



Plains Talk

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Learn about agricultural innovation at the upcoming **Governors' Conference on North Dakota History**

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Historical aspects of agriculture that have led to new innovations will be addressed in the 2012 Governors' Conference on History in October. In this photo, threshing is taking place north of Reeder, ND, in 1910.

Innovation and creativity are essential to the success of agriculture in North Dakota. Throughout the decades, creative agrarian practices have helped North Dakota emerge as one of the top agricultural producing states in the nation.

Agricultural innovation is the theme of this year's 24th Annual Governors' Conference on North Dakota History titled "Partners on the Prairie: Inventing Solutions for Agriculture." The conference, open to the public, is scheduled for October 26 and 27 at the Bismarck Civic Center and will highlight creative ideas relating to the agriculture industry and innovations that have changed the ways in which farmers and ranchers approach their work.

"Not only are we going to cover innovations in agriculture, we will also examine such topics as changes in crops, how land is farmed, and innovations in equipment," says Erik Holland, curator of Education

with the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

The conference begins on Friday, October 26, at 9 a.m. Educational sessions and exhibits will be held throughout the day, followed by a banquet. The banquet will feature a keynote address by Bruce Gjovig of the University of North Dakota's Center for Innovation, as well as the State Historical Society of North Dakota's annual history awards presentation. The conference resumes Saturday, October 27, at 9 a.m. with

educational sessions and exhibits scheduled until 4:30 p.m.

Holland adds, "This conference will offer insight into how agriculture has been impacted by decisions of North Dakotans."

Register online at history.nd.gov/conference. For additional information, contact Holland at 701.328.2792 or eholland@nd.gov.

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**Partners on the Prairie:
Inventing Solutions for Agriculture**
24th Annual Governors' Conference
on North Dakota History

Oct. 26 & 27, 2012 • Civic Center, Bismarck

Sponsored by the State Historical Society of North Dakota

Expansion project updates

The Expansion Project of the North Dakota Heritage Center is generating excitement as work proceeds to add an additional 97,000 square feet of space. Following are a few recent updates:

- The Administration office, formerly known as Support Services, is once again open on the lower level of the Heritage Center. Staff members were relocated for several months while renovations were made.
- Masons are installing the building façade of granite from Cold Springs, MN, and Indiana limestone. All Capitol complex buildings are clad in Indiana limestone for a uniform appearance on the grounds.

Photography by Bonnie Johnson



Claudia Berg, SHSND expansion coordinator, provides a tour of the ongoing expansion project. Some spaces within the expanded Heritage Center will begin opening in May 2013, with a grand opening of the entire facility scheduled for November 2, 2014.

U.S. Senator Kent Conrad to preserve his papers with State Historical Society of North Dakota and The George Washington University

The State Historical Society was pleased to host a news conference recently for U.S. Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND). After serving 26 years in Congress, Senator Conrad plans to finish his service in December. At the news conference on August 21, 2012, the senator stated that he plans to donate his papers to his alma mater, the George Washington University (GW), in Washington, D.C., with the understanding that major portions of the collection also will be available through the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

“I am so pleased to have a great North Dakota institution working with my alma mater to preserve these records,” said Senator Conrad. “I know they will find innovative ways to make these documents available to everyone.”

The collection will include more than 600 records storage boxes, the equivalent of 600 linear feet of archival materials, from his senate offices in Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, and Washington, D.C., as well as documents from his years as chair of the Senate Budget Committee, and from his campaigns over the years.



U.S. Senator Kent Conrad announced plans to donate his papers to The George Washington University, Washington, DC, and to the State Historical Society at a news conference at the ND Heritage Center in Bismarck on August 21, 2012. Shown here, he is joined by George Washington University President Steven Knapp (left), Lieutenant Governor Drew Wrigley, and SHSND Director Merl Paaverud.

“Senator Conrad’s long history of service to our state will be preserved for future generations of North Dakotans and will chronicle his role, as well as North Dakota’s role, in shaping our country’s policies and legislation,” said Lieutenant Governor Drew Wrigley. “We thank him for making his papers accessible to scholars and the public.”

Merl Paaverud, director of the State Historical Society of North Dakota, added, “Senator Conrad’s papers will be a very important addition to the public record, and the State Historical Society is very pleased to participate in this new partnership with the George Washington University. This is an exciting opportunity for us.”

- The 118-vehicle parking lot will be finished soon. This lot will accommodate the increasing number of workers and contractors’ trailers.
- Remodeling of the Heritage Center lobby begins in mid-October.
- Specific rocks needed for the design of the outdoor Pembina River Plaza have been identified. We are working with landowners to acquire boulders to offer aesthetic appeal.

Students can find great sources for National History Day projects in State Archives

North Dakota history has been full of turning points: events, ideas, or people who have changed this place and how our societies think and act. Sometimes these turning points have even changed the land itself. This year's theme for National History Day is *Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events*. National History Day is a year-long academic program focused on historical research for students in sixth through twelfth grade. Students create a website, paper, documentary, exhibit, or performance based on a topic related to the year's theme.

A function of National History Day is to teach students different methods of research while exploring primary sources available on their topics. Primary sources are pieces of information about a historical event or period in which the creator of the source was an actual participant in or a contemporary of a historical moment. A primary source could be a letter, photograph, diary, newspaper, or an interview, just to mention a few. Participation in National History Day helps students venture away from computers and into archives, libraries, and historic sites. Students using primary source materials on topics in their home state are more likely to advance in the National History Day competition. National History Day participants outperform their peers in writing, critical thinking, and test taking. The North Dakota State Archives is full of primary sources that will allow students to put their hands on items that were a part of a turning point in North Dakota history. Whether it is journal of an early explorer, an annuity record book from Standing Rock Reservation, or newspaper clippings from the first discovery of oil, students can find a primary source in the State Archives.

An important turning point in North Dakota history was the entrance of the fur trade into the region. Francis Chardon, a fur trader with the Upper Missouri Outfit of the American Fur Company, was the head trader at Fort Clark from 1834-1839. His journal provides a detailed account of what life was like as a fur trader for the Upper Missouri Outfit. Chardon recorded weather, trade sales,

In the State Archives is an executive copy from the White House of President Chester Arthur's order reducing the size of the reservation and opening much of the land to homesteading.

fort happenings, and even the number of rats killed in the fort every month! Chardon's journal also provides details about the smallpox epidemic of 1837. A copy of the journal is available on microfilm in the State Archives (10422).

The early reservation period was another turning point in the lives of many people who call North Dakota home. The Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation Collection (20621) contains documents about the creation of the reservation and then the reduction in size of the reservation. Other documents from the Dakota Territory, such as land claims

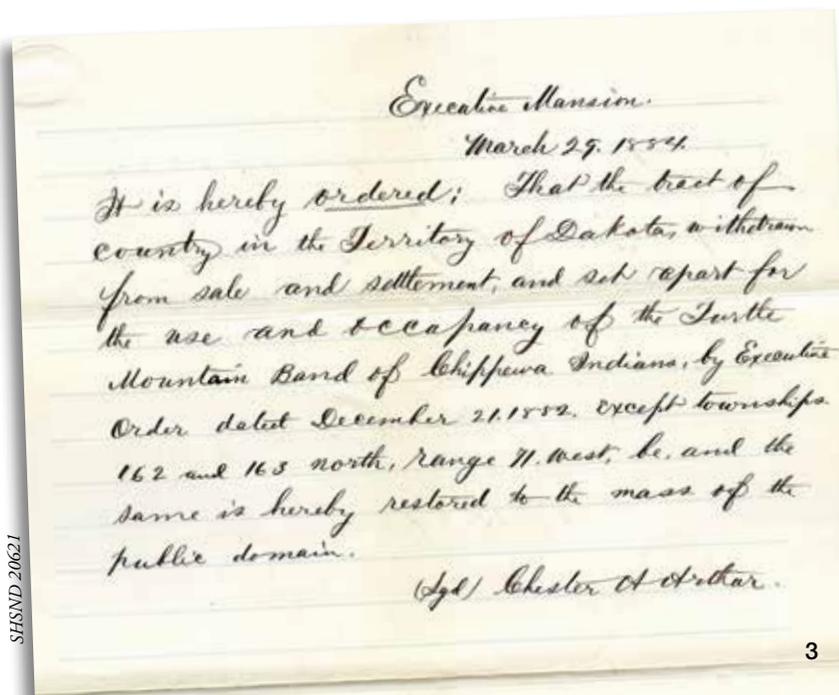
and land surveys, are also in this collection.

When World War I began, many North Dakota soldiers still had to balance business on the farm while they fought in the war

effort. Albert Wermedahl was one of those young soldiers. Albert and his family had a farm near Mayville, ND. In the Albert Wermedahl Collection (20945), telegrams present the troubles of trying to maintain the farm while Albert prepared for deployment overseas. In one telegram, Albert gives the order to rent land and start planting rye.

With the help of the primary sources available at the State Archives, students will be able to create a credible project for National History Day. For more information on National History Day go to the National History Day in North Dakota website at nd.nhd.org, or, contact Erik Holland, curator of education, at eholland@nd.gov or 701.328.2792.

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100,000 pages of state newspapers to be digitized

The Archives Division of the State Historical Society has been awarded a National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) grant of \$350,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). This grant will enable the State Archives to digitize 100,000 pages of word-searchable newspapers that will be available online at no charge to the user.

The NDNP is a joint effort between the NEH and the Library of Congress. This is a long-term endeavor aimed at creating a nationwide online digital database for historic newspapers published between 1836 and 1922. This searchable database, located at the Library of Congress' Chronicling America website, *chroniclingamerica.loc.gov*, provides public access to scanned newspapers and offers information about each publication.

In fall 2011, an advisory board made up of historians, archivists, and academics met at the State Archives to select newspaper titles for the NDNP. The selection criteria had several requirements. First, the master microfilm had to meet American National Standards Institute (ANSI) requirements. This restricted the number of titles, as most of the microfilming done prior to 1980 did not meet the standards. Thanks to the U.S. Newspaper Program,

an earlier grant program administered by the NEH and Library of Congress, the State Archives was able to microfilm 3.3 million pages in the late 1980s and early '90s, all of which meet proper quality standards. Once the qualifying microfilm was identified, the board narrowed the selection list by considering geography, length of a run of continuous issues, and how well the newspaper covered local and state news and events.

At the first meeting it was decided the *Bismarck Tribune* and its other early titles, such as the *Bismarck Weekly Tribune* and *Bismarck Tri-Weekly Tribune*, would be the first batch of microfilmed newspapers for the project. Being the territorial and state capitol, the board chose the Bismarck papers because they believed them to be the best source of information on Dakota Territory and North Dakota issues. The Bismarck newspapers will comprise approximately 60,000 pages.

In March 2012, the advisory board selected the 40,000 remaining pages, to include: *Jamestown Weekly Alert* (1882-1904), *Ward County Independent* (1903-1921), *Weekly Times-Record* from Valley City (1912-1922), and *Williston Graphic* (1895-1898 and 1902-1919).

"The State Historical Society is excited to have these newspapers more accessible to the public," said Shane Molander, Deputy State Archivist. "Being able to search for a person or topic by simply typing a word in a search field will be valuable and timesaving for the researcher."

The early Bismarck issues will be online before the end of the year, and all 100,000 pages will be available in 2013.

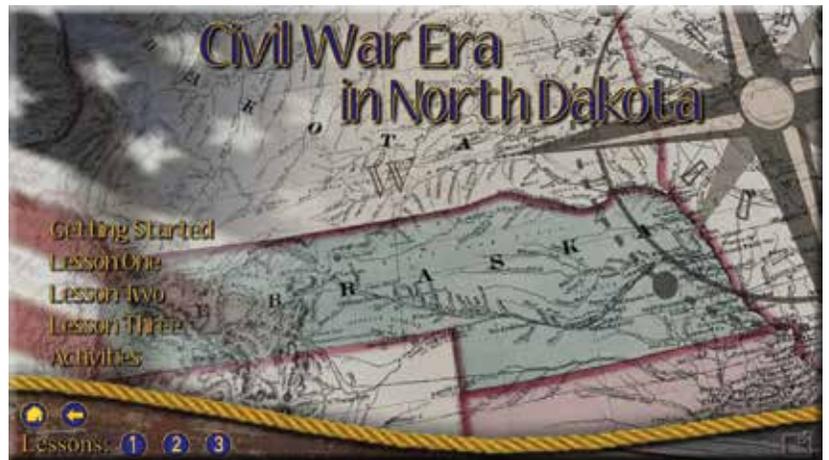
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New online Civil War lessons prepared for eighth grade students

To help commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the North Dakota Studies program has developed three online lessons titled *The Civil War Era in North Dakota*. These lessons were thoughtfully researched and written by Dr. Barb Handy-Marchello, professor emeritus at the University of North Dakota, and supplement the study of Grade 8 North Dakota Studies and U.S. History. The lessons will help prepare students to engage in discussions and debates using primary documents, photographs, and maps.

“These lessons help bring the national events happening in this period of time to life in North Dakota for students,” said Neil Howe, North Dakota Studies program coordinator. “I wish I would have had resources like this available when I was teaching U.S. history.”



North Dakota Studies Web Designer John DeLaMotte designed a creative and attractive website featuring the available materials, which will be available in November. In addition, other North Dakota Studies team members, Archives personnel, and staff throughout the agency contributed much to help make these lessons a reality.

The Civil War Era in North Dakota lessons are aligned to the North Dakota Content and Achievement Standards for Social Studies. Other resources are available to students and teachers at ndstudies.org.

Volunteer catalogs egg collection

The State Historical Society of North Dakota preserves several valuable collections of bird eggs which are now generating interest for their historic and scientific value. Brian Chepulis, a Valley City State University Fisheries and Wildlife Management major from Devils Lake, spent three weeks in August cataloging the Holton A. Shaw Collection. Chepulis also interns with the USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, who sponsored his work at the Heritage Center. USGS Research Ecologist Larry Igl, who also has a strong interest in oology, joined Chepulis for a day.

Oology, or the collection and study of wild bird eggs, became a popular hobby in the United States in the late 1800s. One young man who was interested in collecting as a scientific endeavor was Holton A. Shaw of Grand Forks. Along with his friend Alfred “Alf” Eastgate, Shaw began collecting in the early 1890s. The pair focused their efforts on the Stump Lake vicinity in Nelson County, North Dakota, and the much of the Shaw collection originates from that area. Shaw seems to have focused both on his personal collection as well as collecting for sale or to trade with other collectors, and his extensive data books show that the bulk of the eggs were collected between 1892 and 1898.

In 1918 the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act was passed, which provided protection to migratory birds, their feathers, nests, and eggs. Further laws restricted the hobby even more, until there were just a very few licensed collectors.



Looking over the Holton A. Shaw oology collection are USGS Research Ecologist Larry Igl and Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center intern Brian Chepulis. Chepulis spent three weeks in August at the Heritage Center, cataloging the historically and scientifically important collection which includes eggs and a few nests. Many were collected in the Stump Lake area between 1892 and 1898, and some of these birds no longer nest in North Dakota. Some eggs are from extinct birds, and some might be state records.



Come Celebrate our Past while we expand into the future

Last Hurrah Party • October 11-14, 2012



Join us for a last look at the exhibits
you've loved for 30 years.

The State's Museum Main Gallery
will close on October 15,
but the Heritage Center will remain open.

*Watch for four new gallery openings
of the State Museum in 2013 and 2014!*

Last Hurrah Party

State Museum's Main Gallery
at the ND Heritage Center
October 11-12: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
October 13-14: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Special programs each day!
Bring your camera and a friend.



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Find a schedule of daily activities at history.nd.gov.

Additional Professional Staff will Complete the Heritage Center Expansion Efforts

“The impact of the legislative commitment to advance the Heritage Center master plan will have a generational impact for North Dakota. I am most proud of our legislative actions, and I truly appreciate the great work of the Heritage Center staff and volunteers, whose hard work and dedication have made a real difference for the future of our great State.” Senator Tony Grindberg, R-Fargo

We are heading into the 2013 Legislative Session in January. The Society will once again have a request – a request that will complete the major recommendations for the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center – additional professional staff.

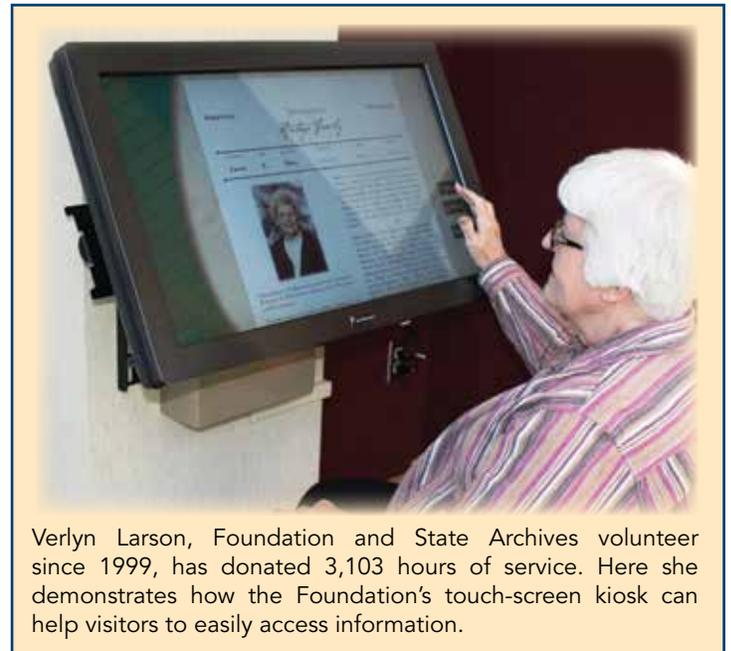
Merl Paaverud, director of the State Historical Society, and the Historical Board authorized the Society to request 22 additional staff members. The Foundation will be at the side of the Society in the 2013 Legislative Session, and we ask you, our supporters, to begin talking to your local legislators, encouraging them to complete the expansion project with the needed staff. It is professional staff that brings excitement to the artifacts, collections and stories of our history. A building has no life – it needs people to bring the history alive.

The State Historical Society of North Dakota Commission recommended by five former governors – Guy, Link, Olson, Sinner, and Schafer and established by Governor John Hoeven, laid out the vision for expanding the resources of the Historical Society in 2003: State Archives expansion;

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building additional state historic sites; providing resources for local historical projects; support for statewide initiatives like the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial; expanding the North Dakota Heritage Center; advancing technology; and adding professional staff to carry out this expanded mission.

Completing these seven recommendations and seeing



Verlyn Larson, Foundation and State Archives volunteer since 1999, has donated 3,103 hours of service. Here she demonstrates how the Foundation’s touch-screen kiosk can help visitors to easily access information.

the finished expansion of the Heritage Center will be a landmark event. Bringing on board the needed staff to meet the visitor at the door, developing programming for school children, and adding technical staff to build the advanced technology support for the Society and so much more is the final piece that will create the expected atmosphere and level of services in this new facility.

Talk with your local legislators. Express your happiness with the expansion. And recommend that they support the needed staff to bring this extraordinary project to life.

Virginia A. Nelsen, executive director, SHSND Foundation



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Karl Lembke,
SHSND Foundation
Development Officer



Marlo Sveen, SHSND
Foundation Director
of Development



Bill Schott, leader of the
SHSND Foundation's
Trustee membership
development

Check it out! The SHSND Foundation’s Expansion Campaign Website statehistoricalfoundation.com

Digging into the past

This summer a number of excavations across the state revealed new pieces of the state's past. In July an archeological excavation at Fort Clark State Historic Site sought to learn more about the early history of the fur trade post Fort Clark and the Mandan/Arikara village next door. Remote sensing work last summer in the village site located an unidentified anomaly that differed significantly from the earthlodge structures of the village. Could this possibly be the long-sought Fort Clark I, the first post built by James Kipp "beside the village" in 1824? That post was replaced in only a few years by a new Fort Clark that served the nearby Indian community until 1862, when the villagers moved near Fort Berthold. During the week of July 16, a joint effort by Paleocultural Research Group, the University of Arkansas, and the State Historical Society of North Dakota conducted limited excavations at the site of the anomaly. A number of features were identified, and lab work on the



Carl Falk of the Paleocultural Research Group is carefully exposing the perimeter of a stone-lined hearth found in the structure excavated at Fort Clark State Historic Site this summer.

material found will continue over the next year. It appears, however, that the site is a late-period cabin structure and the location of Fort Clark I remains to be discovered.

A more remote past was uncovered during a number of paleontological digs sponsored by the North Dakota Geological Survey, in conjunction with other federal, state, and local organizations, from June through August of this year. Four public digs were conducted across the state: at a 65-to-75-million-year-old site containing dinosaur and other fossils near Marmarth; in the Pembina Gorge site, an 80-million-year-

old site containing mosasaur (giant sea lizards), bird, fish, squid, and other fossils near Walhalla; and at two 60-million-year-old sites near Medora that contain crocodile, champsosaur (crocodile-like animal), turtle, fish, and other fossils. All these excavations were open to public participation, and 250 people participated in the digs. The most important fossils collected during these digs were a two-foot-long crocodile skull from the Whiskey Creek site near Medora and a skeleton of a 20-foot-long mosasaur at the Pembina Gorge site near Walhalla. Both of these fossils are being prepared in the North Dakota Geological Survey paleontology laboratory in the Heritage Center and will be displayed in the new Adaptation: Geological Time Gallery. Public paleontological excavations are conducted every summer by the Geological Survey.

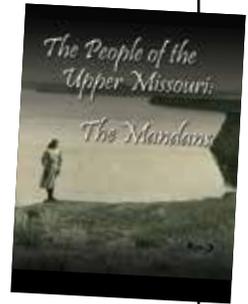


Three beads were found during the Fort Clark excavation. One is shown here.

New products

People of the Upper Missouri: The Mandans

Focusing on the history, traditions, and material culture of the Mandan people, this documentary integrates historical imagery, interviews, and ethnographic and archaeological data that trace 800 years of Mandan resilience, adaptability, and continuity in the Upper Missouri River Valley. It begins with a contemporary portrait of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara people and travels backward recounting the tragedy and loss incurred by construction of the Garrison Dam; the peak of Mandan population, power, and prosperity during the 16th century; and the origins of a cultural identity bound in memories of ancestors and tied to the Missouri River landscape. 77 minutes. **DVD or Blu-ray \$24.95**



Fairy Tale Pictures

Enjoy the tenth, and last, in a series of classic reproductions from the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Read four favorite fairy tales, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Little Snow White*, and *The Frog Prince*, and cut out the eight pages of matching paper figures and scene backdrops to play with and act out each story. We're including an extra set of these character pages on card stock so you won't have to cut the book apart to play with them. **\$12.95**



Available at the Museum Store, North Dakota Heritage Center, Bismarck

To Order Contact: Museum Store, 701.328.2822 • email museumstore@nd.gov • history.nd.gov/museumstore

* *The Museum Store has temporarily moved to the Sperry Gallery in the Heritage Center while the lobby is being renovated. Come and visit!*

Volunteers honored for years of service

The State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) recently honored the Society's Heritage Volunteers for donating 14,000 hours of service during the past year. This year marks the 31st anniversary of the state history agency's volunteer program. More than 200 volunteers, ages 14 to 94, donate their time and talent to help the agency meet its mission.

The Independent Sector, a coalition for non-profit groups, values volunteer time at \$21.79 per hour. Based on that figure, Heritage Volunteers' donation of time is valued at \$305,000.

Numerous special awards were presented. The Dedication Award, presented to the volunteer who served the most hours from May 1, 2011, through April 30, 2012, was given to Erlys Fardal of Bismarck, who donated 488 hours of service as a volunteer for the State Archives and Communication and Education divisions.

The Hospitality Award was presented to Janice Hunt of Bismarck for her exceptional loyalty and enthusiasm in a public area. Hunt volunteers in the Museum Store at the Heritage Center and has donated more than 700 volunteer hours.

The Curatorial Award, for the outstanding individual in

a behind-the-scenes role was presented to Lilian Wilson of Bismarck, who has donated 2,464 hours of service. Lilian volunteers in the State Archives.

The Special Project Award was presented to Barbara Handy-Marchello of Bismarck for her volunteer work in the museum collection area, completing an inventory and recataloging of the Agency's Native American collection.

Carol Heyd of Bismarck was presented a 30-year service award for volunteering at the Heritage Center information desk and helping with special events. Since 1982, Carol has donated more than 2,211 hours.

Robert Bird of Bismarck, received a 10-year service award. Robert volunteers in the State Archives. Since 2002, he

has donated 896 hours.

Eighteen volunteers received recognition for their first 100 hours of service.

Beth Campbell, SHSND Visitor Services coordinator, noted that since 1981, volunteers statewide have contributed more than 374,000 hours of service to the Society and its sites and museums. For information about becoming a volunteer, contact Beth Campbell at 701.328.2674 or email bcampbell@nd.gov.



Merl Paaverud, SHSND director (left) and Larrissa Harrison, Archives specialist (right), presented 10-year service awards to volunteers Robert Bird and Erlys Fardal.

October 2012

October 11

Fort Buford History Book Club, 7 p.m. Join other history buffs in a discussion of the month's selected book. Free refreshments. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. Please call in advance, 701.572.9034.

October 11-13

Last Hurrah Party at North Dakota Heritage Center, Bismarck. 701.328.2666

October 12

State Historical Board meeting, 9 a.m., North Dakota Heritage Center.

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North Dakota State Genealogical Society fall meeting, 1 p.m., State Archives, North Dakota Heritage Center. For more, contact Greg Wysk, 701.328.2541.

October 12-13

Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site open, 1 to 5 p.m. Free admission. Located in Bismarck at the corner of Fourth Street and Avenue B, 701.328.9528.

October 20

Quilting at the Confluence, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join the *Confluence Quilters* for their monthly meeting. All experience levels invited and instruction provided. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, 701.572.9034.

October 20

Cemetery Walk, 7 to 9 p.m. Visit with some "ghostly" former residents of Fort Buford during an evening walk through the old fort cemetery, followed by refreshments. Tours starting every half-hour. Family friendly activity. Fort Buford State Historic Site and Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, 701.572.9034.

October 21

Concert at the Confluence, featuring *Cheaper Than Therapy*, a vocal quartet from Jamestown, 3 p.m. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, 701.572.9034.

October 24

State Historical Records Advisory Board meeting, 1 p.m., University Library, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND.

October 26

State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation annual meeting, 12 p.m., Bismarck Civic Center, 701.222.1966.

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State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation Board Meeting, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Bismarck Civic Center, 701.222.1066.

October 26-27

24th Annual Governor's Conference on North Dakota History, *Partners on the Prairie: Inventing Solutions for Agriculture*, Bismarck Civic Center. Register at history.nd.gov.

October 31

Ghost Stories and Halloween Party at the Chateau. 2 p.m. Don Elhi will tell ghost stories to children from the Billings County schools at Halloween party at the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center. Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, Medora, 701.623.4355.

October 28

Halloween Fun, children's activities and games from 2 to 4 p.m., Pembina State Museum, 701. 825.6840.

November 2012

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Fort Buford History Book Club, 7 p.m. Join other history buffs in a discussion of the month's selected book.

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November 9-10

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November 11

Veterans Day. State offices closed in observance of Veterans Day. Pembina State Museum, North Dakota Heritage Center, Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, and Chateau de Mores State Historic Site Interpretive Center open.

November 17

Quilting at the Confluence, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join the *Confluence Quilters* for their monthly meeting at the Confluence. All experience levels invited and instruction provided. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, 701.572.9034.

November 18

Concert at the Confluence featuring the *Sunrise Brass*, an instrumental group from the Fairview-Sidney, MT area, 3 p.m. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, 701.572.9034.

November 22

Thanksgiving. State offices closed. North Dakota Heritage Center, Pembina State Museum, Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, and Chateau de Mores State Historic Site Interpretive Center closed.

November 25

Holiday Open House, 1 to 5 p.m., Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site. Free admission. Sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of the Former Governors' Mansion and the SHSND, 701.328.9528.

December 2012

December 9

Sledding and activities at the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center in conjunction with Medora's *Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas*. 701.623.4355.

December 2

Holiday Open House, 1 to 5 p.m., Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site. Free admission. Sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of the Former Governors' Mansion and the SHSND, 701.328.9528.

December 16

Christmas at the Confluence, 2 to 5 p.m., featuring area musicians in concert including the Liberty Christian School Bell Choir at 4 p.m. Other activities will include a Christmas craft and Christmas stories. Refreshments served. Fort Buford State Historic Site and Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center, 701.572.9034.

December 14

Fort Buford History Book Club, 7 p.m. Join other history buffs in a discussion of the month's selected book. Free refreshments. Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. Please call in advance, 701.572.9034.

December 14-15

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December 15

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December 25

Christmas Day. State offices closed.

Winter Hours at State Historic Sites

Pembina State Museum

Monday-Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. (CT)

Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. (CT)

Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center

Wednesdays-Sundays,
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (MT)

Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site

Thursday-Saturday and Monday,
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.,
Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. (CT)
November 1-February 28 by appointment.

Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site

Second Friday and Saturday
of each month, 1 to 5 p.m.

Other State Historic Sites closed for the season on September 15.

Expansion Timeline

Thank you for your patience as the Main Gallery of the Heritage Center closes on October 15, 2012. The Heritage Center's expansion will bring you more space to stretch your mind and explore our state's heritage!

Heritage Center Openings

(Dates subject to change)

Early Summer 2013: Opening of the Northern Lights Lobby, new east entrance, new hallway exhibits (including the Corridor of History, Red River Hall dedicated to ND art, Sheyenne River Hall, Museum Store, James River Café, Great Plains Theater, Missouri River Events Center, Hub of History, Pembina River Plaza, and renovated Russell Reid Auditorium

July 2013: Opening of the Adaptation Gallery: Geologic Time

September 2013: Opening of the Innovation Gallery: Early Peoples

September 2014: Opening of the Inspiration Gallery: Yesterday and Today

November 2, 2014: Grand Opening of the Heritage Center and the Governors Gallery temporary exhibit

Society News

Our Mission:

*To identify,
preserve,
interpret,
and promote
the heritage of
North Dakota
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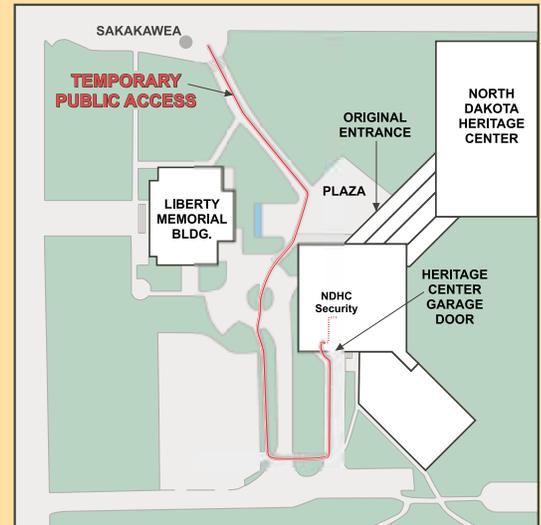
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Heritage Center front doors will temporarily close during remodeling. Please use the new temporary entrance.

Entrance through the front doors of the North Dakota Heritage Center will be temporarily interrupted starting October 16, 2012, while renovation work is completed in the current lobby.

Individuals will still have access to the State Archives, Museum Store, and the rest of the Heritage Center through an alternate entrance located by the truck bay on the south side of the Heritage Center. Signage will be in place to provide directions to the temporary entrance. Access through the front doors to the Heritage Center is expected to resume by November 23, 2012.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and thank you for your patience as we expand.



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