

Annual Report

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Continuing the Commemoration

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Among those attending the dedication ceremonies in the nation's capital October 16, 2003 were (l to r) Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND), Governor John Hoeven, Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND), Congressman Earl Pomeroy (D-ND), Three Affiliated Tribes Chairman Tex Hall, and the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation Color Guard. A valuable member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, Sakakawea is the first American Indian woman honored in National Statuary Hall.



A replica of the Sakakawea statue received a grand sendoff on the state capitol grounds in Bismarck. School-children lined up to touch the statue at the conclusion of the September 29, 2003 sendoff event.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2004, the state's history agency, the State Historical Society of North Dakota, continued its activities commemorating the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. As the 2003-06 bicentennial unfolded, the highlight was the dedication of a statue of Sakakawea in National Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C. It is a bronze replica of the statue that has stood on the state capitol grounds in Bismarck since 1910. Enhancements related to the Lewis and Clark era continued at the Society's sites. With the help of citizens and legislators statewide, the Society and its Foundation also spent the year strengthening current alliances and building new partnerships, keeping in mind its mission "to identify, preserve, interpret, and promote the heritage of North Dakota and its people."

Proceeding on with Lewis and Clark

The 'red-letter' Lewis and Clark event of the year for North Dakota was the October 16, 2003 Sakakawea statue dedication in Washington, D.C. Arizona Bronze of Tempe, Arizona was selected in August 2002 to create a bronze reproduction of the statue that stands on the state capitol grounds in Bismarck, for placement in National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol.

On June 12, 2003, the foundry delivered the completed replica to the state capitol grounds, where it was placed on display in front of the North Dakota State Capitol building before its departure to the nation's capital in early October.

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North Dakotans bid the replica a fond and colorful farewell in September 29 ceremonies that included 300 schoolchildren. The dedication marked the culmination of the five-year project led by the State Historical Society, with assistance from the General Federation of Women's Clubs of North Dakota and other partners, including Congressman Earl Pomeroy (D-ND), who hosted the dedication event. A special exemption from the Architect of the U.S. Capitol was secured by Congressman Pomeroy's office after it was learned that each state is allowed to have only two people represented. The exemption means that North Dakota is the only state with three people – former governor and U.S. Treasurer John Burke (1859-1937), presented in June 1963, and Sakakawea and her baby son, Jean Baptiste, whose name is not mentioned on the state's plaque.

Working with a \$924,000 appropriation from the Legislative Assembly for the 2003-05 biennium, the State Historical Society also continued to enhance its sites relating to the Lewis and Clark era. This marked the third consecutive biennium appropriation to the agency for Lewis and Clark enhancements and helped the State Historical Society fulfill its long-range plan begun two bienniums ago. The funding for 1999-2001 was \$931,000, and for 2001-03, \$1.5 million, for a total of nearly \$3.4 million.

At **Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site**, state-of-the-art geophysical techniques and archeological excavations continued to provide valuable new information about this spectacular site overlooking the Missouri River, as 2003 marked the third straight summer of fieldwork. One of the most startling finds has been the discovery that there are remains from four principal fortification systems (not two, as first believed), spanning the 300 years the site was occupied by the Mandans prior to its abandonment in 1781. The geophysical data set is one of the largest such sets in the world. The summer 2003 investigations also included

public interpretation, with more than 900 visitors seeing firsthand the ongoing work at the site eight miles north of Bismarck. Upgraded on-site signs, brochures, and other written materials are planned.

At **Fort Buford State Historic Site**, the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center (MYCIC) held its grand opening in August 2003. The \$2.2 million center tells the history and prehistory of the area near the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers and includes a 2,000-square-foot permanent exhibit, *Trails, Tracks, Rivers, and Roads*. The 8,600-square-foot facility was built with local, state, and federal funding. In April 2004, to commemorate the Corps of Discovery's time at the confluence, the MYCIC hosted a weekend exhibit featuring three original Lewis and Clark documents on loan from the Library of Congress. One-half mile to the west, the grand opening of Fort Buford's newly reconstructed infantry barracks took place May 15-16. Final work was

also completed on the field officer's quarters and officer-of-the-guard building restoration projects, with preparations under way to place exhibits in each. In the summer of 2003, a dozen new outdoor interpretive signs and new identification signs were placed throughout the Fort Buford site. During the fiscal year, the fort's cemetery underwent extensive maintenance, including repainting the reproduction headstones. Major segments of the encircling fence were replaced, and the entire fence repainted. Construction of a three-quarter-mile-long walking trail that traverses the fort site began in the fall of 2003. The trail, which will include a historic bridge,

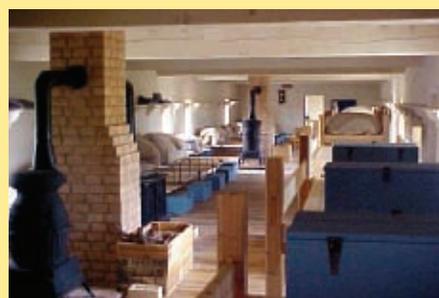
kiosk, and interpretive signs, is expected to be completed in the spring of 2005.

A new parking lot installed at **Fort Clark Trading Post State Historic Site** near Washburn provides better parking for vehicles with campers and includes handicapped parking spaces. Research continued on data gathered during archeology fieldwork and remote sensing conducted during

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Completion of the reconstruction of the infantry barracks at Fort Buford State Historic Site near Williston was celebrated



during grand opening ceremonies in May 2004. The \$800,000 project, built and furnished to look as the army barracks would have in the 1870s, includes a sergeant's room, company room (above), kitchen, and mess hall.

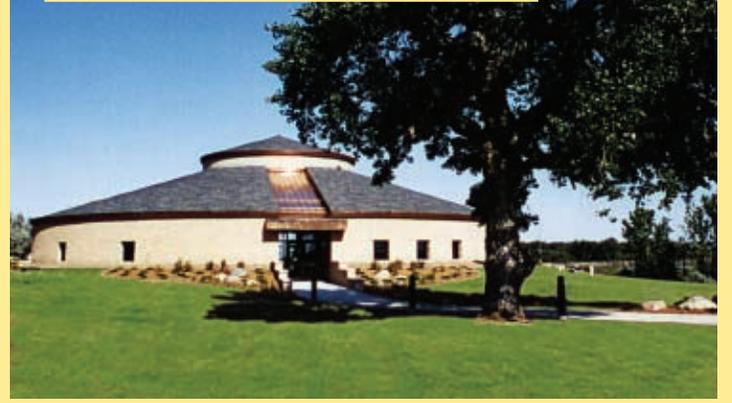
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the summers of 2000 and 2001, which revealed that there were at least two expansions and reconstructions of the key fur trade post in the 1840s and 1850s.

Lewis and Clark Missouri River Heritage Outbound programs included a summer canoe trip in August 2003 and two winter camps in January 2004. Registrants in the first winter camp consisted of 38 Nebraska teachers who used it as part of their Lewis and Clark education track. Society staff also participated in two Lewis and Clark teacher institutes in the state; and the Society's Lewis and Clark historian, Dr. Greg Camp, responded to 480 Lewis and Clark-related inquiries from throughout the world.

In partnership with the North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA), a series of four Lewis and Clark posters produced by the Society, featuring seasonal images and educational activities, were distributed to fourth and eighth grade teachers statewide. Another agency partnership with the NDCA resulted in the production of a Lewis and Clark play by and for elementary school children. The play, *Lewis and Clark: From a Child's Perspective*, was presented at the Mountain Plains Museum Association meeting in Colorado in October 2003 and has been booked throughout North Dakota. Docent training emphasizing Lewis and Clark also continued during FY04.

The second series of *Lewis and Clark Fun Facts* were developed for Cass-Clay Creamery, Inc. milk cartons. This partnership, launched in June 2003, is featuring *Fun Facts* on 120 million milk cartons in the Dakotas and Minnesota through the end of the bicentennial in 2006. They have been designed and written by SHSND staff members Greg Camp, Mark Halvorson, and Brian Austin.



The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center's grand opening the weekend of August 22-23, 2003 drew nearly 3,000 visitors. One of the featured speakers was Clay Jenkinson, nationally recognized for his interpretation of Thomas Jefferson on the syndicated public radio program *The Thomas Jefferson Hour*. Here, he portrays Meriwether Lewis, selected by Jefferson to lead the Corps of Discovery with William Clark. The Confluence Center near Williston attracted more than 24,000 visitors from all 50 states and 20 countries its first year.

Other Site Developments

At **Fort Totten State Historic Site**, over 10,000 visitors toured this frontier military post established in 1867 that also served as an American Indian boarding school from 1891 to 1959. The site also hosted its 11th annual Living History Field Day in September 2003, when hundreds of area seventh grade students learned about the site's history. The Totten Trail Historic Inn continued to be a popular tourist destination, drawing more than 2,100 guests, who stayed overnight and enjoyed breakfast in the building first used as an officers' quarters and later as apartments for Fort Totten Indian School employees. This represented an increase of 15 percent from FY03. For reservations or more information, call (701) 766-4874, 662-6327 or visit the website www.tottentrailinn.com; **Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site**, known historically as "the Gateway to the Dakotas," continued to enjoy the fruits of a \$500,000

renovation and reconstruction project completed in 2002. This site near Wahpeton hosted several successful public programs this past fiscal year, including its second annual Memorial Day event in late May 2004, *Aber Days* activities in June, and a popular kite flying program on Flag Day. A *Save America's Treasures* \$200,000 grant was awarded for a project at the site in the fall of 2003; efforts to secure the required equal match at the state and local level continue; **Whitestone Hill Battlefield State Historic Site** in southeastern North Dakota hosted its fourth annual Education Day for area school groups August 29, 2003, marking the 140th anniversary of the battle, and new directional signs to its campground and burial hill were installed; enhancement projects continued at the **Former Governors' Man-**

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sion State Historic Site in Bismarck, highlighted by restoration of the exterior of the carriage house building, recreating its appearance when first built in 1903. The building's interior was rehabilitated to create an exhibit area and an ADA-accessible restroom. The featured exhibit, *From Buckets of Oats to Quarts of Oil*, tells the history of transportation in the capital city. The project, including the exhibit, was funded with federal Historic Preservation Fund grants, the North Dakota Department of Transportation's transportation enhancement funds, SHSND funds, and funds raised by the Society for the Preservation of the Former Governors' Mansion. The site's Annual Lawn Party August 10, 2003 featured the theme "The Mansion in the Years 1910-1920" and included exhibits about two governors, Louis Hanna (1913-17) and Lynn Frazier (1917-21). A series of "high teas" hosted by former North Dakota First Lady Grace Link was also held during the summer months; at the **Chateau de Mores State Historic Site**, renovations were completed at Chimney Park, part of the site in Medora. Renovations at the park included nine new food preparation sites and a new ADA-accessible restroom facility. Funding was provided by a variety of sources, including a \$37,000 matching grant provided by the Land and Water Conservation Fund, with assistance from the SHSND; repairs at the **Gingras Trading Post State Historic Site** included log replacement and exterior wall improvements on the trading post building and replacement of siding and improvement of drainage on the Gingras house. Meetings were also held to examine possible site expansion through the acquisition of additional land; at the **Killdeer Mountain Battlefield State Historic Site**, the second annual Killdeer Mountain History Hike was held July 19, 2003, starting at the base of Killdeer Mountain and ending at what is known as the Medicine Hole. Along the route, SHSND Western Regional Manager Chris Johnson discussed events surrounding the 1864 Battle of Killdeer Mountain with the 30 participants; projects at the **Pembina State Museum** included placement of an interpretive marker honoring former governor (1935-37) and longtime Pembina resident Walter Welford next to the tree planted in his honor and completion of the mechanical portion of the museum's energy audit; and new building identification markers were installed at **Fort Ransom State Historic Site**.

SHSND volunteer docents enjoyed a visit to the High Plains Rendezvous at Cross Ranch State Park near Washburn, N.D., on their annual field trip in June 2004. North Dakota Heritage Center docents pictured here are (l to r) Rendezvous fur trade reenactor Wayne Hoff, Roy Towne, Marian Brandt, and Lyle Schultz. Over 200 volunteers, ages 14 to 90, donate their time and talent year-round to help the state's history agency meet its mission. They donated more than 16,000 hours of service from May 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004.



Water- and insect-damaged log walls at the **Gingras Trading Post State Historic Site** near Walhalla were replaced in the summer of 2003. The oak logs were hand-hewn to the exact specifications of the original logs. The chinking between the logs was replaced with a new elastic material designed to last much longer than the mud and grass typically used during the time of 19th Century fur trader and entrepreneur Antoine Gingras.



The fourth annual Education Day at **Whitestone Hill Battlefield State Historic Site** in southeastern North Dakota drew several hundred area students. They visited several demonstration sites, including this one featuring a replica Model 1841 Mountain Howitzer cannon. Frontier army reenactor **Chuck Keller** of Bismarck, N.D., explained proper loading and firing of the cannon. Two areas also featured the agency's popular Suitcase Exhibits for North Dakota (SEND) program, which brought an additional dimension of interpretation to the site's history through hands-on artifacts and activities.



Research and Archives



Members of the SHSND Commission and State Historical Board received a firsthand view of the critical space needs facing the State Historical Society when they toured the agency's two temporary storage facilities used to handle its overflow of artifacts. Here (l to r), SHSND Commission members State Representative Ole Aarsvold (D-Blanchard), Dina Butcher, and Donald Haugen visit the facility at Fort Lincoln State Park in Mandan. SHSND Curator of Collections Mark Halvorson explains the history of this 1928 Franklin automobile purchased by the Society in 1956 from the estate of Christ Kopseng of Hatton, N.D. Commission and Board members also visited the agency's other temporary storage facility four miles east of Bismarck, nicknamed "Storage East," during this July 30, 2003 tour. The SHSND Commission was appointed by Governor Hoeven in September 2002 to study the services, operations, staffing, and space needs of the state's history agency.

- Reference requests and website visits to the State Archives and Historical Research Library (SAHRL) continued at about the same levels as previous years, with approximately 12,000 researchers directly served. SAHRL reading room hours were increased by adding the second Saturday of each month as an open day. Significant information was also added to the website regarding Lewis and Clark in North Dakota, major historic sites operated by the Society, and other Society programs.

- Beginning in April 2004, moveable compact shelving was installed in the primary archives storage in the North Dakota Heritage Center. This major project required moving some 15,000 linear feet of archives off and back on shelves as the phased installation took place. The archives gained about 6,000 linear feet of space through the project, temporarily relieving a severe space shortage and permitting accessions to resume. Because of this project and continuing concerns about space limitations, the amount of material added dropped significantly during

the year. Still, 1,348 cataloged publications were added to the collections, and 1,728 linear feet of archives were processed.

- A major project to rehouse the Society's valuable and heavily used photograph collections continued. Because of the press of day-to-day work in this area, much of the collection has been housed in a less than ideal manner. Photo Archivist Sharon Silengo, working with dedicated volunteers, placed some 30,000 prints in new archival envelopes and housed them in horizontal boxes for better protection and access. In addition, approximately 3,000 images were scanned and digitized for easier access and reproduction.

- "Documenting Rural Life and Changing Communities," a joint project of the North Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB), coordinated by State Archivist Jerry Newborg, and the Minnesota State Historical Records Advisory Board, received a certificate of commendation from the American Association for State and Local History at its annual meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, in September 2003.

- The SHRAB sponsored a workshop, "Successful Digital Project Management for Archives and Museums," presented by nationally recognized authority Jill Koelling of Northern Arizona University, at North Dakota State University in May 2004.

- The North Dakota Veterans History Project, a grant-funded effort to collect oral histories of North Dakota veterans of all wars, began in July 2003 with Tom Willard of Bismarck as project coordinator. U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) was instrumental in securing the grant, which is expected to support the project for two years.

To help relieve the critical storage shortage facing the agency, existing shelving in the state archives at the North Dakota Heritage Center was converted to moveable compact shelving.



Public access to the state archives and manuscripts was closed in the spring of 2004 as the change took place. Here, the carriage units on the rails are visible before the moveable shelving was assembled on them.

Collections and Exhibits

Collections and exhibits highlights included 29 loan agreements to other museums, representing 1,160 artifacts. Artifact loans reached 19 North Dakota communities, six states, and one foreign country.

A total of 14 new collections were donated to the Society, representing over 150 objects, several of which related to the new exhibits at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. There were 158 requests for museum collection access, with 146 from in state and 12 from out of state. There were also 124 inquiries from county, local, tribal, private, and other museums, agencies, and organizations requesting technical assistance.

Temporary exhibits at the North Dakota Heritage Center included *North Dakota Prairie Churches*, sponsored by the State Historical Society, Preservation North Dakota, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and *North Dakota Innovators*, highlighting the story of the Bobcat Company, a North Dakota-based construction and agribusiness industry that spans the globe. Planning and production continued on two exhibits scheduled to open at the Heritage Center in October 2004, in conjunction with the national Lewis and Clark bicentennial signature event in Bismarck: *'This Grand Scene' ... North Dakota*

from the Palette and Pen of George Catlin, featuring five Catlin original paintings from the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C., and *Interpretations of Lewis and Clark in North Dakota*, featuring 16 of Bismarck artist Vern Erickson's paintings depicting the expedition's time in present-day North Dakota. Historic sites temporary exhibits included installation at the Pembina State Museum of *Winter Memories: Having Fun and Keeping Warm*, depicting how North Dakotans have had fun and stayed warm during the winter months on the Northern Plains; *Quilt Stories*, featuring a selection of quilts from the 19th and 20th Centuries, at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center near Williston; *On the Trail with Lewis and Clark*, highlighting all the outdoor interpretive panels along the Missouri River in North Dakota, at Fort Buford State Historic Site near Williston; *The Photographs of Frank Fiske*, featuring more than 80 historic photographs from the archives of the State Historical Society, at Camp Hancock State Historic Site in Bismarck; and *Finding North Dakota: 250 Years of Mapping*, showcasing some of the earliest maps of the land that later became known as North Dakota, as well as modern maps and mapping techniques, at Fort Totten State Historic Site near Devils Lake. Also permanently installed at the

Fort Totten site was the *North Dakota Indian Schools* exhibit. The Society's popular Traveling Interpretive Exhibits Service (TIES) Program currently has 12 traveling exhibits for use by the general public. The program had 16 bookings for FY04, reaching 11 communities statewide and drawing nearly 30,000 visitors.

Popular with teachers for classroom use, the Suitcase Exhibits for North Dakota (SEND) program had 257 bookings in 25 communities, reaching nearly 6,000 people. Social studies and language arts methods classes from the University of Mary and Dickinson State University and education students from the United Tribes Technical College used the 18 SEND trunks and the North Dakota Heritage Center's main gallery to gain first-hand teaching experience, with school children coming in from area communities. Lewis and Clark enhancements were made to the *Mandan*,

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These three little Supermen were among the children who joined Society staff and volunteers for the *History Haunt!* at the North Dakota Heritage Center on Halloween night 2003. Hundreds of costumed children of all ages enjoyed tours through the gallery, meeting "ghosts" along the way, and other fun activities such as face painting, necklace beading, and a beanbag toss game.

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Hidatsa and Arikara SEND trunk, and updates were made to the *Family Life* SEND trunk. Planning began on trunks for ranching and truss bridges.

The SHSND also promoted and participated in National History Day, a program that encourages academic achievement for students in grades six through 12 through a series of district, state, and national competitions. The theme for History Day 2004 was “Exploration, Encounter, and Exchange in History.” Participating students developed papers, exhibits, performances, or media documentaries based on a history-related topic. Several Society staff members served as judges for the April 5 competition at the North Dakota Heritage Center.

As part of its extensive outreach, the Society hosts an exhibit booth each year at the *Norsk Høstfest*, the country’s largest Scandinavian festival, held in Minot, North Dakota. Several Society employees helped staff the *Høstfest* booth October 8-11, 2003, providing information from the Society about genealogical resources, services available for educators, collections care, and the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. In conjunction with Women’s History Month, a National Quilting Day *Quilt ‘til You Drop* event was hosted by the agency at the North Dakota Heritage Center, in partnership with area quilting groups. A weekend quilt exhibit was installed as part of the March 13 festivities, and children’s programs were offered. Other public programs developed and presented by the Society included the popular *Sensational Sundays* series from January through April 2004 at the North Dakota Heritage Center, with programming from the SHSND, the North Dakota Humanities Council, and the North Dakota Center for the Book. Other agency partnerships included hosting programs with the North Dakota Geological Survey, the University of North Dakota Center for Aerospace Sciences, and the North Dakota Forest Service.

The SHSND’s student internship program also continued to grow, with five agency internships established during FY04. The students worked in several specialty areas, including collections management, photo archives, web design, museum visitor services, and interpretive program evaluation. The Society hosted its annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet August 14, 2003 to honor its more than 200 Heritage Volunteers who help the agency year-round. Since 1981, volunteers statewide have contributed more than 250,000 hours of service. Much time and effort continues in maintaining and expanding the volunteer program.

2003 Governor’s Conference on North Dakota History

“Eyewitness History: Documenting Memories and Stories in Oral History” was the theme of the 2003 Governor’s Conference on North Dakota History held at the North Dakota Heritage Center November 14-15. The conference highlighted the importance of oral history and how to create a successful oral history project. An all-day workshop was presented by Barbara Sommer and Mary Kay Quinlin, authors of *The Oral History Manual*. Awards honoring individual and group achievements in history were also presented. Recipient of the State Historical Society’s Excellence in Local History Award was Aagot Nysveen, director of the Traill County Historical Society in Hillsboro. Also honored was Ted Will of Bismarck, who received the Society’s Heritage Profile Honor Award for his dedication during the past 22 years to preserving the history of the 1930s North Dakota Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) program. The winner of the Editor’s Award for best article of 2002 in *North Dakota History*, the State Historical Society’s quarterly journal, was Dr. Gregory Camp, Lewis and Clark historian with the Society, for his article “The Dispossessed: The Ojibwa and Métis of Northwest North Dakota.”

‘College Conversations’

The State Historical Society hosted a series of statewide “College Conversations” during the winter months, emphasizing its role as the state’s history



SHSND Historic Preservation Director Fern Swenson visits with “College Conversation” participants at Minot State University February 25, 2004.

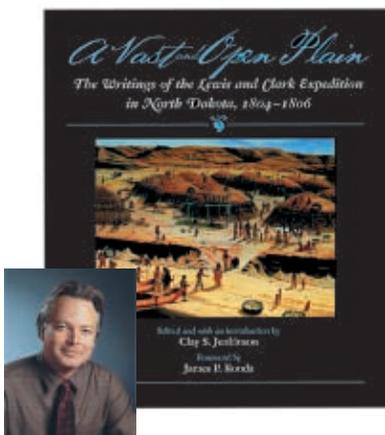
agency in partnership with North Dakota’s colleges and universities. Also participating in the discussions were representatives from North Dakota’s Department of Commerce Tourism Division, Parks and Recreation Department, the Geologi-

cal Survey, and the Department of Transportation. The meetings provided information about the services that the agencies provide and also gathered input about opportunities for continuing partnerships. Meetings were held in Valley City, Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Devils Lake, Williston, Mayville, Wahpeton, Minot, and Bottineau.

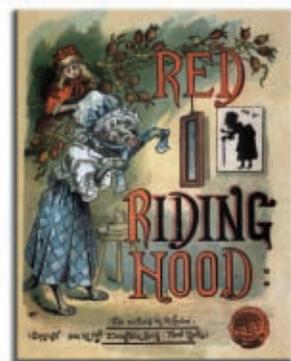
Publications/CD-ROM

A groundbreaking new edition of the Lewis and Clark Expedition journals was published by the agency during the fiscal year. 'A Vast and Open Plain': *The Writings of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in North Dakota, 1804-1806*

features all the writings – journal entries, reports, and letters – by the members of the Corps of Discovery during their 215 days within the borders of present-day North Dakota. Edited by humanities scholar Clay Jenkinson, a North Dakota native who is a Lewis and Clark scholar-in-residence at Lewis & Clark College in Oregon, the 648-page book is beautifully enhanced by nearly 100 color and black-and-white images, as well as original maps by SHSND graphic services coordinator Brian Austin. Several other SHSND staff members also contributed to its content. Its managing editor, Janet Daley of Bismarck, was publications editor for the SHSND from 1993 to 2002. It was funded with a \$12,500 grant from the North Dakota Humanities Council, SHSND Lewis and Clark enhancement appropriations from the North Dakota Legislative Assembly, and the North Dakota Heritage Center Museum Store. Popular demand for the book's initial 2,500 copies prompted a second printing of 3,000.



First published in February 2004 by the SHSND, 'A Vast and Open Plain': *The Writings of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in North Dakota, 1804-1806*, already is in its second printing. It was edited by North Dakota native Clay Jenkinson (above).

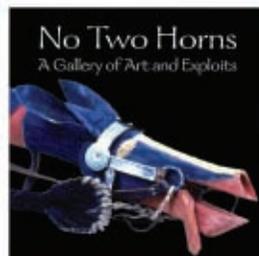


This 1888 version of *Red Riding Hood* became the second in a series of reissues of classic works in the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

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The agency's quarterly journal, *North Dakota History*,

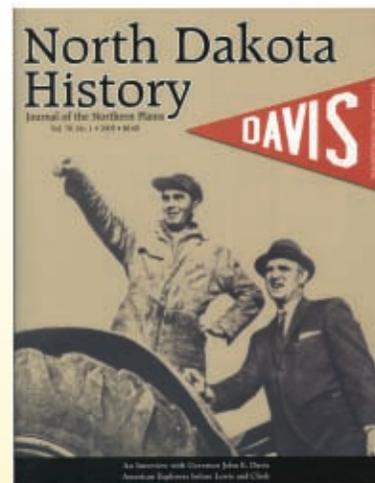
featured in Volume 70.1 an oral history of the life of John E. Davis, governor of North Dakota from 1957 to 1961. It marked the first in an annual series of articles featuring interviews with governors of the state, beginning with Davis and continuing to the present. The idea grew out of the 20th anniversary celebration of the opening of the North Dakota Heritage Center, which included a November 16, 2001 forum featuring all six of the state's surviving governors: William Guy, Arthur Link, Allen Olson, George Sinner, Edward Schafer, and John Hoeven.



Released in the fall of 2003, this innovative CD-ROM, *No Two Horns: A Gallery of Art and Exploits*, combines art, music, and oral traditions for a unique user-friendly experience. The SHSND worked closely with the family of No Two Horns at Standing Rock Reservation at Fort Yates, N.D., the Library of Congress, and Makoche Recording Company of Bismarck, N.D., to produce the CD.

with information about the state's history agency, from its many services and the museums and sites it manages to the hours of operation and more. An easy-to-read and colorful map highlights North Dakota's historic sites and state parks. Free copies are available by contacting the Society at (701) 328-2666 or email histsoc@state.nd.us.

***North Dakota History*, the agency's quarterly journal, inaugurated an annual series of articles featuring interviews with North Dakota's most recent governors when it highlighted the life and administration of John E. Davis in a 2003 issue.**



Historic Preservation

Six sites were added to the National Register of Historic Places during FY04: the Midland Continental Railroad Depot in Wimbledon, the Strand Theater in Grafton, Central High School in Devils Lake, the First



North Trinity Lutheran Church in Walsh County is the last standing building directly associated with the Swedish settlers of Glenwood Township. Built in 1893, it is an intact example of Gothic revival architecture. When it closed its doors in 1952, former members did not want the church to fall into disuse and decided to hold one service each year in conjunction with an annual Father's Day picnic.

Presbyterian Church of Steele, the Stephen W. Brown Stone House in Stutsman County, and North Trinity Lutheran Church in Walsh County.

Through the use of National Park Service funds, the SHSND provided more than \$135,000 to restore, rehabilitate, and protect National Register-listed properties across North Dakota during FY04. Development grants were awarded to the Dr. S.W. Hill Drug Store in Regent, the Von Hoffman house in Medora, Festival Hall at the Wells County Fairgrounds in Fessenden, Northwest Hall at Mayville State University, the Putnam house in Carrington, the Sheriff's House Museum in Devils Lake, the Steele

County Courthouse in Finley, the Pierce County Courthouse in Rugby, the George Lutz house in Jamestown, the Opera House in Ellendale, the Resell home in Fargo, the Carl Ben Eielson house in Hatton, and the Enerson home, the William Larson house, the Freise house, the Mann house, and the Maxwell home, all in Bismarck.

The Society also contributes to North Dakota's economic development by helping owners design rehabilitation projects eligible for federal investment tax credits, encouraging preservation of historic buildings that otherwise might be destroyed. Society staff members assist owners by certifying their properties as historic through listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and ensuring that the building rehabilitation plans conform to the design standards set by the federal government. Tax credit projects completed or in progress this past fiscal year

included the Stuart Dunlap house in Mandan, the Robb-Lawrence building in Fargo, the Graver Inn in Fargo, and the Woodmansee building in Bismarck.

The Society's Historic Preservation Division continued incorporating recorded archeological, historical, and architectural sites in North Dakota into a Geographic Information System (GIS) format this past fiscal year. Cultural resources represented within the 50,000-plus files comprising the database are reviewed and digitized by county. The division's cultural resource reports continue to be reviewed and digitized, with the area west of the Missouri River near completion. The combination of these two databases is allowing planners, cultural resource professionals and others to make informed decisions about the potential impact development projects will have upon North Dakota's cultural heritage. The project has been undertaken in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

The Historic Preservation Division also responded to more than 1,900 Section 106 projects submitted by federal agencies or their representatives. In the National Historic

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The Stephen W. Brown Stone House was built in 1888-89 from fieldstone collected by Stephen Brown. Once the center of a 160-acre homestead and thriving ranch surrounded by the ranches of Brown's sons, it was continuously occupied by generations of Browns until 1999. Located in rural Stutsman County, it was listed in the National Register in February 2004.



Built in 1922, the First Presbyterian Church of Steele was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in May 2004. The stucco-clad Richardsonian Romanesque building with stained glass windows is one of the most architecturally significant properties in Kidder County.

Courtesy of Preservation North Dakota



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Preservation Act (NHPA), Congress established a comprehensive program to preserve the historical and cultural foundations of the nation as a living part of community life. Section 106 of the NHPA requires consideration



The Strand Theater in Grafton was constructed in 1946-47 to replace a theater that had burned in 1945. It is the only remaining example of regionally rare post-World War II Art Moderne architecture in Walsh County.

of historic preservation in federal actions. Federal agencies are responsible for initiating this Section 106 review, most of which takes place between the agency and the State or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

North Dakota's recently revised comprehensive historic preservation plan was made accessible on the SHSND website in June 2004. It can be accessed at www.DiscoverND.com/hist and

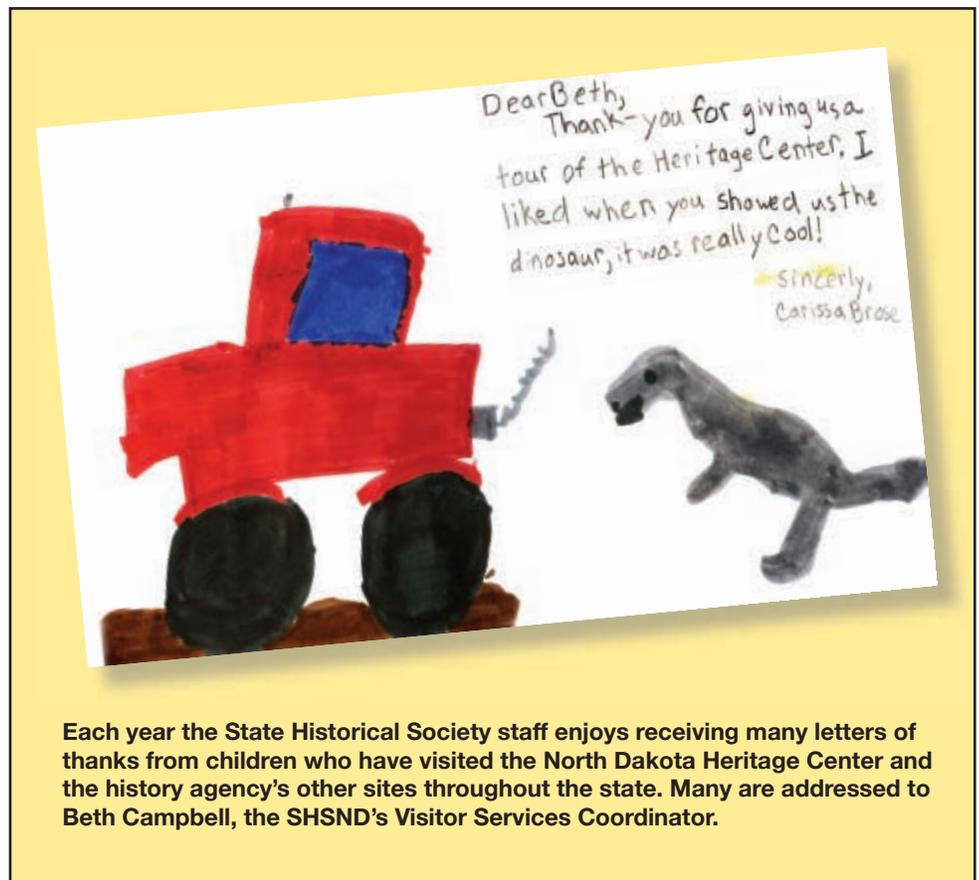
clicking on "Historic Preservation." The plan is a federal requirement for North Dakota's participation in the National Historic Preservation program sponsored by the National Park Service. The recent revisions were written in broad concepts to provide general guidance to North Dakota's preservation program.

The SHSND entered into a cooperative agreement with the U. S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation to accession and catalog the one million-plus artifacts curated in the division, with all materials to be bagged and boxed in acid-free containers and a database containing the accession and catalog records generated. The project will result in easier access to the Bureau of Reclamation's museum property for educational and public use.

North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Merl Paaverud and Deputy SHPO Fern Swenson attended the National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers in Washington, D.C., in March 2004. The annual conference provides training for SHPOs and gives them an opportunity to visit with Congressional representatives regarding historic preservation funding that supports the Historic Preservation Office in each state.

New Grant Program

Twenty-one organizations throughout North Dakota received \$75,000 in grants from the state's history agency, thanks to a new program approved by the 2003 Legislative Assembly. A total of 85 organizations statewide applied for the grants, requesting more than \$330,000 in funding. Applicants were eligible to receive a maximum of \$5,000 and a minimum of \$500, with a same-match requirement (in cash or in-kind services) for historic preservation projects, museum projects, special history programs, and archives projects. The SHSND included a funding request to continue the program in its proposed budget for the 2005-07 biennium.



Each year the State Historical Society staff enjoys receiving many letters of thanks from children who have visited the North Dakota Heritage Center and the history agency's other sites throughout the state. Many are addressed to Beth Campbell, the SHSND's Visitor Services Coordinator.

Staff and Board Transitions

Larissa Harrison was selected by her colleagues to receive the 2004 Staff Award for Excellence. Harrison, an archives specialist with the State Archives and Historical Research Library (SAHRL) Division, has been with the agency since October 1999. Also honored at the Society's holiday gathering January 16 were these staff members for their years of service: 30 years, **Walter Bailey**, historic preservation planner; 25 years, **Mike Heyd**, security officer; 20 years, **Brian Austin**, graphic services coordinator; **Betty Mertz**, administrative assistant; **Merl Paaverud**, director, SHSND; **Tim Stock**, security officer; 15 years, **Barbara Honeyman**, grants and contracts officer; 5 years, **Chris Johnson**, western regional manager; **Allen Larson**, security officer; **Blair Newton**, security officer; and **Diane Rogness**, site supervisor, Chateau de Mores State Historic Site.

New SHSND staff members included **Wynne Paasch**, assistant editor; **Gene Baker**, microfilm technician; **Lee Roach**, museum preparator; **Jean Turcotte**, assistant site supervisor, Fort Buford State Historic Site; **Jason Helmowski**, site supervisor, the Pembina State Museum; **Jeff Blanchard**, site supervisor, the Pembina State Museum; **Tom Willard**, the SHSND's North Dakota Veterans History Project coordinator; and **Rachel White** in the newly restructured position of head of technical services.

The following staff members resigned: **Susan Dingle**, editor; **Erik Lorntson**, museum preparator; **Melissa Grafe**, site supervisor, the Pembina State Museum; **Jason Helmowski**, site supervisor, the Pembina State Museum; and **Tom Willard**, the SHSND's North Dakota Veterans History Project coordinator.

The following staff members retired: **Chuck Stalnaker**, site supervisor, Fort Buford State Historic Site; **William Leingang**, microfilm technician; and **Dolores Vyzralek**, chief librarian.

There were also staff promotions during FY04. **Kathy Davison** was promoted to editor, after serving as assistant editor since 1999. Reference specialist **Jim Davis**, an agency employee since 1980, was promoted to head of reference services. **Genia Hesser** was promoted to site supervisor at Fort Buford State Historic Site, after being assistant site supervisor since 2003.

There were also some changes on the State Historical Board during FY04. **Gereld Gerntholz** of Valley City was appointed and **Marvin Kaiser** of Williston reappointed by Governor John Hoeven to three-year terms, effective July 1, 2003 (the beginning date of FY04); **Albert I. Berger** of Grand Forks, **Chester E. Nelson, Jr.**, of Bismarck, and **A. Ruric Todd III** of Jamestown were reappointed to three-year terms, effective July 1, 2004 (the beginning date of FY05).

The SHSND Foundation

The State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, has worked side by side with the Society to support its growing mission as the state's history agency.

Highlights of FY04 included:

- The Foundation, Society and partners hosted a reception July 4, 2003 at the North Dakota Heritage Center to celebrate the Sakakawea statue replica's journey to Washington, D.C., for placement in National Statuary Hall. The July 4 reception was followed by music and fireworks on the capitol mall. The dedication ceremonies in the nation's capital October 16 included several events organized by the Foundation, Society, General Federation of Women's Clubs of North Dakota, Congressman Earl Pomeroy's office (D-ND), and many other supporting groups.

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Courtesy of Mitch Vance

The Marquise de Mores, as portrayed by Karen Nelson of Dickinson, N.D., "returned" to celebrate the anniversary of the farewell ball she hosted for area citizens 100 years ago. Some 200 partygoers, many of them in period costumes, attended the October 4, 2003 fundraising event at the Medora Community Center hosted by the State Historical Society of North Dakota and its Foundation. They included a second cousin of the Marquise, the Rev. Alan Lee of London, England. Here (l to r), SHSND Western Regional Manager Chris Johnson and his wife, Bonnie, and SHSND Director Merl Paaverud and his wife, Kathy, step out in fine fashion.



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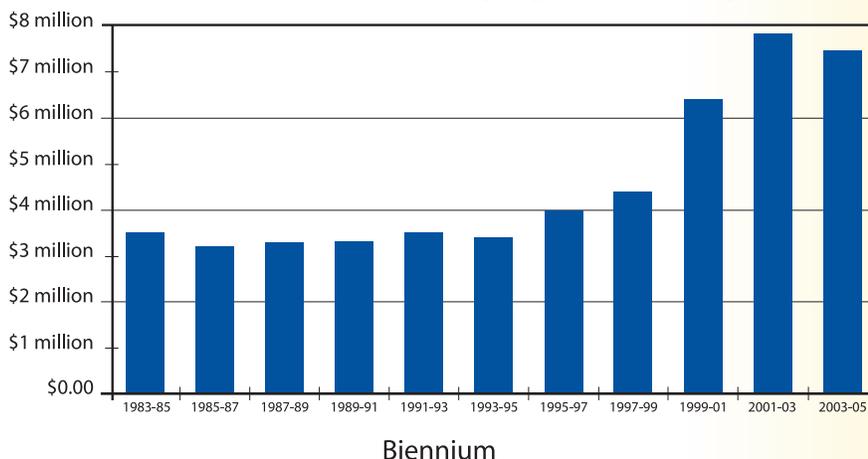
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- The Foundation, working with more than a dozen supporting businesses led by the Medora Chamber of Commerce, hosted the Marquise de Mores' 100th Anniversary Commemorative Ball October 4, 2003, celebrating the farewell ball she hosted for area citizens when she last visited her beloved Badlands in western North Dakota.
- In April 2004 Society and Foundation board members, as well as members of the SHSND Commission appointed by Governor Hoeven, met for a final review of the "Call to Action Plan," which outlines a 10-year investment strategy for the State Historical Society. Plans were also developed to hold a series of luncheons in communities throughout North Dakota with legislators, community leaders, History's Trustees, and newspaper and other media representatives showcasing a marketing DVD on the 10-year investment strategy of the Society in support of heritage tourism. The DVD, entitled *This Legendary Place: North Dakota*, was produced in-house by SHSND and Foundation staff.
- Work continued with the USDA Forest Service on the *Passport to History* program, a web-based history adventure to bring children, adults, families, history buffs, and other visitors to the website at www.DiscoverND.com/hist/passport. Marketing partnerships continue with agencies and regional businesses to support the project.
- After more than three years of strong direct-mail marketing, the Foundation membership base has now nearly doubled.

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- The History's Trustee committee continues to grow, providing statewide support for the Foundation and the expansion plans of the Society. These are among North Dakota's most influential and respected leaders, the "citizen caretakers" of the state's history who are developing partnerships for the preservation and promotion of the heritage of North Dakota and its people.