneys Foundation in Genesee Depot, Wisconsin and the Milwaukee Public Museum. After graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a bachelor of science degree in history, he served as a USAF officer from 1999 to 2003, stationed at the Minot Air Force Base. He received a master of arts degree in public history and museum studies at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee in 2007.

Talking Tourism



Photograph by North Dakota Tourism

Several State Historical Society staff attended the annual state tourism conference in Grand Forks April 27-29. Standing (l to r) are Jack Mattson, Fort Totten site supervisor; Ron Hanson, Fort Totten; Scott Schaffnit, SHSND outreach programs coordinator; Lisa Sanden, Fort Buford and the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center; Dolores Linn, Chateau de Mores site supervisor; Mark Sundlov, then-Fort Buford and Confluence Center site supervisor; and SHSND Curator of Education Marilyn Snyder. Front (l to r), Claudia Berg, SHSND expansion and new initiatives coordinator; and Janice Sears, Chateau de Mores.

Education Theme of State History Conference

Wanted: People to Record the History of North Dakota Schools

By Kathleen Davison

As the consolidation of schools in North Dakota continues, there is an increasing danger that the stories of how generations of North Dakota's children learned their "3Rs" will disappear along with the rural schools.

The 21st Annual Governor's Conference on North Dakota History, to be held September 25 and 26 at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck, marks the beginning of an effort to preserve the history of the state's schools by recording information about the buildings themselves and about the people who taught and learned in those buildings.

The State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) is spearheading a project to survey and record potentially historic school sites across North Dakota. This process includes photographing, measuring, and noting architectural features of the building, as well as noting the relevant history of the site.

Sponsored by the SHSND, this year's conference is entitled *The 3Rs in North Dakota: Education from 1870 to 1950*.

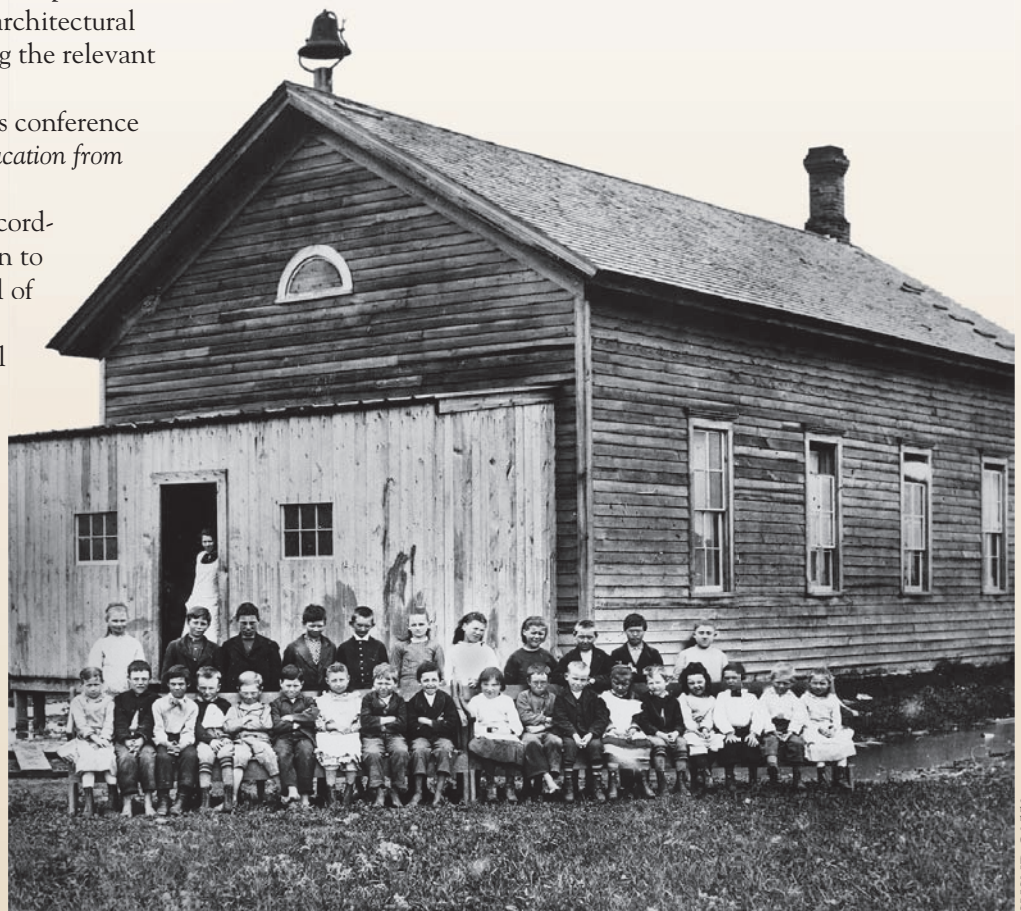
There are specific requirements for recording sites that will enable the information to be used effectively in the future. Several of the workshops scheduled for this year's conference on Friday, September 25 will teach the participants how to photograph and document sites, including a field-trip demonstration of the process. The Society is developing a short list of school sites throughout the state it is suggesting be documented in this initial survey round, although interested people can survey other sites as well. The goal is that this year's conference will develop a demonstration project of how to record sites that will be expanded in scale the following year.

If you are interested in this historic preservation effort, contact SHSND Architectural Historian Lorna Meidinger at (701) 328-2089, email lbmeidinger@nd.gov or SHSND Research Archaeologist Amy Bleier at 328-3088, email ableier@nd.gov.

The conference sessions Saturday, September 26 will explore how education was provided to North

Dakota's children starting from before statehood. Among the topics will be the efforts made by the U.S. military to provide educational opportunities to the soldiers stationed at remote frontier posts that were established during the 1860s and 1870s, the creation of a system of Indian boarding schools, and the beginning of one-room schoolhouses, meant to provide a basic education to the children of homesteaders, as well as the modern continuation of the one-room school tradition.

For more information about the conference, contact SHSND Curator of Education Marilyn Snyder at 328-2792, email msnyder@nd.gov.



The history of education in North Dakota is the theme of this year's 21st Annual Governor's Conference on North Dakota History September 25-26. The one-room schoolhouse has played a significant role in that history. Here, students pose outside a school in Fargo in 1878, as their teacher stands watch in the doorway. This was taken by renowned frontier photographer Frank J. Haynes (1853-1921), who was employed by the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1875 to take photographs along its route from Minnesota to the West Coast for advertising and promotional purposes. He established a photo studio in Moorhead, Minnesota in 1876 and moved it to Fargo in 1879. Ten years later, he moved the studio to St. Paul, Minnesota, where it was maintained for many years.

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New to the Collections

By Shane Molander

Here are some of the latest additions to the collections in the state archives at the North Dakota Heritage Center:

- The **Thomas F. Baker Family Papers** consist of personal papers of Thomas (1920-1995) and Inez Baker and their family. The collection contains Tom Baker's career and civic files, including newspaper clippings of the long-time Bismarck city auditor/city coordinator who served in city office from 1948 to 1984. The papers reflect his work in budgeting, airport development, and city management, as well as his civic involvement with local hospitals, the YMCA, and other organizations. Tom and Inez were in the first graduating class at Bismarck Junior College, now Bismarck State College. Tom served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Both Inez, an artist, and Tom, a photographer, were active in local art organizations. The photographs and negatives in the collection document the family, Bismarck, and Tom's travels during the war.

Also new to the collections are:

- Sacramental records from Bethel United Church of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church in New Salem, North Dakota and the First Lutheran Church and First Congregational Church in Harvey, North Dakota.

- **Thirteen feet of video tapes** from Dakota Media Access of Bismarck, formerly Community Access Television, have been added to the film/video collection. The tapes are of events that occurred in the Bismarck area from 1988 to 2003.

- The Bismarck Study Club, a women's club devoted to the study of current events, has added minutes and scrapbooks to its records, which cover the group's activities from 1926 to 2005.

- The Economizers Homemakers Club of Bismarck donated a scrapbook that includes a list of original members, letters, photographs, news clippings, and programs that document the activities of the club. The club name was chosen because most of the members lived in the Economy Homes Addition of Bismarck.

- **Bismarck Area Chamber of Commerce** material was recently added to the collection. It consists of photographs, scrapbooks and newspaper clippings documenting the growth, events, and history of the cities of Bismarck and Mandan from 1882 to 2004.



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Two photographs from the Thomas Baker Collection. (top) Thomas and Inez (Schonert) Baker leave for their honeymoon from the Bismarck airport in September 1946. (bottom) Records saved from the fire that destroyed the State Capitol building in Bismarck December 28, 1930. (l to r) Charles Converse, believed to be a North Dakota Tax Department employee; 10-year-old Thomas Baker; Baker's father, Deputy Tax Commissioner Lyman Baker; Tax Commissioner Iver Acker; and a man identified only as the representative of a safe manufacturer.

Following the Lincoln Trail Tour Set for October 19-27



With this year marking the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln in 1809, a six-state motorcoach tour of the Lincoln Trail hosted by SHSND Commu-

cations and Education Director Rick Collin will take place October 19 through October 27.

“Anyone interested in Abraham Lincoln’s life and legacy will enjoy this Bicentennial tour that will be visiting many hallmark Lincoln sites, as well as stops at the homes of two of his contemporaries, Ulysses S. Grant and Mark Twain,” said Collin.

The tour itinerary includes historical highlights of Lincoln’s life, from his birthplace in Kentucky to his home and the new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois. Other Lincoln-related stops along the tour route include the home in Galena, Illinois of Ulysses S. Grant, the Union Army general who worked closely with Lincoln in the last year of the Civil War to achieve victory; and the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum in Hannibal, Missouri.

In addition to these sites, there will also be a stop at Reconciliation Park in Mankato, Minnesota that memori-

alizes American Indians and Lincoln’s role in the Dakota Conflict of 1862.

“Ever since I can remember, I’ve been interested in Abraham Lincoln,” said Collin. “As a boy growing up in the Washington, D.C. area, I remember the 100th anniversary of his assassination in April 1965 and the focus then on Lincoln. The more I study this complex, fascinating man, the more interested I’ve become in what he accomplished – not only as President, but also as a person.”

Since 2000, Collin has taught American history, political science and communications courses at the University of Mary in Bismarck. He also taught American history courses at Bismarck State College from 1996 to 2000.

Tour arrangements are being made by Satrom Travel and Tour of Bismarck. For more information, call their toll-free number at 1-800-833-8787 or visit www.satromtravel.com.

For more information about the Lincoln Bicentennial, visit the State Historical Society of North Dakota’s website at www.history.nd.gov or the Abraham Lincoln National Bicentennial Commission website at www.abrahamlincoln200.org.

Photograph by Annika Nelson



Rick Collin was appointed by Governor John Hoeven in December 2005 as North Dakota’s liaison to the National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

Fiddlin’ Around

Young fiddlers from throughout the state competed in the second annual Arthur A. Link Fiddling Contest February 16. Held in honor of former Governor Link (1973-81), the event drew many young musicians and spectators that included Link and his wife, Grace. They presented certificates and cash prizes to winners and enjoyed the individual and group performances that followed. Now 95, Link told participants that he began playing the fiddle at age eight.

Scholarships to the International Music Camp Fiddle School at the International Peace Gardens were also awarded.

The competition was divided into two age groups. The senior division was for participants in grades six through 12, and the junior division was for those in grades one through five.

The event was sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of the Former Governors’ Mansion and the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Photograph by Karen DuSilva



Photograph by Deborah K. Hellman, SHSND

(left) Accepting his senior division award from former Governor Link and his wife, Grace, is first-place winner Gabriel Brien of Rolla. Other winners included second place: Olivia Larson, Williston; and third place: Jadan Sorenson, West Fargo. (above) Accepting his award as junior division first-place winner is Jamison Quanbeck, Fargo. Other winners included second place: Karmyn Hellman, Bismarck; and third place: William Towle, Bismarck.

New to the National Register

Properties in Grand Forks and the counties of Griggs, Hettinger, Pembina, and Richland are the most recent North Dakota sites to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The **Grand Forks County Fairgrounds Works Progress Administration (WPA) Structures** were built between 1936 and 1939. The five remaining structures have been recognized as historically significant examples of the importance of county and state fairs to local culture and social history.

The **Oscar-Zero Missile Alert Facility (MAF)** in



Photograph by Michelle Dennis

Because of the threat of flooding in the bottomland area originally chosen for Fort Abercrombie, it was reestablished in 1860 at its present location on a high west bank of the Red River in what is now Richland County.



Photograph from the Library of Congress

The **Oscar-Zero Missile Alert Facility** is now managed by the **State Historical Society of North Dakota** as part of the **Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site** that will open to the public in July. See story on page 3.

Griggs County is significant as a remnant of the Cold War and North Dakota's role during those nearly 50 years of conflict and confrontation. Oscar-Zero was an integral part of the Minuteman missile system built in the 1960s. Originally armed with Minuteman II ICBMs, it was upgraded in the early 1970s to accommodate Minuteman III missiles. In accordance with the Strategic Arms Reduction (START) Treaty, the Grand Forks missile wing was deactivated in the late 1990s.

Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site in Richland County was the first permanent U.S. Army fort established in what is now North Dakota, occupied from 1858 to 1877. It served as a gateway for supplies as first miners and then settlers moved west. The fort also was besieged by Dakota (Sioux) warriors in 1862 and hosted the first Sioux/ Chippewa Peace Conference in 1870. The site is



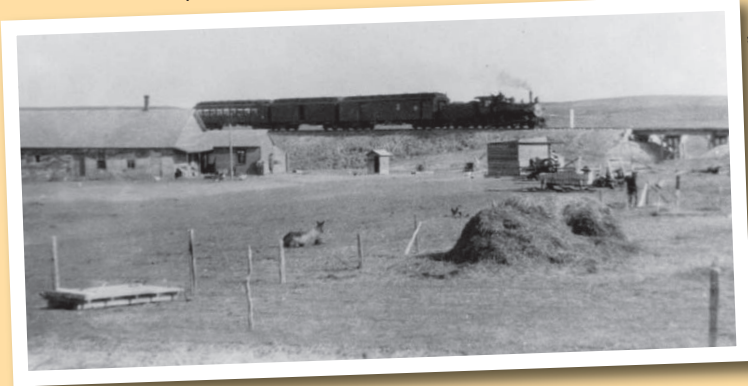
Photograph by Steve Marréns

Designed by Grand Forks architect Theodore Wells and built by the WPA, the innovative Grand Forks County Fairgrounds grandstand drew President Franklin D. Roosevelt to its dedication ceremonies in 1937.

also significant for its relation to the WPA. In 1938 the WPA reconstructed several buildings based on photographs of the originals, providing work for individuals and encouraging civic pride.

The **John Stern Homestead** of rural Hettinger County was constructed by 1907. The site consists of a large house that sheltered both the family and the animals. Sandstone rocks used to construct the main building were mortared with clay and straw. Hundreds of German-Russian-style homes like Stern's have been removed or deteriorated over the century, but this one stands in remarkably good condition.

The **Gunlogson Farmstead** at Icelandic State Park in Pembina County not only demonstrates the Icelandic-American immigrant culture, but has contributed much to land conservation ideas. The Gunlogson family and subsequent managers of the site preserved the farmstead's unique ecological characteristics and allowed scientists and naturalists to study them.



Stern Family Collection

The John Stern Homestead stands as a testament to thousands of German-Russian people who immigrated to the United States and brought with them building traditions and work habits from their lives on the Russian Steppe.



Photograph by Steve Marrens

The Gunlogson Farmstead served as a source of inspiration for G.B. Gunlogson's many inventions and innovations.

Archaeology Work at Whitestone Hill Battlefield

An archaeological survey of the Whitestone Hill Battlefield State Historic site was conducted May 25-30 by archaeologists with the Standing Rock and Rosebud Reservations. Also represented, either doing field work or providing other support, are tribal members from Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, the Yankton Sioux, and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

The Standing Rock Tribal Preservation Office is leading the project, with the Rosebud Tribal Preservation Office supervising the field work. The project is funded by a grant that the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) received from the federal American Battlefield Protection Program. In addition to the archaeology survey, a nomination of the site to the National Register of Historic Places will also be submitted.

This is believed to be the first formal archaeological survey of the site.



Photograph by Diane Rogness, SHSND

Seen here is the May 25 camp of American Indian archaeologists working on the Whitestone Hill Battlefield site.

The Whitestone Hill Battlefield site, managed and maintained by the SHSND, is where the Sixth Iowa and Second Nebraska Volunteer Cavalry troops under Brigadier General Alfred Sully battled with Dakota (Sioux) warriors on September 3 and 5, 1863. Sully's attack on the Two Bears Dakota (Sioux) village at Whitestone Hill was the last clash of the 1863 campaign, and the last major battle between soldiers and American Indians east of the Missouri River. Twenty-two soldiers and some 100 to 300 Indian people were killed, and another 150 were captured.

The Army's victory confirmed U.S. control of the Northern Plains east of the Missouri River. Located 18 miles southeast of Kulm in southeastern North Dakota, the site commemorates the Indian and white participants in the confrontation.

Fort Dilts Site Enhancements

Fort Dilts marks the site of a dramatic episode in settlement history where a sod-wall protective enclosure was hastily built by an 80-wagon party and their U.S. Cavalry escort in September 1864. They were attacked by Lakota (Sioux) Indians while enroute to the gold fields in Montana Territory. In the ensuing battle, nine people from the wagon train were killed, and three seriously wounded. They remained corralled within the six-foot-high and two-foot-thick walls for 14 days until rescued by troops from Fort Rice. The enclosure was named by members of the wagon train in honor of Jefferson Dilts, a corporal in the First Minnesota Cavalry who died from his wounds and is buried at the site. Open year-round, Fort Dilts is located eight miles northwest of Rhame in Bowman County.



Photographs by Dolores Linn, SHSND

Enhancements have been recently made at the Fort Dilts State Historic Site in southwestern North Dakota. (above) The Dickinson High School senior welding class poses May 22 with the new sign they made to replace the old one at the site. Matt Tjaden, maintenance man at the Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, assisted with the installation. (below, left) A view of the new gravel road and parking lot at the site. The gravel was contributed by an anonymous local supporter. (below, right) The far left of the three signs telling the site's dramatic story was replaced with a new sign by the Pioneer Trails Regional Museum in nearby Bowman.



Historic Preservation Grant Funds Available

By Amy Munson

The State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND), through its annual appropriation of Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) money from the National Park Service, is making \$80,000 available to the public for use in the restoration, stabilization, and protection of historic and archaeological properties. This money can only be used on properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

North Dakota's funding priority for the 2009 fiscal year is publicly-owned buildings. The granting of HPF money is a competitive process. Applications will be reviewed by a committee from the SHSND's

Archaeology and Historic Preservation Division and rated based on four major categories: quality of the application, need for the development work, impact on the historic preservation program, and the project's compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Eligible activities include pre-development work (plans, evaluations, and engineering, architectural, or archaeological services), restoration, rehabilitation, and preservation projects and must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. Routine maintenance and work on properties owned by religious organizations or

used for religious purposes are not eligible for funding. Pre-development work on religious properties may be eligible.

All applications must be received by the SHSND by July 30.

The 2009 application will be available by June 15. To receive an application for a Historic Preservation Fund grant, contact the SHSND's grants and contracts officer, Amy Munson, at 612 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505-0830, telephone (701) 328-2672, fax (701) 328-3710 or email amunson@nd.gov.

The application will also be available by June 15 on the State Historical Society's website at www.history.nd.gov/.

SHSND Book Wins Two National Awards

By Rick Collin

A recent book detailing North Dakota's history from dinosaurs to the 21st Century has received two national awards. *North Dakota History: Readings about the Northern Plains State* has been honored by the American Association of State and Local History (AASLH) and the American Library Association (ALA). The book is a collaborative publication of the State Historical Society of North Dakota and the North Dakota Center for Distance Education.

The AASLH annual awards program, now in its 64th year, is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of local, state, and regional history. The book has also been named to the ALA's Notable Documents List of the best state publications for 2008, one of only 13 state publications throughout the United States nationally recognized by the ALA.

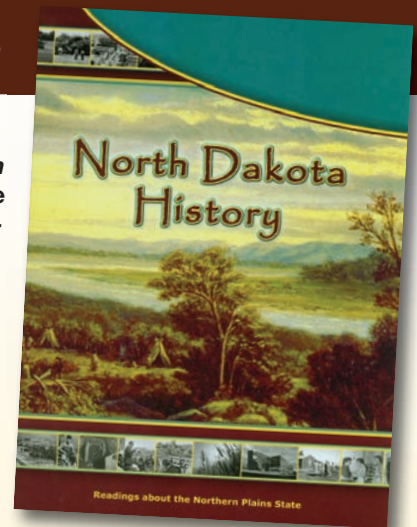
North Dakota History is a collection of articles and images from more than a century of publications by the state's history agency, the State Historical Society of North Dakota. It is intended for use as a North Dakota history textbook for high school students.

The book is not meant to be a complete history of the state, but instead to pique interest in a variety of historical topics. Each article was chosen not only on the basis of quality research and historical interpretation, but also to cover a broad sampling of the history, prehistory, and geography of North Dakota. Some articles have been slightly abbreviated or modified to suit the needs and capacities of a high school readership.

The book's editor is Kathy Davison, SHSND Editor and chair of the book's committee.

The Center for Distance Education is a non-profit dis-

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 is also available through the North Dakota Center for Distance Education at (701) 231-6030 or by ordering online at www.NDstudies.org/order.



tance education high school headquartered in Fargo that has provided educational opportunities for students worldwide for more than 70 years. In recent years the Center has produced North Dakota studies curriculum for use in fourth-grade and eighth-grade classrooms. This new book arose from 2007 legislation that required all North Dakota high schools to offer a course in North Dakota history. The Center took on the project of producing a curriculum and its North Dakota Studies Coordinator Neil Howe approached the State Historical Society about the idea of a joint project.

Besides Howe and Davison, the book's committee included SHSND Assistant Editor Bonnie Johnson, Photo Archivist Sharon Silengo, Curator of Collections Research Mark Halvorson, Head of Reference Services Jim Davis, and Curator of Education Marilyn Snyder. Committee members read dozens of articles, going back to the earliest SHSND journal in 1906, and narrowed the list to the final 31 in the book. Dr. Barbara Handy-Marchello, University of North Dakota professor emeritus of history, wrote the chapter overviews. Cassie Theurer, graphic artist for the North Dakota Studies Project, was responsible for the graphic design. Neil Howe, in addition to working jointly with the Society editors, also supervised the print process.

Howe also developed a teacher's guide with worksheets and other classroom material. Another part of the project was the development of additional online educational material, utilizing primary documents from the SHSND archival collections. Dr. Handy-Marchello developed these educational materials that are available at the websites of the SHSND, www.history.nd.gov, and the North Dakota Center for Distance Education, www.ndcde.org.

Western Easter



Photograph by Dolores Linn, SHSND

Children enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt April 12 at the Chateau de Mores State Historic Site in Medora, filling their baskets with plenty of candy and eggs, chocolate and otherwise.



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SOCIETY NEWS

Dinomummy Summering in Japan

An extremely rare dinosaur fossil on exhibit since June 2008 at the North Dakota Heritage Center is spending its summer in Chiba, Japan, a suburb of Tokyo, as part of an international fossil exhibition, *Reviving the Dinosaurs Expo 2009*. "Dakota" is a duck-billed hadrosaur discovered near Marmarth, North Dakota in 1999 by Tyler Lyson. It is a nearly complete fossil with skin, bones, and tendons preserved in sandstone, making it one of the most scientifically important dinosaurs ever discovered.

The *Reviving the Dinosaurs* exhibition runs from July 18 through September 27. Following its close, "Dakota" will be returned for exhibit again in October at the North Dakota Heritage Center. On loan from the North Dakota Geological Survey, it will remain at the Heritage Center at least until July 2015.



A painting of "Dakota," copyright Julius T. Csotonyi (www.csotonyi.com)

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Pride of Dakota vendor Judith Bell of Minot, North Dakota has been sharing her beautiful artwork since 1978. She has graciously allowed the use of her wild prairie rose design on our exclusive women's T-shirts. The design is embroidered on a 100 percent cotton pre-shrunk pink tee and available in sizes small to XXL. Cost is \$17.95 each, small to XL (\$15.26 for SHSND Foundation members) or \$18.95 for XXL (\$16.11). The T-shirts are available at the North Dakota Heritage Center Museum Store as well as many of the SHSND's site museum stores. To order, include shipping/handling of \$4.95. North Dakota residents add state sales tax.



Also available are Bell's individual notecards, \$1.95 each (\$1.66) plus tax but no extra shipping if ordered with a tee shirt.

To order, contact Rhonda Brown or Donna Schaffnit at (701) 328-2822 or e-mail museumstore@nd.gov.

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