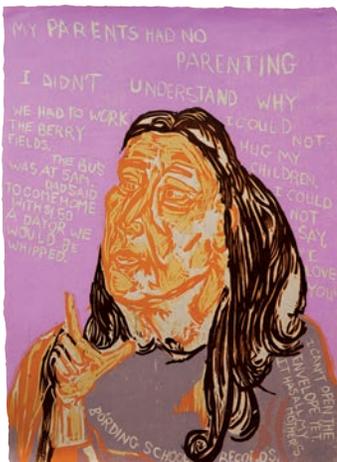


New and Current Exhibits

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In Our Own Words: Native Impressions

A collaboration by printmaker Daniel Heyman, graphic designer Lucy Ganje, and master printer Kim Fink, this exhibit chronicles the stories of a range of contemporary American Indian people from four of North Dakota's reservations, including business people, farmers, ranchers, teachers, politicians, and tribal leaders. It features a portrait and a personal oral history of each individual, with recurring themes including the legacy of boarding schools, climate, and energy.



Plesiosaur in Underwater World

In partnership with the North Dakota Geological Survey, the State Museum added a plesiosaur to the Adaptation Gallery: Geologic Time's Underwater World exhibit. A plesiosaur is a long-necked marine reptile that lived in North Dakota 80 million years ago. The new permanent exhibit features a mural by paleontologist Becky Barnes and a neck vertebrae and skull replica extending from the wall. Fifteen plesiosaur neck vertebrae fossils, discovered in the mid-1990s in southwest North Dakota, also are on display — the most bones from a single plesiosaur found in North Dakota to date.



Sundogs and Sunflowers

The exhibit *Sundogs and Sunflowers: Folklore and Folk Art of the Northern Great Plains* is based on the award-winning book of the same name. Twenty unique pieces of folk art, made by contemporary North Dakota artists, are paired with stories, legends, and traditions of the prairie. This exhibit was produced by the North Dakota Council on the Arts.



Fort Buford State Historic Site

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Life by the Bugle

This permanent exhibit in the Field Officer's Quarters was updated in May, adding new military post artifacts as well as panels on the life of Hunkpapa Lakota leader Sitting Bull. *Life by the Bugle* explores the life of a frontier military officer at Fort Buford, a post active from 1866 to 1895, and also examines the lives of women and children at an army post.

Staff Respond to Storm Damage

On Thursday, June 28, the State Historical Society's Artifact Storage East in Bismarck, which houses furniture and large items from the museum collection, sustained severe storm damage. A section of the roof was torn off the two-story building, and a trailer at the site flipped over. State Historical Society staff immediately put our emergency response plan into action. Museum Division personnel spent the following day cleaning up the mess, removing water, and handling artifacts that needed to be dried, as well as contacting insurance companies, ordering a dumpster for debris, and finding a contractor to repair the roof. Staff did an excellent job responding to this emergency.



Stored museum collection artifacts were exposed to the elements following a severe storm on June 28.

Artifacts Preserved from Former Governor's Residence



The Former Governor's Residence near the corner of Fourth Street and Boulevard Avenue in Bismarck was home to eight North Dakota governors and their families from 1960 to 2018.

The North Dakota Former Governor's Residence built in 1960 was demolished earlier this year. Prior to demolition the State Historical Society collected samples of floor coverings, wallpaper, curtains, upholstery, and selected furnishings to preserve in our museum collection. Certain items, such as the 1960 dining table, Gorham Chantilly-pattern sterling silver flatware, Lenox Hancock-pattern china dinnerware, and Fitz & Floyd American Wildflowers-pattern china dinnerware, were transferred to the new Governor's Residence completed in 2018. The State Historical Society continues to showcase objects from the earlier homes of North Dakota governors at the Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site in Bismarck and in the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum.

Students Compete at National History Day



Judge (and Archives Specialist) Larissa Harrison speaks with Dickinson Middle School students Jenna Torgerson and Ashley Tally about their National History Day exhibit on April 13.

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The National History Day in North Dakota state competition was held at the ND Heritage Center & State Museum on April 13. Projects judged to be the best in the state competition qualified to compete with advancing student projects from across the country at National History Day, hosted at the University of Maryland in June. During the school year, students research, design, and create websites, documentary videos, exhibits, performances, or historical research papers that meet specific criteria and are aligned to the year's theme. The 2018 theme was "Conflict and Compromise in History," and the 2019 theme will be "Triumph and Tragedy." Learn more at nhd.org.

Summer History Highlights



At our “Canvas and Cocktails” program on June 15, ND Heritage Center guests created acrylic paintings of stars and space under the guidance of artist Kim Eslinger from Gateway to Science. Participants also toured *New Views of the Universe: Hubble Space Telescope* on exhibit at the State Museum.



On June 10, Nadine Schmidt presented “Dress of the Civil War Era” during Living History Weekend at Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site.



Stan Anderson, left, carriage ride operator at the Chateau de Mores State Historic Site in Medora, and Roger Clemens, head of site maintenance, prepare to check trail conditions June 11 with horses Beth and Abby.



Contractors replaced the 30-year-old roof on Camp Hancock’s Bread of Life Church with new cedar shingles, many of which needed to be cut and stained red by hand.



Museum Division Director Mark Sundlov, left, leads a “Cycling History Highways” tour of Double Ditch Indian Village on June 30. Participants cycled 19 miles round trip to the state historic site from Chief Looking’s Village in Bismarck.



Paleontologist Becky Barnes, right, passes around a shark tooth during a State Museum tour for ND Association for the Blind members on June 8. The serrated edges and smooth surfaces of the tooth offered a tactile example for vision-impaired museum guests.



Assistant Site Supervisor Kris Kitko marches with children outside the Former Governors’ Mansion State Historic Site in Bismarck on Flag Day, June 14.

Summer History Highlights *Continued*



The Welk Homestead State Historic Site near Strasburg, birthplace of bandleader Lawrence Welk, hosted an Accordion Jam Session on Aug. 4.



Former ND First Lady Grace Link, center, celebrated her 100th birthday at the Former Governors' Mansion Ice Cream Social on Aug. 12. Link was instrumental in preserving the mansion as a state historic site and continues to serve on the Society for the Preservation of the Former Governors' Mansion board.

Stone Cleaning in Medora



On June 29, the State Historical Society hosted "Care and Cleaning of Natural Stone" in the De Mores Memorial Park in Medora. This hands-on workshop allowed the public to learn about cleaning stones while assisting the Society in maintaining a state historic site.

According to Architectural Historian Lorna Meidinger, "The two things you need to know when planning this type of project are what type of stone and what type of staining are you dealing with." In this case, the granite Marquis de Morès statue base had stains from the bronze figure above it, and other sandstone park features exhibited biological staining from lichens. Meidinger and Historic Preservation Planner Lisa Steckler tested cleaners in advance of the workshop to determine the most effective type.

Going forward the Society hopes to work with local groups to clean all of the park stones. Check in with Chateau de Mores Site Supervisor Chris Dorfschmidt at cdorfschmidt@nd.gov or 701.623.4355 if you are interested in helping with future events.

Karen Nelson, front, along with Emily Sakariassen, Wendy Schmeichel, and Lorna Meidinger clean stone features at De Mores Memorial Park on June 29.

Native American Hall of Honor

The Native American Hall of Honor, founded in 2016 by the ND Indian Affairs Commission in partnership with the State Historical Society of ND and its Foundation, recognizes traditional and contemporary achievements by North Dakota tribal members. The 2018 inductees are:

Sports/Athletics: 1941-42 Elbowoods Warriors Basketball Team, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation

Leadership: Patrick Moses Gourneau, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa; Betty L. Gress, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation

The free public induction ceremony will be Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. at the ND Heritage Center. Each inductee will be featured in an annual exhibit at the State Museum. Learn more at bit.ly/nahoh.



Five Properties Listed in National Register

Five North Dakota properties have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the federal government's list of properties it considers worthy of preservation and recognition: the Assyrian Muslim Cemetery; Burke County World War Memorial Hall; Dease-Martineau House, Trading Post, and Oxcart Trail Historic District; Manfred Historic District; and Robinson Hall.



The Assyrian Muslim Cemetery near Ross is the site of the first mosque in the nation and was the only Muslim cemetery in North Dakota for 90 years.



The Dease-Martineau House, Trading Post, and Oxcart Trail Historic District near Leroy has log buildings built using Red River construction techniques and includes segments of oxcart trails.



Burke County World War Memorial Hall in Flaxton, dedicated in 1931, still houses government offices, community groups, and events.



Robinson Hall began as a Works Progress Administration project in 1936, with additions built in 1942 and 1983. This hall is significant for its major role in the social history of Robinson.



The village of Manfred in Wells County was nominated as the Manfred Historic District because it is an excellent example of an agricultural town that showcases both the rise and decline of rural towns across the state.

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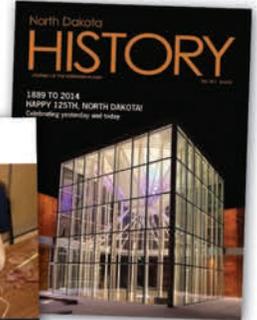
Thursday, November 15, 2018 10:30 – 11:00 am

ND Heritage Center – Great Plains Theatre
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The Foundation annual report and election of new Foundation board members.
All Foundation members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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