

## AN AGENCY ON THE GROW



These two views show the \$5.7 million first-phase expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center. The 30,000-square-foot addition is scheduled for completion by the spring of 2007.

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### Expansion is the Watchword

Expansion was the watchword in FY 2005 as the North Dakota Legislature approved major expansion projects for the **North Dakota Heritage Center** and two other key sites managed by the SHSND.

At the Heritage Center plans were advancing for a \$5.7 million expansion to its research wing. The addition to the State Archives and Historical Research Library facilities is the first phase of a projected \$38 million-plus expansion of the state's largest museum. The project is funded by a \$5.5 million bond approved by the 2005 Legislative Assembly on April 23, the session's last day. Another \$200,000 is provided by the state Department

of Transportation, through a federal grant from transportation enhancement funds. This first phase will provide much-needed additional space to the State Archives and reduce the need for more off-site archival storage facilities. "It will also provide specialized climate control for our extensive audiovisual collections, and create more efficient work space for agency employees," said State Archivist Gerald Newborg.

The second phase will expand the exhibit galleries and public areas, the artifact, archaeology, and paleontology collections areas, and staff work and lab areas. Conceptual planning for this second phase is under way to bring



to the Legislative Assembly when it next meets in January 2007. SHSND Director Merl Paaverud said a major fundraising campaign by the Society's partner, the SHSND Foundation, is being prepared to support the second phase expansion effort.

Legislators also approved \$1.1 million in bonding for the renovation and expansion of the interpretive center at the **Chateau de Mores State Historic Site**. The funding will be matched

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Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 was a time of transition and growth for the state's history agency, the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND). The Legislative Assembly approved expansion projects for the agency's headquarters, the North Dakota Heritage Center, as well as for two of its major sites, the Chateau de Mores State Historic Site in Medora and Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site near Fargo. The SHSND also continued its activities commemorating the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, which concludes in North Dakota with the state's second Lewis and Clark National Signature Event, *Reunion at the Home of Sakakawea*, at New Town on August 17-20, 2006. With the help of citizens and legislators statewide, the SHSND 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."

## Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Continues

The SHSND participated in the Circle of Cultures, the national Lewis and Clark bicentennial signature event held October 22-31, 2004 in Bismarck-Mandan, by offering a variety of programs and exhibits to complement the event's theme emphasizing the cooperation and cultural exchange between the Corps of Discovery and their Mandan and Hidatsa Indian hosts in the winter of 1804-05. Programs and performances were presented daily at the North Dakota Heritage Center, and two new exhibits opened October 23.

'This Grand Scene' . . . *North Dakota from the Palette and Pen of George Catlin* featured original paintings and sketches of the Mandan Indians and Missouri River landscape viewed by the famed artist just 28 years after Lewis and Clark's journey and only five years before the Mandans were decimated by smallpox. Five paintings on loan from the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C., and 20 Catlin prints based on his field paintings and sketches on loan from the Holland and Hart law firm in Denver formed the exhibit core. The display also featured Catlin-related art and artifacts from the SHSND's collections. Exhibited through September 22, 2005, it was sponsored by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, and the SHSND.



One of the Catlin prints on loan from the Holland and Hart law firm of Denver, Colorado.

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with \$500,000 in federal transportation enhancement funds. The SHSND and its Foundation will be responsible for repaying \$300,000 of the bond.

For the **Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site**, legislators approved \$200,000 for development work, which doubled to \$400,000 when matched with a grant from the federal Save America's Treasures program. This is partial funding for a new interpretive center, and will be used for site clearance and beginning construction. The SHSND continues to look for the additional \$1.1 million needed to construct the center and install exhibits at this site, known historically as "the Gateway to the Dakotas." The expansion builds on the \$500,000 project completed in 2002, which included reconstruction of the fort's blockhouses, guard-house, and part of the stockade.



Among those participating in the opening ceremony for the Catlin exhibit were (l to r) Governor John Hoeven and former governors George Sinner (1985-92), Arthur Link (1973-81), and William Guy (1961-73). (inset) The opening of the exhibit was followed by a well-attended reception in the foyer.



*North Dakota*, featured 16 of contemporary Bismarck artist Vern Erickson's paintings and illustrations depicting the expedition's experiences in what is now North Dakota. Erickson's exhibit was on display through March 23, when it moved to the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive



*The Corps of Discovery, October 19, 1804* by Vern Erickson depicts the expedition near present-day Sugarloaf Butte in Morton County.

Center for a year.

*Lewis and Clark Missouri River Heritage Outbound* programs included a summer canoe trip in August 2004 and a bus tour October 24-26 during the National Signature Event. The play *Lewis and Clark from a Child's Perspective*, a production of the SHSND and the North Dakota Council on the Arts, was presented several times at the University of Mary during the signature event. Society staff also participated in two Lewis and Clark summer teacher institutes presented at Minot and



Dickinson State Universities, and the Society's Lewis and Clark historian, Dr. Greg Camp, responded to 165 Lewis and Clark-related inquiries, down from 480 the year before. Docent training emphasizing Lewis and Clark also continued during FY05.

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

Working with a \$932,000 appropriation from the Legislative Assembly for the 2005-07 biennium, the SHSND also continued

with enhancements at its three sites relating to the Lewis and Clark era – Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site near Bismarck, Fort Clark Trading Post State Historic Site near Washburn, and Fort Buford State Historic Site near Williston. This marked the fourth consecutive agency appropriation for Lewis and Clark enhancements – funding for 1999-2001 was \$931,000; for 2001-03, \$1.5 million; and for 2003-05, \$924,000, for a total of nearly \$4.3 million.

At **Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site**, state-of-the-art geophysical techniques and archaeological excavations continued to develop a chronology of settlement, spanning the nearly 300 years the site was occupied by the Mandans before its abandonment in 1781. Upgraded site signs, brochures, and other written materials are being developed. The project has been a collaborative effort of the SHSND and PaleoCultural

**The State Historical Society's exhibit booth was prominently featured during the Lewis and Clark National Signature Event at the University of Mary in Bismarck. More than 50,000 people attended the October 22-31, 2004 event, including some 10,000 school children.**

**The booth showcased the Society's various historic sites and departments, as well as the North Dakota Geological Survey, which has its paleontology laboratory in the North Dakota Heritage Center.**



Courtesy of T. I. Hatley

**For the third summer in a row, hundreds of visitors were able to watch archaeology fieldwork in 2004 at the Double Ditch Indian Village site. Here, volunteers and staff record results of excavations at the site eight miles north of Bismarck.**

Research Group of Flagstaff, Arizona.

At **Fort Buford State Historic Site**, work progressed on new exhibits for the Officer of the Guard Building and Field Officer's Quarters, where Sitting Bull surrendered in 1881; installation is targeted for spring 2006. The Fort Buford Sixth Infantry Regiment Association held its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual encampment at the site May 21-22, and donated a large number of furnishings, including bunks, tables, chairs, footlockers, and other items for the newly reconstructed 1870s-era barracks. Construction of a three-quarter-mile-long walking trail across the fort site was completed; it includes a historic bridge, kiosk, and interpretive signs. Also completed was a boardwalk to the fort's powder magazine.

**Fort Clark Trading Post State Historic Site** near Washburn drew nearly 10,000 visitors during the year. Research continued on data gathered during archaeology fieldwork and remote sensing done in the summers of 2000 and 2001, which included the revelation that there were at least two expansions and reconstructions of the key fur trade post in the 1840s and 1850s.



**The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center near Williston was the site of much activity and ceremony April 29-May 1, 2005 as the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lewis and Clark's first visit to the confluence was commemorated. Here, a Lewis and Clark reenactment group from Missouri sails up the confluence, following the route of the Corps of Discovery. (inset) Many organizations, like the North Dakota State University Alumni Association, rent the scenic facility for events.**



## Other Site Developments

Fort Totten State Historic Site hosted its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Living History Field Day in September 2004. Hundreds of area seventh grade students learned about the history of this frontier military post that also served as an American Indian boarding school. The Fort Totten Little Theater Group enjoyed another successful season with its production of *Oklahoma!*, following extensive repair work on the theater floor and walls, completed with the help of carpentry students from Cankdeska Cikana (Little Hoop) Community College. The Totten Trail Historic Inn continued as a popular tourist destination, with visitors able to stay overnight and enjoy



**A two-day camp for Fort Totten area Girl Scouts was held at the state historic site near Devils Lake in August 2004.**

breakfast in the building first used as an officers' quarters and later as apartments for Fort Totten Indian School employees. For reservations, call (701) 766-4874 or 662-6327, or visit the website [www.tottentrailinn.com](http://www.tottentrailinn.com).

**Whitestone Hill Battlefield State Historic Site** in southeastern North Dakota was a highlight of a *Heritage Outbound* bus tour in July 2004 that was guided by SHSND Eastern Regional Manager Vance Nelson, who took participants along the 1863 Sully Campaign Trail; the site also hosted its fifth annual Education Day for area school groups in early September 2004, marking the 141<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the battle. **Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site** hosted several successful public programs this past fiscal year, including its third annual Memorial Day event, *Aber Days* activities in June, a popular kite flying program on Flag Day, and the first annual "Flag Retirement" ceremony involving a U. S. Naval Reserve unit and a Masonic Lodge men's chorus group, both from Fargo. At the **Chateau de Mores State Historic Site**, planning for the expansion of the existing interpretive center was a major issue. The site's master plan and operations, maintenance, and disaster preparedness plans were updated. The collaborative program *Footsteps into*



**Among those attending a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the restored "horse and buggy era" carriage house at the Former Governors' Mansion were two former governors and first ladies: William and Jean Guy, and Arthur and Grace Link. Restoration included painting the exterior its original colors and adding an interior exhibit area and ADA-accessible restroom.**

*Medora's Past* enjoyed another successful summer. The **Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site** in Bismarck underwent many changes in FY05, highlighted by completion of the exterior and main floor of the 1903 carriage house building, dedicated during the site's Annual Lawn Party August 8, 2004. Site Supervisor Johnathan Campbell began work to restore the carriage house's upstairs 1920s-era apartment; when completed, the upstairs will



**Lightning strikes, high winds, and power outages June 19, 2005 wreaked havoc at sites in northeastern North Dakota. Trees were toppled at the Gingras Trading Post, and one of the brick kiosks at the Pembina State Museum was destroyed.**

house space for the site supervisor, as well as meeting and work space for other agency staff. Other improvements included installing a new sign in the front yard, replacing the large kiosk displays with wall panels to provide more space for visitors, and exposing and refinishing a portion of the original 1884 oak flooring. A series of "high teas" hosted by former North Dakota First Lady Grace Link was held during the summer.

Repairs at the **Gingras Trading Post State Historic Site** included replacing and painting siding damaged in a June 2005 storm. Discussions were held with the North Dakota Forest Service and two landowners in the Walhalla area about a potential land swap that would add about 12 acres to the Gingras site. Projects at the nearby **Pembina State Museum** included repairs and cleanup from lightning strikes



and high winds during the June 19 storm.

At the Killdeer Mountain Battlefield State Historic Site, the third annual Killdeer Mountain History Hike was held July 24, 2004, 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 participants; the badly weathered interpretive marker at Medicine Rock State Historic Site in Grant County was repainted and reinstalled in August 2004; and new interpretive markers were dedicated at Wadeson Cabin State Historic Site, Standing Rock State Historic Site, and Fort Ransom State Historic Site along the Sheyenne River Scenic Byway.

## Research and Archives

- Full access to the state archives resumed in early summer 2004, following installation of moveable compact shelving and reorganization of the archives storage areas, which provided much-needed space and an opportunity to reorganize collections for quicker staff access.
- Reference requests and website visits to the State Archives and Historical Research Library (SAHRL) continued at similar levels as previous years, with about 13,000 researchers directly served. Of the 4,081 researchers who daily visited the SAHRL through a variety of contacts, 24 percent were from out of state. Web access remained strong, with over one million page views of the Society site during 431,000 user sessions. On average, 1,185 users accessed the Society website daily.
- Rehousing the heavily used photograph collections continued. Photo Archivist Sharon Silengo and dedicated volunteers placed more than 24,000 historic photographic prints in new archival envelopes that were boxed for better protection and access. Nearly 5,000 photographic images were scanned and digitized for easier access and reproduction.
- Photograph collections access was enhanced by placing a computer with some 15,000 scanned photographic images in the SAHRL reading room. The images can be searched by collection, topic, or title.
- After a one-year hiatus, the SAHRL's popular annual sale of books, magazines and posters resumed in June 2005. All items are duplicates from the agency's collections, items that do not fit collection guidelines, or items donated specifically for sale.
- More than 2,400 publications were added to the catalogued holdings during the year, in addition to 634 linear feet of archival records, and serial publications that included state newspapers, magazines and journals, photographs, and more.
- University of Wisconsin graduate student Virginia Heidenreich completed a photo archives internship in July 2004. In 2005, intern Ben Ferguson, a Concordia College student, worked with the map collection and assisted with the 2005 annual sale. Student interns Jeremy Bold of the University of North Dakota and Charlene Stevens of Minot State University catalogued North Dakota Humanities Council (NDHC) materials. Student intern Jayme Job of Minnesota State University-Moorhead researched material for *Dakota Datebook*, a production of North Dakota Public Radio in cooperation with the SHSND and funded by the NDHC.
- The archives acquired a large-format book scanner and a Betacam SP video player. The various formats of electronic record materials (including video), the need to digitize materials, and the rapid outdateding of formats challenge the staff to develop new skills and provide leadership in the preservation of additional formats. They participated in workshops and conferences on these topics.
- ODIN, the statewide library utility, converted to new software during the year. Because of this massive and complex transition, staff spent much time working with ODIN on the conversion and "cleaning up" of library records in the ODIN database.
- The State Historical Records Advisory Board, coordinated through the SHSND, observed "Archives Month" in October 2004 and developed a commemorative poster, "North Dakota Serves," highlighting some of the documents relating to North Dakotans' military service. The Board also sponsored a preservation workshop conducted by State Archivist Gerald Newborg at the Bowman County Historical Society in April 2005.



An Appreciation Day honoring the veterans and volunteers who have participated in the North Dakota Veterans History Project was held May 3, 2005 at the North Dakota Heritage Center. It included this panel discussion featuring veterans from various wars (l to r) – George Jahner, Bismarck (World War II); Chuck Wilz (Korean War); Nicole Anderson, project co-coordinator; Gene “Skip” Wing, Stanley (Vietnam War); Giselle Wilz (Persian Gulf War); and Grant Wilz (Operation Iraqi Freedom). Chuck Wilz is the father of Giselle and Grant, all of Bismarck. The paintings in the background are by Solen, North Dakota artist Scott Nelson, who has done many paintings of the state’s World War II veterans and their combat experiences.

## Veterans History Project

The North Dakota Veterans History Project, a grant-funded effort to gather oral histories of North Dakota war veterans, made great strides during the year with Larry Wegleitner and Nicole Anderson as the SHSND’s project coordinators. Through the end of FY05, more than 1,000 veterans’ stories were collected and preserved, with information on each veteran added to a SHSND and Library of Congress database. To view the data, visit [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets), then click on “Search the Veterans Database.” Veterans interviewed include these numbers: World War I, seven; World War II, 536; the Korean War, 150; the Vietnam War, 164; the Persian Gulf War, 33; and the current Iraq War, 41. Also interviewed have been veterans of other conflicts and military operations, including the Bay of Pigs, the Berlin Crisis, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Bosnia and Kosovo. With vigilant management of the federal grant secured by U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND), the project will continue for a third year.

## Collections and Exhibits

Highlights included 29 loan agreements to other museums, representing 1,152 artifacts. Artifact loans reached 23 North Dakota communities and six other states. A total of 51 collections were donated to the Society, and 112 potential acquisitions were offered to the agency. There were 222 requests for museum collection access, with 202 from in state and 20 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 two that opened 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 and Interpretations of Lewis and Clark in North Dakota*. Others were *Emigrants from the Empires: North Dakota’s Germans*, featuring German-

related immigrant groups that settled in the state; and *North Dakota Innovators*, highlighting the story of the Bobcat Company, a North Dakota-based construction and agribusiness industry spanning the globe. Work continued on an exhibit scheduled to open at the Heritage Center in November 2005 in conjunction with the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the war’s end, *North Dakota Remembers World War II*.

Historic sites’ temporary exhibits included *From Buckets of Oats to Quarts of Oil* at the Former Governors’ Mansion State Historic Site, about the history of transportation in Bismarck; and the Pembina State Museum’s *A Captive Eye: German POW Art and Artifacts*, developed by TRACES, a non-profit group created to preserve and present stories of people from the Midwest and Germany who encountered each other during World War II. Two



Courtesy of Viola Martin

One of the temporary exhibits opening in FY05 at the North Dakota Heritage Center was *Emigrants from the Empires*, which told the history of German-speaking people who settled in the state.



other exhibits at Pembina were *Grass Dancers: Prairie Grouse of the Red River Valley*, about a unique prairie bird, and *Winter Memories*, depicting how North Dakotans have had fun and stayed warm during the winter months. At the **Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center** *Quilt Stories*, featuring a selection of quilts from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries, was followed by *Interpretations of Lewis and Clark in North Dakota*. The exhibit *On the Trail with Lewis and Clark*, highlighting all the outdoor interpretive panels along the Missouri River in North Dakota, continued at **Fort Buford State Historic Site**. *The Photographs of Frank Fiske*, featuring more than 80 historic photographs from the SHSND's archives, continued at **Camp Hancock State Historic Site** in Bismarck; and *Prairie Churches of North Dakota*, sponsored by the SHSND, Preservation North Dakota, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, was at **Fort Totten State Historic Site**.

The Society's popular Traveling Interpretive Exhibits Service (TIES) Program currently has 18 traveling exhibits for use by the general public. The program had 47 bookings for FY05, reaching 15 communities statewide and drawing some 20,000 visitors.

Popular with teachers for classroom use, the Suitcase Exhibits for North Dakota (SEND) program had 257 bookings in 25 communities, reaching some 6,000 people. Classes from the University of Mary, Dickinson State University, the United Tribes Technical College (UTTC), and Sitting Bull College used the 36 SEND trunks (18 topics) and the North Dakota Heritage Center's main gallery to gain first-hand teaching experience, with school children coming in from area communities. Updates were made to *The Dakota* SEND trunks, and planning began on trunks for truss bridges, fossils, and ranching.

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 2005 was "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding." 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 15 competition at Minot State University.

At the annual **Norsk Høstfest**, the country's largest Scandinavian festival, held in Minot, North Dakota October 6-9, 2004, several employees again staffed the Society's exhibit booth. The agency also staffed exhibit booths at the state tourism annual conference, the North Dakota Education Association annual conference, and the UTTC annual powwow. 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. Other public programs developed and presented by the Society and its partners

included *Discover Dinosaurs and Dragons*, which attracted some 2,300 children and adults to launch the Bismarck-Mandan summer reading program; *The Heritage of Acoustic Music*, featuring workshops and performances by musicians statewide; and the popular *Sensational Sundays* series from January through April 2005 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 preparing to host the national *StoryCorps* program with North Dakota Public Radio in early July 2005 and providing staff assistance for the *Antiques Roadshow* public television program hosted by Prairie Public Broadcasting at the Bismarck Civic Center.

The SHSND's student internship program continued to grow, with seven agency internships in collections management, photo archives, archives research, web design, audiovisual, museum visitor services, and interpretive program evaluation. The Society hosted its annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet August 12, 2004 to honor more than 200 Heritage Volunteers who help the agency year-round. Since 1981 volunteers statewide have contributed more than 268,000 hours of service.



Some 2,300 children and adults swarmed the grounds of the North Dakota Heritage Center June 1, 2005, as part of *Discover Dinosaurs and Dragons*, the kickoff event for the Bismarck/Mandan summer reading program. Here, one young participant tries on some chain mail.



"Elvis" was indeed in the building in the person of Bill Schott of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. His "Elvis" performance in March 2005 was part of the SHSND's *Sensational Sundays* series at the North Dakota Heritage Center.

## 2004 Governor's Conference on North Dakota History

"Doing Local History: Solutions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" was the theme of the 2004 Governor's Conference on North Dakota History held at the North Dakota Heritage Center November 12-13. The conference highlighted the importance of local history and explored the many facets of doing local history. An all-day workshop was presented by Carol Kammen, author of *On Doing Local History* and a professor of history at Cornell University in New York. Awards honoring individual and group achievements in history were also presented. Recipient of the State Historical Society's Excellence in Local History Award was Ellen Woods of the Emmons County Historical Society in Linton. Also honored was Kent Good, who received the Society's Heritage Profile Honor Award for his 32-year career in cultural resource management and tribal consultation programs in North Dakota, Minnesota, and Montana.



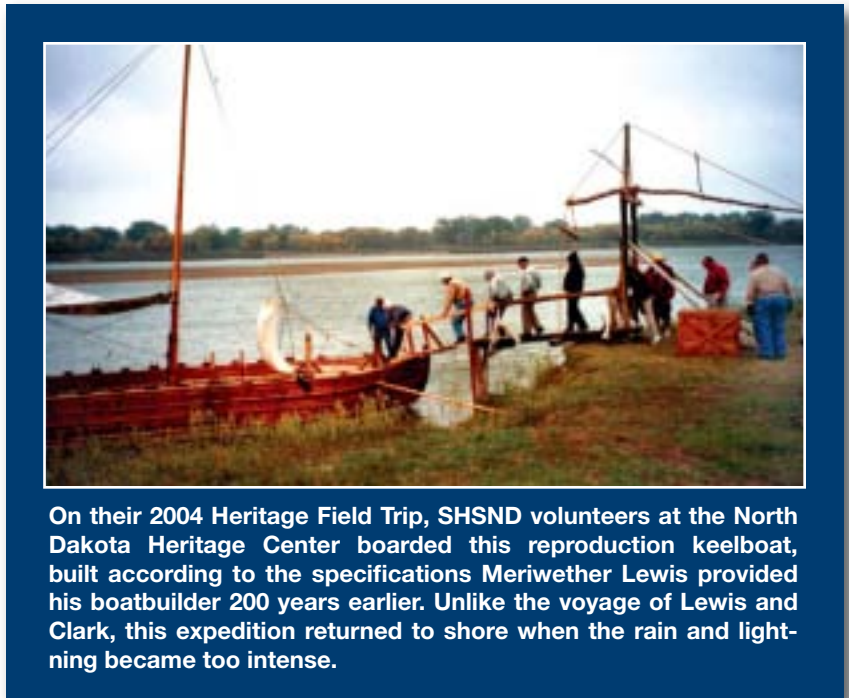
The winner of the Editor's Award for best article of 2003 in *North Dakota History*, the SHSND's quarterly journal, was Dr. David Danbom, for his article " 'He Was a Man, Worthy of Respect': Gender, Matrimony, and Moral Entitlement in Fargo, North Dakota during the Great Depression." Here, he receives his award at the 2004 Governor's Conference on North Dakota History from SHSND Editor Kathleen Davison.



In October 2004 the SHSND and Bismarck State College hosted the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Northern Great Plains History Conference (NGPHC), which brought some 200 historians and students of history to North Dakota. The conference was timed to coincide with the Lewis and Clark National Signature Event held in Bismarck, and the speaker at the conference banquet was noted Lewis and Clark scholar James Ronda. The 2004 recipient of the NGPHC Larry Remele Award was Janet Daley, who served as SHSND editor from 1993 to 2002 and is now executive director of the North Dakota Humanities Council. Daley is pictured above, at right, with Nancy Tystad Koupal of the South Dakota State Historical Society, a past winner of the Remele Award.

## Enhanced Grant Program

Following the successful debut in the 2003-05 biennium of this program to help fund history-related projects statewide, the Legislative Assembly approved a major increase in funding for the 2005-07 funding cycle, from \$75,000 to \$325,000. The SHSND is offering the funds through three programs – **Cultural Heritage Grants**, where \$200,000 is available in matching grants for 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations and subsidiaries of tribal, city, and county governments, including local historical societies; **Heritage Training Scholarships**, where \$25,000 is available for recipients to attend training sessions relevant to their historical society's operations, ranging from the Governor's Conference on North Dakota History to workshops and conferences nationwide; and **North Dakota Museum Assessment Grants**, where \$100,000 is available for museums and other history-related organizations to further review and develop their operations by writing a long-range plan for completing projects.



On their 2004 Heritage Field Trip, SHSND volunteers at the North Dakota Heritage Center boarded this reproduction keelboat, built according to the specifications Meriwether Lewis provided his boatbuilder 200 years earlier. Unlike the voyage of Lewis and Clark, this expedition returned to shore when the rain and lightning became too intense.





After being absent since 1999, the French aristocrat and cattle baron, the Marquis de Mores, returned to his beloved Chateau de Mores State Historic Site in Medora in 2005 as part of the SHSND's popular *History Alive!* series. He is portrayed by Mike McNeil, a North Dakota native who has acted professionally with such theater companies as the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival. Other series characters include the Marquis' wife, Medora, portrayed by Karen Nelson, an adjunct professor of speech at Dickinson State University; and Missouri River steamboat captain Grant Marsh, portrayed by Arch Ellwein, an advertising consultant and actor from Sidney, Montana.



Musicians statewide gathered at the North Dakota Heritage Center May 7, 2005 to celebrate the heritage of acoustic music. The day included workshops by local musicians, a vintage and collectable instrument show, and "open microphone" performances by many of the workshop instructors, participants, and acoustic music groups. Here, musicians perform from The Old Lady Thinks I'm Bowling group from Bismarck and Mandan.

## Publications

A groundbreaking edition of the Lewis and Clark Expedition journals published in 2004 by the SHSND received two national awards. 'A Vast and Open Plain': *The Writings of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in North Dakota, 1804-1806* was honored by the American Association of State and Local History (AASLH), and the American Library Association (ALA). The book was one of only 10 state publications named to the ALA's Notable Documents List of the best state publications for 2004.

The SHSND was also named an award recipient from the AASLH for its production of the CD-ROM *No Two Horns: A Gallery of Art and Exploits*. No Two Horns, Sitting Bull's cousin, was a warrior at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. The CD was produced by Michael Frohlich and Mark Halvorson of the SHSND, working closely with the family of No Two Horns, the Library of Congress, and Makoché Recording Company of Bismarck and its producer, David Swenson. All items featured on the CD are part of the SHSND's collections.



This 1942 version of *3 Little Kittens* became the third in a series of reissues of classic works in the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

marked the second in an annual series of articles featuring interviews with North Dakota's most recent governors, beginning with John E. Davis (1957-61) and continuing to the present. The idea grew out of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



Any article published in *North Dakota History* can now be located on the SHSND's website. The Society's publications began in 1906 with the *Collections of the State Historical Society*; this was replaced in 1926 by the *North Dakota Historical Quarterly*, which was renamed *North Dakota History* in 1946. In 2000 the Society published an index for the period from 1945 to 1998. Now, with the completion of indexes to the first 40 years of publications, as well as a continuing index to the present, this century of historical research is available to the public at [www.nd.gov/hist](http://www.nd.gov/hist).

The state's history agency also reprinted a 1942 edition of *3 Little Kittens*. It marked the third in a series of reissues of classic works in the collections of the state's history agency, and followed reissues of an 1888 version of *Red Riding Hood*, and an 1896 edition of *The Night Before Christmas, or a Visit of St. Nicholas*.

The agency's quarterly journal, *North Dakota History*, featured a 48-page article on former Governor William Guy (1961-73) and First Lady Jean Guy, based on SHSND interviews edited by State Archivist Gerald Newborg. It



Former Governor William Guy speaks at the March 30, 2005 reception at the North Dakota Heritage Center marking the release of his oral history interviews featured in the agency's quarterly journal, *North Dakota History*. The photograph on the journal cover was taken in Memorial Hall of the State Capitol Building in 1961.

## Historic Preservation



**Our Savior's Scandinavian Lutheran Church is significant for its role in the development of the social and ethnic culture of the area near Coulee, North Dakota. It was listed in the National Register in February 2005.**

Development grants were awarded to the Pierce County Courthouse, Emmons County Courthouse, the Alfred Dickey Library in Jamestown, the Women's Building located on the Wells County Fairgrounds in Fessenden, the Ellendale Opera House, the Lisbon Opera House, Northwest Hall at Mayville State University, the President's House at Valley City State University, the Carl Ben Eielson House in Hatton, the Stephen William Brown Stone House in Montpelier, the Mann House in Bismarck, the George Lutz House in Jamestown, the Resell Home in Fargo, the Enerson Home in Bismarck, the Friese House in Bismarck, and the Bond House in Minot. The Society also administered and distributed some \$50,000 in grants to the seven local governments in North Dakota that have been certified, with the assistance of the Society, as meeting standards for participating in federal preservation programs. The certified local governments are Pembina and Walsh counties and the cities of Dickinson, Grand Forks, Devils Lake, Fargo, and Buffalo.

The Society contributes to North Dakota's economic development by assisting owners of historic buildings obtain federal investment tax credits for rehabilitation projects. Society staff members make recommendations on listing in the National Register and review rehabilitation plans to ensure they conform to federal standards. Tax credit projects completed or in progress this past fiscal year included the Woodmansee Building in Bismarck, the Robb-Lawrence Build-

**The congregation for St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mercer County organized in 1889, the same year North Dakota entered the Union. It was listed in the National Register in June 2005.**



Three buildings were added to the National Register of Historic Places during FY05: the Grand Forks Mercantile Company Building in Grand Forks, the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mercer County, and Our Savior's Scandinavian Lutheran Church in Ward County. In addition, the Frederick A. and Sophia Bagg Bonanza Farm was honored as a National Historic Landmark.

Through the use of National Park Service funds, the SHSND provided more than \$137,000 to restore, rehabilitate, and protect National Register-listed properties in North Dakota during FY05.

ing in Fargo, and 12-14 1/2 Roberts Street in Fargo.

The Society's Historic Preservation Division continued incorporating recorded archaeological, historical, and architectural sites in North Dakota into an access base and a multi-layered digital mapping format, the Geographic Information System (GIS). Of the Society's more than 50,000 cultural resource files, digitizing has focused on the area west of the Missouri River. These databases will allow 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 division also responded to more than 1,400 Section 106 projects submitted by federal agencies or their representatives. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires consideration of historic preservation in federal actions, a process primarily involving the federal agency and the State or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

North Dakota's comprehensive historic preservation plan may be accessed by visiting the SHSND's website at [www.nd.gov/hist](http://www.nd.gov/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 SHSND continued into the second year of a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation to accession and catalog the one million-plus artifacts belonging to the Bureau but curated in the Society collections, 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's museum property for research, educational, and public use. Project costs are covered by the Bureau.

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 2005. 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. The historic preservation program continues as one of the SHSND's sustaining efforts to save North Dakota's historical resources.



**The Grand Forks Mercantile Company 1898 building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in June 2004 because of its association with businesses that helped Grand Forks achieve early economic success and flourish in the 1890s and early 1900s.**



## Staff and Board Transitions

**Michael Frohlich** was selected by his colleagues to receive the 2005 Staff Award for Excellence. Frohlich, a technology specialist with the historic preservation division, has been with the agency since January 2001. Also honored at the Society's holiday gathering January 14 were these staff members for their years of service: 30 years, **Ron Warner**, administrative officer; 25 years, **Lloyd Jensen**, construction manager; 20 years, **Dave Fournier**, instrument technician; 15 years, **Jack Mattson**, site supervisor, Fort Totten State Historic Site; 10 years, **Paul Picha**, chief archaeologist, and **Elaine Schlinger**, administrative assistant; 5 years, **Beth Campbell**, visitor services coordinator, and **Larissa Harrison**, archives specialist.

New SHSND staff members included **Donna Schaffnit**, sales associate; **Amy Munson**, grants and contracts officer; **Craig Olmsted**, security officer; **Lisa Stenehjem-Steckler**, administrative assistant; **Larry Wegleitner** and **Nicole Anderson**, co-coordinators of the SHSND's North Dakota Veterans History Project; and **Susan Quinnell**, review and compliance coordinator.

The following staff members resigned: **Harlo Thon**, security supervisor; **Barbara Honeyman**, grants and contracts officer; **Tom Willard**, the SHSND's North Dakota Veterans History Project coordinator; and **Duane Klinner**, review and compliance coordinator.

Retiring was **Gloria Engel**, an administrative officer with the agency since 1970, and a state employee since 1966.

**Tim Stock** was promoted to security supervisor; he began working for the SHSND in 1983 as site supervisor at Fort Totten State Historic Site and has been an agency security officer since 1989.

There were also some changes on the State Historical Board during FY05. **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 by Governor John Hoeven, effective July 1, 2004 (the beginning date of FY05); and **Diane Larson** and **John E. Von Rueden**, both of Bismarck, were reappointed to three-year terms, effective July 1, 2005 (the beginning date of FY06).



The Great Gallery Gala, otherwise known as a careful exhibit cleaning, was held the evening of November 22, 2004, after the North Dakota Heritage Center closed to the public. Attending this exclusive event were some of the SHSND's dedicated volunteers, as well as many agency staff who volunteered their own time to assist in this effort.

Each year SHSND staff enjoy receiving many letters of thanks from children who have visited the agency's sites, including this note from a young student who toured Fort Buford State Historic Site.



## The SHSND Foundation

The State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. During FY05, much of the Foundation's efforts were concentrated on implementing the 10-year expansion strategy set forth in last year's "Call to Action" plan, including the Society's 2005 legislative requests for funding.

Highlights of FY05 included:

- In the summer and fall of 2004 the Foundation and Society began "Call to Action" luncheons in Minot, Grafton, Devils Lake, Williston, Jamestown, and Bismarck, hosting legislators, legislative candidates, media, History's Trustees, local history groups, and business and economic development leaders to showcase the 10-year investment strategy of the SHSND. This strategy was highlighted in a marketing DVD entitled *This Legendary Place: North Dakota*, produced in-house by SHSND and Foundation staff. Editorial board meetings were also held in these regions, generating local coverage of the expansion efforts.

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- For the 2005 legislative session, a strong SHSND operating budget, funding for expansion of the State Archives, new interpretive centers for the Chateau de Mores in Medora and Fort Abercrombie near Fargo, and increased funding for the existing SHSND grant program for regional history groups were selected as goals.
- **In October 2004** the George Catlin exhibit opened with a gala event that included a ribbon cutting and reception, review of expansion plans, and recognition of History's Trustees and state and federal dignitaries. Basin Electric Power Cooperative, a History's Trustee member, hosted the event and was a major partner in planning and staging the exhibit.
- In January the Foundation and Society organized a reception for state legislators at the North Dakota Heritage Center. History's Trustee Terrance M. Rockstad, Dan's SuperMarket, and The Bistro and American Café of Bismarck hosted the reception. Regional historical groups were also in attendance, as well as Trustees and other supporters. The event showcased critical 2005 funding needs to legislators.
- **During the 2005 Legislative Session**, the Foundation provided daily support to the Society with testimony at critical hearings, email newsletter and other contacts with Trustees and other supporters statewide, and information to legislators. At the close of the session the Society's budget was strongly funded, and \$8.1 million in enhancements were garnered. The Foundation's History's Trustee committee was a force of major significance during the legislative session.
- Staff and volunteer direct mail campaigns and distribution of membership brochures through regional grocery store partners generated a 20 percent growth in Foundation membership.
- A **Bush Foundation grant** for more than \$100,000 was secured to explore the viability of a capital fundraising campaign in support of the 10-year expansion strategy. The grant provides for a fundraising consultant and executive secretary for the Foundation.
- The North Dakota Heritage Family program expanded its partnerships with regional funeral homes, placing histories of family members who have died in the Hall of Honors at the North Dakota Heritage Center. Volunteers kept this program operating smoothly.

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