

## AN AGENCY ON THE MOVE



This is the view of the proposed Phase Two expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center that will be seen as vehicles travel south down State Street in Bismarck; the view shows the facility facing east on the state capitol grounds. The inset interior view of the proposed Phase Two expansion looks east through the North Dakota Corridor of History overlooking the Badlands Plaza and high-tech media murals and interactive learning labs. An events and convention meeting area for the public will also be featured.

### Expansion Continues as the Watchword

Expansion continued to be the watchword in FY 2007 as the SHSND moved forward with major expansion projects approved by the 2007 North Dakota Legislative Assembly.

At the North Dakota Heritage Center, headquarters of the SHSND, construction was nearly completed on 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 \$60 million expansion of the state's largest museum. The project was funded by a \$5.5 million bond approved by the 2005 Legislative Assembly. Another \$200,000 was provided by the state Department of Transportation through a federal grant from transportation enhancement funds. This first phase provides much-needed additional space to the State Archives, reducing the need for additional off-site archival storage facilities. The second

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Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 continued as a time of transition and growth for the state's history agency, the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND). The SHSND continued moving forward with major expansion projects approved by the 2007 and 2005 Legislative Assemblies, including the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck, the Chateau de Mores State Historic Site in Medora, and Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site near Fargo. Legislative funding was also provided to help the SHSND acquire a Cold War-era missile alert facility and missile launch facility near Cooperstown to tell the story of the Cold War in North Dakota. The addition of the *Corridor of Time* exhibit at the North Dakota Heritage Center added an exciting new dimension to the prehistory exhibits already in the state museum, featuring specimens from the Late Cretaceous and early Paleocene periods 65 million to 60 million years ago. The SHSND also concluded its activities commemorating the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, and began to plan for another bicentennial, the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Abraham Lincoln in 2009, examining the many connections and impacts the 16<sup>th</sup> President had on the 39<sup>th</sup> state. 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."

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phase will expand the exhibit galleries and public areas; the artifact, archaeology, and paleontology collections areas; and staff work and lab areas. It also includes investments in county and tribal historical resources, as well as sites the SHSND manages statewide.

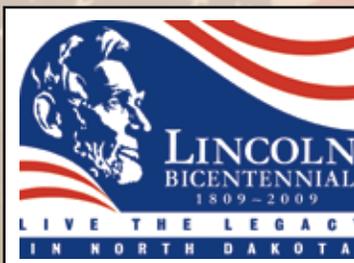
Construction also continued on the new building nearly tripling the size of the interpretive center at the **Chateau de Mores State Historic Site**. The 5,700-square-foot facility will house a permanent gallery, museum store, and a meeting room. The opening of the new center is scheduled for April 2008. The center is part of the 128-acre state historic site that interprets the enterprises of the Marquis de Mores, the French nobleman and entrepreneur who in the 1880s ran a cutting-edge meat-packing plant in Medora, the town he founded and named after his wife. The 2005 Legislative Assembly approved \$1.1 million in bonding for the expansion, with a match of \$500,000 in federal transportation enhancement funds, for a total funding package of \$1.6 million; another \$150,000 was provided by the 2007 Legislative Assembly to help cover about \$275,000 in additional unexpected construction costs after discovery that the center's structure, built in 1972, was in worse condition than initially believed. The structural problems forced the demolition of the old building and construction of a new structure to take its place.

For the **Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site**, legislators approved \$700,000 (with an additional \$200,000 match) needed to complete construction of the center and install exhibits at this site, known historically as "the Gateway to the Dakotas." The expansion builds on the \$500,000 development project completed at the site in 2002, which included reconstruction of the fort's blockhouses, guardhouse, and part of the stockade.

## One Bicentennial Ends, Another Approaches

As the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial concluded in September 2006, another bicentennial approached – that of Abraham Lincoln and his 200<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 12, 2009. Governor John Hoeven appointed SHSND Communications Director Rick Collin in December 2005 as the state's representative to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, and the SHSND started planning with several state agencies and other organizations. North Dakota's commemoration is being held in conjunction with the official two-year national observance, continuing through February 12, 2010. The 2007 Legislative Assembly approved \$50,000 in 'seed money' to help fund such projects as exhibits, history conferences, curriculum development, and living history programs for the Lincoln Bicentennial in North Dakota. An additional \$10,000 was approved by the legislature for another state agency, the North Dakota Council on the Arts, for Lincoln-related programming statewide. "Lincoln is much more than the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States," said Collin. "He represents not only to Americans, but to people around the world, many of our core values as human beings – equal rights, equality for all, democracy, freedom, liberty – and those are the ideals we'll be remembering as part of our state's Lincoln Bicentennial observance."

Lincoln's connections to what was then Dakota Territory are many, including appointing the Territory's first two governors; signing the Homestead Act in 1862; signing the Morrill Land Grant College Act of 1862, which led to the establishment of what is now North Dakota State University; and signing the charter for the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1864. Other connections include the naming of Fort Abraham Lincoln (near Mandan) and Fort Lincoln (near Bismarck), and a heroic-sized bust of Lincoln standing in Frogner Park in Oslo, Norway, sculpted by Valley City, North Dakota artist Paul Fjelde in 1914 and presented as a gift from the people of North Dakota to the people of Norway in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Syttende Mai*, Norwegian Independence Day.



Plans are under way in North Dakota to commemorate the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. Watch for this official logo with information about programs and observances leading up to and including Lincoln's bicentennial birth date of February 12, 2009.

The 30,000-square-foot addition to the state archives at the North Dakota Heritage Center was well underway when this photograph was taken in April 2007. This \$5.7 million Phase One expansion of the Heritage Center is one of the investments the Legislative Assembly has made in the state's history agency. In 2007, an additional \$1.5 million was approved for planning of Phase Two construction, which would add another 125,000 square feet to the Heritage Center's current 140,000 square feet.



Photograph by Deborah K. Helman, SHSND

## Site Developments

Working with a \$932,000 appropriation from the Legislative Assembly for the 2005-07 biennium, the SHSND 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 from the Legislature 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**, findings from recent field work using state-of-the-art geophysical techniques helped 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, a poster, and other written materials also continue to be developed. The project has been a collaborative effort of the SHSND and PaleoCultural Research Group of Flagstaff, Arizona.

At **Fort Buford State Historic Site**, which includes the **Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center**, almost 14,000 people visited in FY07. A \$7,500 grant was received from Williston's North Star Caviar to support special programs at the Confluence Center and Fort Buford sites. Enhancements to *Life By the Bugle*, a permanent exhibit installed in the Field Officer's Quarters building, were made with the inclusion of additional reproduction objects and items from the collections. The Confluence Center received, from the North Dakota Forest Service, a 12-foot-long cottonwood canoe, which is now part of the Center's permanent exhibit, *Trails, Tracks, Rivers, and Roads*. The popular *Cemetery Walk* was held at the Fort Buford Cemetery in October 2006, with eight "ghosts" telling their histories to 185 guests, nearly double from the previous year's attendance. Fort Buford's old comfort station was removed and transferred to the Williston Convention and Visitors' Bureau, providing the Bureau with a new visitors' center as well as helping to further restore the historic look of the fort site. The C.F. Martell Endowment was established, through the generosity of the Martell family, to support special programs at Fort Buford and the Confluence Center. The Sixth Infantry Regiment Association, with assistance from the Fort Buford staff, installed a large directional sign on Highway 1804. Several physical improvements were made to the Fort Buford site, including installing three fire pits at the campgrounds.



Courtesy of JLG Architects, Grand Forks



Photograph by Diane Rogness, SHSND

The expanded interpretive center at the Chateau de Mores near Medora moved from conception to construction following groundbreaking ceremonies April 26, 2007. The construction nearly triples the size of the old building and houses a permanent gallery, museum store, and a meeting room. JLG Architects and Joseph P. Larrivee Architects produced this drawing (above left) showing how the front of the interpretive center will look when completed. The 5,700-square-foot facility replaces the previous interpretive center built in 1972.

The Fort Buford State Historic Site also entered into a cooperative agreement with the Williston Community Library to create a site display in the library's entrance, beginning in June 2007.

Research continued on data gathered at **Fort Clark Trading Post State Historic Site** during 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.

**Fort Totten State Historic Site** hosted its 14<sup>th</sup> annual *Living History Field Day* in September 2006. Some 500 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 *Annie Get Your Gun*. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the reopening of the Commanding Officer's Building and the Quartermaster's Storehouse. SHSND Director Merl Paaverud and SHSND Historic Preservation Director Fern Swenson were joined in the ceremony by Todd Thompson of Thompson's Glass and Paint and Louis Garcia of the Little Hoop College carpentry class. Certificates of appreciation were given to Thompson and Garcia for their contributions to the project. Story hour was held each Friday throughout the summer, with guest readers reading stories about American Indian legends. The Totten Trail Historic Inn continued as a popular tourist destination, with visitors able to stay overnight and enjoy 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 visit the website [www.tottentrailinn.com](http://www.tottentrailinn.com).

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Whitestone Hill Battlefield State Historic Site in southeastern North Dakota hosted its seventh annual *Education Day* for area school groups in early September 2006, marking the 143<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the last major battle between soldiers and American Indians east of the Missouri River.

Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site hosted several successful public programs this past fiscal year, including observing the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment with living history tours, demonstrations, and a military ball June 22-24, 2007. Although the fort was not actually built until 1858, the U.S. Congress authorized its construction in 1857.

At the Chateau de Mores State Historic Site, work continued on the expansion of the existing interpretive center. In August 2006, the site hosted the North Dakota National Guard Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous. More than 300 high school students and chaperones nationwide attended the three-day event, also visiting the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Washburn. The collaborative program, *Footsteps into Medora's Past*, enjoyed another successful summer. Three organizations work closely



Photograph by Chris Johnson, SHSND

**Groundbreaking ceremonies for a \$1.3 million interpretive center at Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site near Fargo and Wahpeton kicked off a weekend of activities that marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the site. An exhibit gallery, museum store, observation deck, and office space will fill the 3,800-square-foot center. The June 22, 2007 participants included (l to r) SHSND Director Merl Paaverud, Abercrombie mayor Kevin Bernier, State Historical Board Vice President Albert Berger, Friends of Fort Abercrombie President Don Hestdalen of Wahpeton, Senator Arden Anderson (D-Wahpeton), Representative Clark Williams (D-Wahpeton), Representative Ole Aarsvold (D-Blanchard), and Representative John Wall (R-Wahpeton).**



Photograph by Dolores Linn, SHSND

**A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at Fort Totten State Historic Site September 28, 2006, to celebrate the re-opening of the commanding officer's and quartermaster's buildings. Here, dedication participants pose in front of the Commanding Officer's Quarters.**

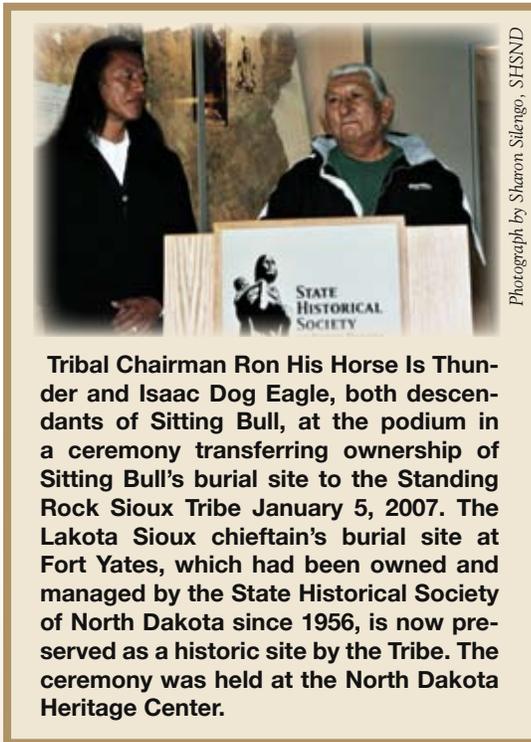
with the SHSND to ensure its success – Dickinson State University, the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, and the Billings County Historical Society and Museum. It includes a walking tour of Medora and the museum drama, *Recollections of Murder and Mayhem in Medora*. The program won Excellence in Educational Programming awards from the Mountain-Plains Museum Association in 2006 and the American Association of Museums in 2007. The long-standing tradition of an Easter Egg hunt at the site continued April 8, when many children hunted for the eggs and adults enjoyed the day.

**Camp Hancock State Historic Site** in downtown Bismarck continued to see improvements through the year. The U.S. Weather Bureau building was painted to match its 1905 appearance, and a reproduction of the circa-1905 Weather Bureau sign was placed above the front porch where it originally hung. An official Weather Bureau shelter that had housed weather recording instruments and an eight-inch rain gauge were donated by the National Weather Service and placed at the site, with plans to use them for educational programs. New interpretive panels were added to the Bread of Life Church detailing its history. Site improvements have resulted in increased attendance, with visitation tripling from the previous year. The 2006 visitors' season concluded with *Weather Day*, celebrating the site's history.

The **Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site's** Annual Lawn Party August 13, 2006 featured a salute to the 1890s and North Dakota's first seven governors. The event drew some 350 people, who enjoyed the music of North Dakota folk artist Chuck Suchy. The Bismarck-Mandan Garden Club gave a program on the more than

60 historically accurate plantings at the mansion. More than 100 visitors came through October 31 to enjoy the site's first Halloween Open House. Folklore has it that former Governor Frank Briggs (1858-98), who died in office, still haunts the mansion to this day. A series of popular "high teas" hosted by former North Dakota First Lady Grace Link were held during the summer. The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Open House saw more than 200 visitors come through the mansion in November and December for tours, hot cider, and cookies, enjoying the holiday decorations. As part of the *United Way Day of Caring* program, more than 20 volunteers painted the porches of the mansion.

At the **Gingras Trading Post State Historic Site**, 15 new interpretive panels were hung in the warehouse room of the trading post, featuring information about the Red River ox carts, Turtle Mountain Ojibway, and Métis. A new 10-year master plan was completed for the site, which hosted its popular *Gingras Day!* event August 12, 2006.



**Tribal Chairman Ron His Horse Is Thunder and Isaac Dog Eagle, both descendants of Sitting Bull, at the podium in a ceremony transferring ownership of Sitting Bull's burial site to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe January 5, 2007. The Lakota Sioux chieftain's burial site at Fort Yates, which had been owned and managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota since 1956, is now preserved as a historic site by the Tribe. The ceremony was held at the North Dakota Heritage Center.**

Although no major construction projects were undertaken at the **Pembina State Museum**, several repair projects were completed, including repairs to the HVAC and elevator systems. Museum staff hosted special events and programs during the year, including lectures, demonstrations, and the traditional Memorial Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter activities.

At the **Killdeer Mountain Battlefield State Historic Site**, the fifth annual *Killdeer Mountain History Hike* was held July 29, 2006, with SHSND Eastern Regional Manager Chris Johnson discussing events surrounding the 1864 Battle of Killdeer Mountain.

An interpretive sign and directional signs were installed at **Writing Rock State Historic Site** near Grenora. The Divide County Park Board, which maintains the site, and the Williston Basin Resource Conservation and Development program assisted with installation.

## Research and Archives

- Reference requests and website visits to the State Archives and Historical Research Library (SAHRL) continued at similar levels as recent years, with some reduction in on-site visitors and an increase in email and interlibrary loan requests. More than 13,800 researchers were served directly through the reading room, mail and email, telephone requests, or interlibrary loans. Just under 97 new rolls of microfilm were produced, and more than 270 orders for microfilm purchase were completed. Website access continued to increase – on average, 23,910 users accessed the Society's website monthly.
- Rehousing the heavily used photograph collections continued. Photo Archivist Sharon Silengo and dedicated volunteers placed more than 26,500 historic photographic prints in new archival envelopes that were

boxed for better protection and access. More than 6,000 photographic images were scanned and digitized for easier access and reproduction.

- More than 2,600 publications were added to the cataloged holdings during the year. In addition, 737 linear feet of archival records were accessioned and re-boxed, 331 inventories were created or updated, and serial publications that included state newspapers, magazines, journals, and photographs were added.
- State Archivist Gerald Newborg received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service in September. Newborg was at the center of planning and oversight for the 30,000 square-foot addition to the archives. The Archives staff moved into temporary offices for the duration of construction. The State

Historical Records Advisory Board produced and distributed a poster, *That's Entertainment, North Dakota*. Newborg and Deputy State Archivist Lotte Bailey conducted a "Basics of Archives" day-long workshop in Medora. Newborg updated the policies and procedures for historical records repositories, producing the guide *Keeping History: Recommended Practices for North Dakota Historical Records Repositories*.

- The North Dakota Veterans History Project added 275 interviews in FY07 to the more than 1,500 veterans' stories already recorded. The project, which formally ended in December 2006, was a success in the preservation of veterans' stories, inter-generational connections, and generation of publicity and good will. Interviews will continue to be collected through the work of volunteers.

## Collections and Exhibits

Highlights included 26 loan agreements to other museums, representing 1,200 artifacts. Artifact loans reached 22 North Dakota communities and three other states. As part of the exhibition program, the agency took in 24 loans of objects. A total of 119 collections were donated to the Society, and 619 potential acquisitions were offered to the agency.

There were 309 requests for museum collections access, with 269 from in-state and 40 from out-of-state. There were more than 150 inquiries from county, local, tribal, private, and other museums, agencies, and organizations requesting technical assistance.

The compact shelving project to help relieve the critical space shortage in the artifact collections area of the North Dakota Heritage Center was completed. Nearly 19,000 artifacts were moved and inventoried, data bases were updated, and many artifacts rehoused. Similar compact shelving was installed in the state archives area in 2004.

Temporary exhibits at the North Dakota Heritage Center included: *North Dakota Remembers World War II*, which included production of an hour-long DVD of individual recollections of North Dakotans recorded as part of the state's Veterans History Project. Also on display were five paintings illustrating the stories of heroic North Dakota World War II veterans, produced by Solen, North Dakota artist Scott Nelson; *Forgotten North Dakota*, featuring paintings and drawings of Mariah Masilko and photography of Mike Mohaupt, recent graduates of the University of North Dakota who captured, through an artistic eye, architec-

ture that has been abandoned and left to dissolve into the landscape; *Decade after Disaster*, a 10-year retrospective of the devastating floods of Spring 1997, especially along the Red River; *Emigrants from the Empires: North Dakota's Germans*, featuring German-related immigrant groups that settled in the state; the *Front Page News* reading wall, which features

different newspapers from the agency's collections, and is changed on a quarterly basis; a weekend quilt exhibit displayed as part of the annual National Quilting Day in March. The exhibits *The Atomic Age Arrives: The Cold War in North Dakota* and *Lincoln's Legacy in North Dakota* were in development, for installation in late 2007 and early 2008. The *Corridor of Time* permanent exhibits, showing what life was like in present-day North Dakota millions of years ago, opened in December 2006. A partnership project with the North Dakota Geologi-



Photograph by Johnathan Campbell, SHSND

Participants at the Former Governors' Mansion 2006 Annual Lawn Party are entertained by North Dakota folk singer Chuck Suchy. The annual event is cosponsored by the Friends of the Former Governors' Mansion and the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

cal Survey, the *Corridor of Time* exhibits depict life during the Late Cretaceous (about 65 million years ago) and early Paleocene (60 million years ago) periods, times when the region's climate and environment resembled that of the Florida Everglades. Two rare North Dakota meteorites were borrowed from the Smithsonian Institution and the University of Minnesota (UM); a cast and slice of the Smithsonian meteorite was provided for long-term exhibit, and the UM specimen is on long-term loan.

The restoration and exhibit components of the French Gratitude train boxcar were completed in FY07. The boxcar, known as a "forty and eight," was originally designed to carry 40 men or eight horses. Filled with gifts, it was presented to

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Formerly officers' quarters of the U.S. Army infantry post (1872-77), the museum at Camp Hancock State Historic Site received a fresh coat of paint matching what it would have looked like in 1905 while occupied by the U.S. Weather Bureau (1894-1940). The structure, the oldest building in Bismarck, was also occupied by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (1940-49) before becoming a state historic site in 1951 and opening as a museum in 1955. That same year, a retired Northern Pacific locomotive was moved to the site to commemorate the role of the railroad in the creation of Camp Hancock and the city of Bismarck. The site is also home to the oldest church in the capital city, St. George's Episcopal, formerly The Bread of Life Church, which was moved here in 1965.

the people of North Dakota as a “thank you” from the people of France in 1949 and has since stood on the state capitol grounds in Bismarck. An exhibit in the North Dakota Heritage Center’s Hall of Honors displays some of the gifts, along with text and photographs that tell the boxcar’s story. The SHSND’s website at [www.nd.gov/hist](http://www.nd.gov/hist) features an interactive exhibit with the boxcar’s history, and information about the 40 shields adorning the boxcar, each representing a French province. The renovation project, including the shelter, was funded by La Societe Des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux organizations, a *Save America’s Treasures* grant from the National Park Service, and appropriations from the North Dakota Legislative Assembly.

Historic sites temporary exhibits included the **Pembina State Museum’s Sister Rosalia’s Lace**, a traveling exhibit produced by the North Dakota Council on the Arts. It replaced *The History of Brewing*, looking at commercial and private beer brewing from the mid-1800s to contemporary times. At the **Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center**, *Winter Memories* continued, depicting how North Dakotans have had fun and stayed warm during the winter months on the Northern Plains. *The Four Seasons at Camp Hancock* and *Weather in North Dakota*, looking at the history of this site through the seasons, including its time as the region’s U. S. Weather Bureau Station from 1894 to 1940, continued at **Camp Hancock State Historic Site** in Bismarck. *From Buckets of Oats to Quarts of Oil*, about the history of transportation in Bismarck, continued at the **Former Governors’ Mansion State Historic Site**, and *TV in ’53*, exploring how television’s arrival in North Dakota in 1953 revolutionized people’s lives, replaced *Picture North Dakota!* at **Fort Totten State Historic Site**.

The Society’s popular Traveling Interpretive Exhibits Service (TIES) Program currently has 14 traveling exhibits for use by the general public. The program had 22 bookings for FY07, reaching 22 communities statewide and drawing more than 48,000 visitors. Popular with teachers for classroom use, the Suitcase Exhibits for North Dakota (SEND) program had 37 bookings in 11 North Dakota communities and one each in Idaho and Montana, reaching some 3,000 people. Classes from the University of Mary, Dickinson State University, and United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) used both the 32 SEND trunks (16 topics) and the North Dakota Heritage Center’s main gallery to gain first-hand teaching experience through the *Teaching in the Gallery* program, with schoolchildren coming in from area communities. Updates were made to the *100 Years of Town Life* SEND trunks, and two trunks about truss bridges were completed. SHSND staff also helped host a K-5 teachers’ workshop presented by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) June 11-12, 2007 at the North Dakota Heritage Center. Co-hosting was the NASA North Dakota Space Grant Consortium.

**The SHSND 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 2007 was “Triumph and Tragedy in History.” Participating students developed papers, exhibits, performances, or media documentaries based on a history-related



Photograph by Brian Austin, SHSND

**Participants in the Killdeer Mountain History Hike take a break near the site of the Medicine Hole where, according to American Indian oral tradition, many village inhabitants escaped to safety during the 1864 Battle of Killdeer Mountain, when a U.S. military force attacked several groups of Dakota, Nakota, and Lakota (Sioux) nations camped there.**



Photograph by Gerald Neuborg, SHSND

**SHSND staff and others toured two abandoned U.S. Air Force missile sites near Cooperstown in October 2006, once part of the 321<sup>st</sup> Missile Wing, a cluster of intercontinental ballistic missile launch sites spread over a 6,500-square-mile area around the Grand Forks Air Force Base. This, the launch control center, ceased operations in 1998. The State Historical Society has acquired the missile sites to tell the story of the Cold War in North Dakota, and is working to establish a trust fund to operate them.**

topic. Several Society staff members served as judges for the April 5, 2007 competition at Bismarck State College.

The Society again hosted an exhibit booth at the annual Norsk Høstfest, the country’s largest Scandinavian festival, held in Minot, North Dakota October 11-14, 2006. The agency also staffed booths at the state tourism annual conference in Fargo, the North Dakota Education Association annual conference in Bismarck, and the UTTC annual Pow Wow in Bismarck. 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: *Get a Clue* to launch the Bismarck-Mandan summer reading program; *The Heritage of Acoustic Music* in March 2007, featuring workshops and performances by musicians

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Photograph by Dolores Linn, SHSND

Fort Totten State Historic Site supervisor Jack Mattson leads a group of students from the Grand Forks Air Force Base summer school program as part of a day-long tour and activity program for the school. The August 11, 2006 tour included a video about the history of the fort, readings about American Indian legends, and a picnic for the 75 students and their teachers.

## Collections and Exhibits

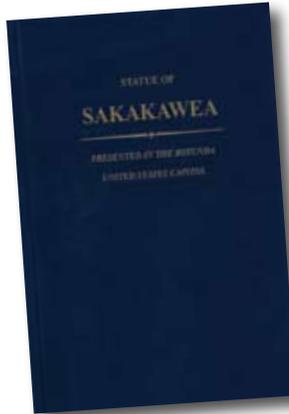
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statewide; Halloween events at the Pembina State Museum, the North Dakota Heritage Center, and Fort Buford and the Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Sites; and the popular *Sensational Sundays* series from January through May 2007 at the North Dakota Heritage Center, with programming from the SHSND, the North Dakota Humanities Council, and the North Dakota Geological Survey. Other agency partnerships included continuing to develop, review, and assist the daily *Dakota Datebook* radio series with Prairie Public Broadcasting; helping to launch *Showcase North Dakota*, involving 21 state agencies in activities December 26-28, 2006 at the state capitol building's Memorial Hall and the North Dakota Heritage Center; and promoting North Dakota literature and reading, through the *Read North Dakota* program, with the North Dakota Humanities Council, Prairie Public Broadcasting, the North Dakota Library Association, and the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

The agency partnered with the Minnesota Historical Society on the Great Rivers Cultural Heritage Network (GRCHN) to link collections digitally on a common website with links to various partners.

The Society also hosted its annual Valentine's Day Social in February 2007 and Volunteer Recognition Banquet in August 2006 to honor the 226 Heritage Volunteers statewide, ages 14 to 94, who help the agency year-round. Since 1981 volunteers statewide have contributed more than 297,000 hours of service.

## Publications



The events that led to the dedication of the Statue of Sakakawea in the U.S. Capitol's National Statuary Hall in October 2003 are chronicled in this commemorative book. Produced and published by the State Historical Society, it was funded by Lewis and Clark Bicentennial appropriations from the North Dakota Legislative Assembly.

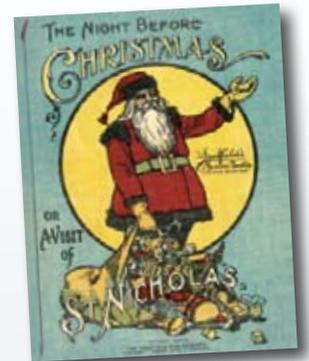
A commemorative book chronicling events that led to the dedication of North Dakota's second statue in the U.S. Capitol's National Statuary Hall in 2003 was released and made available to public and school libraries statewide.

The 88-page book, *Statue of Sakakawea Presented in the Rotunda, United States Capitol*, includes a chronology of events beginning with the creation and dedication in 1910 of the original statue on the state capitol grounds in Bismarck; an essay on Sakakawea by humanities scholar and North Dakota native Clay Jenkinson; stories about original statue sculptor Leonard Crunelle and the sculptor who created the replica that now stands in National Statuary Hall, Tom Bollinger; and the speeches delivered by state and national officials at the dedication ceremony October 16, 2003. In addition to many black-and-white photographs, the book includes a section of color photographs from the dedication ceremony.

The book is a limited edition, with 1,500 copies printed, and is not for sale. It is available for reading on the SHSND's website at [www.nd.gov/hist](http://www.nd.gov/hist).

The SHSND Museum Stores reprinted a 1904 edition of the *The Night Before Christmas, or a Visit of St. Nicholas*. Previous reprints include an 1897 version of *Beauty and the Beast* (2005), a 1942 *Three Little Kittens* book (2004), an 1888 version of *Red Riding Hood* (2003), and an 1896 edition of *The Night Before Christmas, or a Visit of St. Nicholas* (2002). The 1904 edition of *The Night Before Christmas* is part of the agency's Ruth Hoffman collection. A noted horticulturalist, Hoffman and her late husband, Charles, lived in Minot, North Dakota from 1938 to 1994, where he taught biology at Minot State University for 37 years until his retirement in 1972.

Two documents produced by the agency were honored by the North Dakota Library Association as North Dakota Notable Documents for 2006. They were *North Dakota Remembers World War II*, a DVD, and *North Dakota History*, the SHSND's quarterly journal. The hour-long DVD is part of an exhibit of the same name that was at the North Dakota Heritage Center through November 30, 2007. It features individual recollections of



This 1904 edition of *The Night Before Christmas, or a Visit from St. Nicholas*, became the fifth in a series of classic reproductions from the collections of the state's history agency. The reprints have been funded by the North Dakota Heritage Center Museum Store.

## Enhanced Grant Program

Following the debut in the 2003-05 biennium of this popular 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 offers the funds through three programs: **Cultural Heritage Grants**, where funding 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 funding is available for recipients to attend

training 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 funding 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.

The SHSND's grant program distributed \$120,000 to museums and historical organizations in FY2007, following the distribution of \$204,000 in grants in FY2006. These included

North Dakota Museum Assessment Grants, each \$10,000, to the Barnes County Historical Society in Valley City; the Stutsman County Memorial Museum in Jamestown, and the Dakota Buttes Historical Society in Hettinger.

To receive Cultural Heritage Grants, museums and historical organizations must provide at least a dollar-for-dollar match. This can be a combination or cash or in-kind services. For more information on the Cultural Heritage Grant program, contact the SHSND's Acting Museum Director Chris Johnson at (701) 328-2124 or email [cjohnson@nd.gov](mailto:cjohnson@nd.gov).

## 2006 Governor's Conference on North Dakota History

"The Cold War in North Dakota" was the theme of the 2006 Governor's Conference on North Dakota History held at the North Dakota Heritage Center October 27-28. The conference explored the ways North Dakota was changed by the global conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union that lasted nearly half a century. Two all-day workshops were presented: *Legal Aspects of Photography Rights, Archive Management and Permissions* by **Joel Hecker** and **Jane Kinne** with the

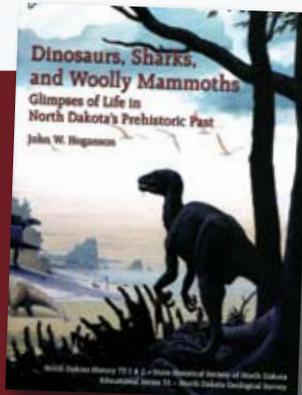
Society of American Archivists; and *Writing and Updating Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response Plans*, by **Neil Cockerline** and **Elise Redman** from the Midwest Art Conservation Center.

Awards honoring individual and group achievements in history were also presented. Recipient of the State Historical Society's Excellence in Local History Award was **Dorotha Pelton** of the Dunn County Historical Society for her leadership as one of the founding members of the

Dunn County Historical Society, contributing many personal items, including a chuckwagon, that became the building blocks of the museum's collections. She also donated \$500,000 in stocks and bonds to be invested in the maintenance, development, and stability of the Dunn County Historical Society. Also honored was the late **Forrest Daniel** of Bismarck (1923-2006), who received the Society's Heritage Profile Honor Award for being a nationally recognized authority on numismatics, and authoring many articles in professional journals, including *Paper Money* magazine. He was also an experienced printer, working since 1940 with many newspapers in North Dakota and out of state. The winner of the 2006 Editor's Award for best article during the preceding year in *North Dakota History*, the SHSND's quarterly journal, was **Dr. Terry Shop- taugh**, archivist for the Northwest Minnesota Historical Center at Minnesota State University Moorhead. He was honored for his article in Volume 72.3 & 4, "Missing in Action: A Family's Experience during World War II." He also won the award in 1997.

North Dakotans that are preserved on video and audio tapes collected as part of the state's Veterans History Project. *North Dakota History* was honored for its annual series of interviews with the state's most recent governors, edited by State Archivist Gerald Newborg. Featured to date have been John Davis (1957-61), William Guy (1961-73), and Arthur Link (1973-81).

Prehistoric creatures came stomping and chomping into the pages of *North Dakota History* (Vol. 73, issues 1 & 2) creating an issue of North Dakota's history journal unlike any previously published. Also reprinted as a stand-alone publication, it features more than 200 full-color pictures of everything from detailed dinosaur paintings to fossilized feces. *Dinosaurs, Sharks, and Woolly Mammoths* was written by Dr. John Hoganson, State Paleontologist with the North Dakota Geological Survey, and is available from the North Dakota Heritage Center Museum Store, [www.nd.gov/hist/museumstore](http://www.nd.gov/hist/museumstore).





Photograph by Deborah K. Hellman, SHSND

A youngster tentatively reaches to touch a praying mantis held by a Bismarck Dakota Zoo docent during the June 1, 2007 Bismarck-Mandan summer reading program kick-off event at the North Dakota Heritage Center. The 2007 program theme of *Get a Clue* drew some 2,800 children and adults to participate in activities provided by several groups, ranging from exploring the world of dinosaurs, puppet shows, and face painting to enjoying celebrity story readers.



Photograph by Jean Tircotte, SHSND

The XIT Gals of Sidney, Montana provided musical entertainment during Buford Day, June 24, 2007 at Fort Buford State Historic Site near Williston. The day of family activities marked the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fort Buford becoming a state historic site, managed by the SHSND.

## Historic Preservation

Six sites were added to the National Register of Historic Places between July 1, 2006 and June 20, 2007. These sites include the Fred and Gladys Grady House - Nonpartisan League Home Builders Association in Bismarck, the Oliver and Gertrude Lundquist House - Nonpartisan League Home Builders Association in Bismarck, Old Main at Minot State University in Bottineau, Thomas D. Campbell House in Grand Forks, the Sprunk archaeological site in Cass County, and the Union Storage and Transfer Cold Storage Warehouse and Armour Creameries Building in Fargo.

Through the use of National Park Service funds, the SHSND provided \$280,000 for development and survey projects across the state. Development projects restore, rehabilitate, and protect National Register-listed properties. Development grants were awarded to Central High School in Devils Lake, Grand Forks City Hall, Lisbon Opera House, Mayville Public Library, Pembina County Courthouse, Dickey County Courthouse, Ellendale Opera House, the First State Bank of Buxton, the Former Governors' Mansion in Bismarck, the Carnegie Library in Minot, and Camp Hancock State Historic Site in Bismarck. Grants were also awarded for preparing National Register nominations for the Nonpartisan League Home Builders Association homes in Bismarck and Fargo and Old Main on the Minot State University Bottineau campus.

An architectural survey was undertaken of 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Bismarck. Archaeological projects consisted of geophysical surveys and a limited test excavation at the Boley site (Morton County) and Larson site (Burleigh County). The SHSND also administered grants to 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 in obtaining 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



Photograph by Mary Kate Ryan, SHSND

The Lundquist House in Bismarck, a private home, was added to the National Register of Historic Places as a craftsman bungalow structure, typical of the majority of houses known to have been constructed by the Nonpartisan League's Home Builders Association in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

credit projects completed or in progress in FY07 included the Smith, Follett & Crowl Office and Warehouse in Fargo, the YMCA Community Center in Grand Forks, Bristol Building in Fargo, and the Metropolitan Opera House in Grand Forks.

SHSND staff continued incorporating recorded archaeological, historical, and architectural sites in North Dakota into an access database and a multi-layered digital mapping format, the Geographic Information System (GIS). There are 54,000 sites currently recorded in North Dakota. These databases 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 GIS has been undertaken in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

The division also responded to more than 1,550 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 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."

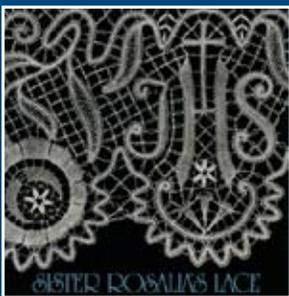
**The Union Storage and Transfer Company Cold Storage Warehouse and the Armour Creameries Building (r) in Fargo**



Courtesy of Institute for Regional Studies, NDSU Libraries, Fargo

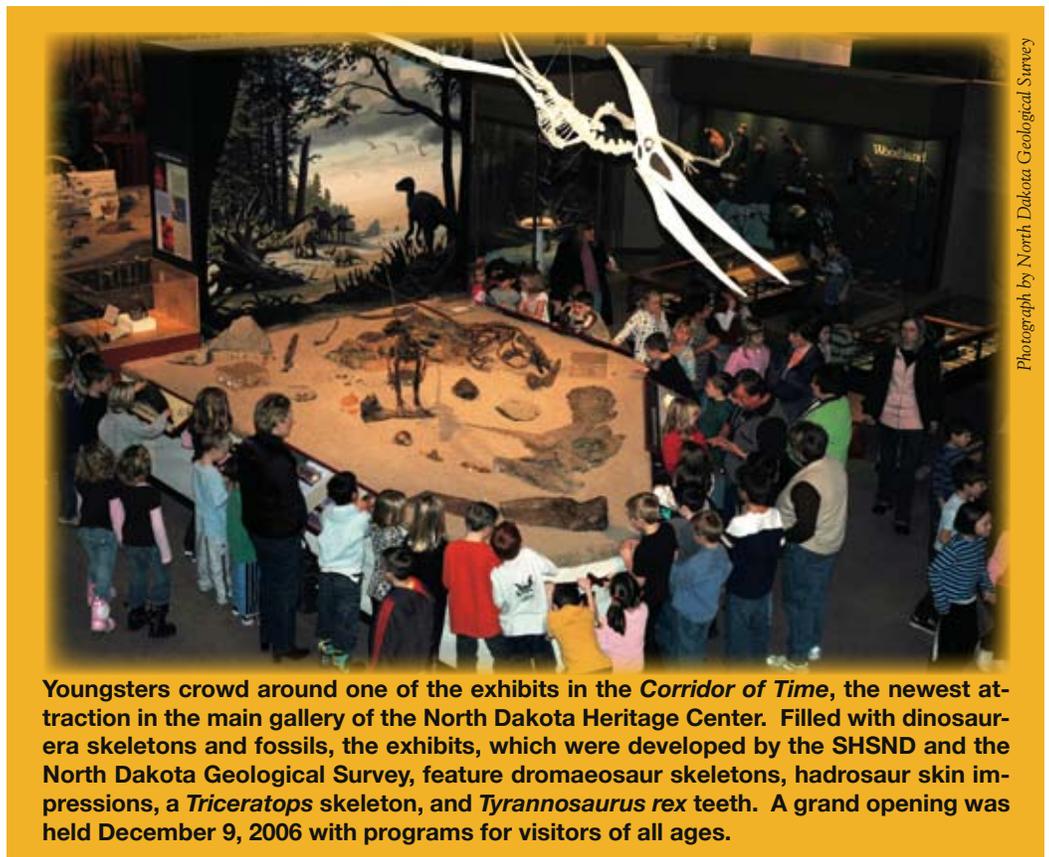
were listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Constructed in 1930, the two buildings showcase the industrial and agricultural history of Fargo's railroad relationship, as well as being associated with prominent regional architect William F. Kurke and the locally significant construction company of Meinecke-Johnson.

The SHSND continued into the fourth 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.



The Pembina State Museum hosted *Sister Rosalia's Lace*, an exhibit featuring the beautiful bobbin lace works of Sister Rosalia Harberl (1897-1998), a Franciscan Sister from the convent in Hankinson, North Dakota. In 1988 she was awarded a National Heritage Fellowship, the nation's highest honor for a traditional artist, by the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Photograph by North Dakota Geological Survey

Youngsters crowd around one of the exhibits in the *Corridor of Time*, the newest attraction in the main gallery of the North Dakota Heritage Center. Filled with dinosaur-era skeletons and fossils, the exhibits, which were developed by the SHSND and the North Dakota Geological Survey, feature dromaeosaur skeletons, hadrosaur skin impressions, a *Triceratops* skeleton, and *Tyrannosaurus rex* teeth. A grand opening was held December 9, 2006 with programs for visitors of all ages.

## VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

While funding for the North Dakota Veterans History Project fulltime coordinator ended in December 2006, stories are still being accepted from wartime veterans who live in or served from North Dakota. Initiated by Congress with support from the Library of Congress, the project collects stories of individual experiences that enhance the understanding of the different eras, providing bridges between generations. The SHSND is a repository for oral history interviews and transcripts generated by the project in North Dakota.



Photograph by Kim Syth, SHSND

Reenactor Mike Casler cuts an eerie figure with visitors during the Fort Buford State Historic Site's *Halloween Cemetery Walk* through the old fort cemetery October 28, 2006. Casler is also a ranger with the nearby Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site.



Photograph by Jeff Blanchard, SHSND

Faye Rector, representing the coming of Christmas in her crown of candles, led a procession of children around the Christmas tree at the Pembina State Museum's Holiday Open House December 10, 2006. Traditional Swedish Christmas songs, led by Lyndon Johnson of Hallock, Minnesota, accompanied the tree procession in the museum's holiday celebration of Swedish Christmas traditions.

About 300 high school students, winners of a nationwide essay contest from every state and the U.S. territories, participated in the North Dakota National Guard Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous in Medora, Washburn, and Bismarck in August 2006. At Chimney Park in Medora, part of the de Mores State Historic Site, students viewed living history presentations of Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln. Here a group of reenactors perform a shootout episode from the Marquis's life.



Photograph by Diane Rogness, SHSND



Photograph by Brian Austin, SHSND

With arms and legs flapping, North Dakotans reclaimed *The Guinness Book of World Records* for most snow angels made at one time February 17, 2007, on the state capitol grounds in Bismarck. The record number of angels, 8,962, beat the previous record of 3,784 set at Michigan Technical University in February 2006. The original record was held by North Dakota when 1,791 people participated in the 2002 event. Marilyn Snyder, the SHSND's curator of education, was the organizer of both record-making attempts; she continues to monitor potential challengers of the record. State senators flapped their arms in the air as they delivered an angelic wave of congratulations and approved a concurrent resolution (SCR 4035) March 28, 2007 making North Dakota the snow angel capital of the world.

## Staff and Board Transitions

**Karen Nelson** was selected by her colleagues to receive the 2006 Staff Award for Excellence. Nelson has portrayed Medora, Madame de Mores in the popular *History Alive!* program since 1998. She has been a site interpreter and extensively researched the life of Madame de Mores. Also honored at the Society's holiday gathering January 12 were these staff members for their years of state government service in North Dakota: 25 years: **Claudia Berg**, museum and education director, **Jim Davis**, head of reference services, and **Gerald Newborg**, state archivist; 15 years: **Rhonda Brown**, museum stores manager, and **David Skalsky**, assistant director; 10 years: **Deb Hunt**, administrative assistant, and **Kiri Stone**, administrative assistant; 5 years: **Craig Olmsted**, security officer, **Scott Schaffnit**, outreach programs coordinator, **Marilyn Snyder**, curator of education, **Rachel White**, head of technical services, and **Greg Wysk**, reference specialist.

New SHSND staff members included **Mark Sundlov**, site supervisor for Fort Buford State Historic Site, which includes the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center; and **Duane Edwards**, security officer.

The following staff members resigned: **Shawn Holz**, curator of exhibits; **Wynne Paasch**, assistant editor; and **Lee Roach**, museum preparator.

Promoted were **Genia Hesser** to the SHSND's curator of exhibits; she began working for the agency in April 2003 as assistant site supervisor at Fort Buford State Historic Site and had been site supervisor since October 2003; and **Dolores Linn** to site supervisor at the Chateau de Mores State Historic Site; she began working for the agency in April 2005 as assistant site supervisor at Fort Totten State Historic Site.

Governor John Hoeven presented the Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service to State Archivist **Gerald Newborg** during award ceremonies in the state capitol September 18, 2006. Newborg was at the center of planning and overseeing the \$5.7 million archives addition to the North Dakota Heritage Center, supervised the development of the North Dakota Veterans History Project, edited the series of articles published in *North Dakota History* that were based

on interviews (many conducted by Newborg) with recent governors of North Dakota, and helped secure a \$1 million grant to plan and organize the digitization of records for North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. Fellow SHSND employee **Claudia Berg** received the honor in 1990.

There were also some changes on the State Historical Board, which oversees the operations of the state's history agency, during FY07. **Marvin Kaiser** of Williston and **Gerred Gerntholz** of Valley City were reappointed to three-year terms by Governor Hoeven, effective July 1, 2006 (the beginning date of FY07); and **Albert Berger** of Grand Forks, **Chester E. Nelson, Jr.**, of Bismarck, and **Art Todd III** of Jamestown were reappointed to three-year terms, effective July 1, 2007 (the beginning date of FY08).

The Governor also appointed **Richard Kloubec** of Fargo. Kloubec's appointment, effective May 23, 2007, was to fill out the remainder of **John Von Rueden's** term, which ends June 30, 2008. A long-time member of the board, Von Rueden died April 17, 2007 following a long illness.



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The Fort Buford cemetery was the site of a flag-lowering ceremony May 28, 2007. Members of the Fort Buford Sixth Infantry Regiment Association performed the ceremony as part of Memorial Day activities.



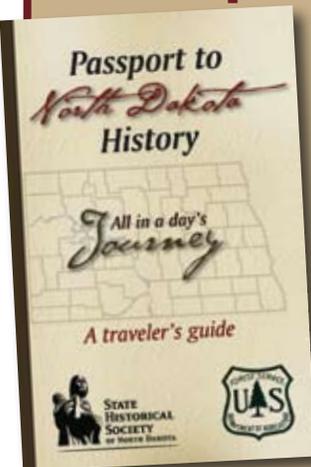
Photograph by Claudia Berg, SHSND

History students from Bismarck High School enter the mobile museum called the BUS-eum 2 as it is parked in front of the North Dakota Heritage Center in September 2006. The traveling exhibit school bus told the story of German-American civilian internment during World War II. TRACES Center for History and Culture in St. Paul, Minnesota, which tells the story of the 18 internment camps and detention centers in the Midwest during the war, created this exhibit, which toured North Dakota and six other Midwestern states in the fall of 2006. The State Historical Society provided funding for BUS-eum 2 stops at 10 high schools throughout the state, while the North Dakota Humanities Council funded additional stops.

## Passport is Handy Guide to Historic Sites

This pocket-sized traveler's guide to North Dakota historic sites gives a brief introduction to a variety of sites in North Dakota, including the Dakota Prairie Grassland, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service sites such as the Maah Daah Hey Trail, state historic sites such as the Chateau de Mores, and Bonanza and the Bagg Bonanza Farm near Fargo. This handy guide, which also includes campgrounds, wildlife refuges, scenic byways, and other sites statewide, was published with the support of dozens of partners

and a grant from the USDA's U.S. Forest Service. Copies are available by contacting the SHSND Foundation at (701) 222-1966 or email at [nelsenva@btinet.net](mailto:nelsenva@btinet.net).



Armed with a vacuum cleaner backpack, Casey Gruman, a SHSND graphics summer intern, had the honor of vacuuming the buffalo in the gallery at the North Dakota Heritage Center May 29, 2007. A student at Minnesota State University-Moorhead, Gruman was one of a team of interns and SHSND staff who volunteered their time to participate in the annual exhibit cleaning. Many college students have gained valuable work experience as interns with the SHSND since the program's inception in November 1982.



Photograph by Jenny Yearous, SHSND



Photograph by Scott Schaffnit, SHSND

The "Heritage of Acoustic Music" at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck March 24, 2007 was the scene of this jam session, which included numerous musicians of all ages. Also included in the day were 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 from throughout the state.

## The SHSND

The State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The Foundation works to provide needed support for the expansion visions of the State Historical Society.

Highlights of FY07 included:

- Fundraising efforts for the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center – launched by Bismarck consultant **Cordell Dick** and **Marlo Sveen**, development director of the Foundation, and supported by Foundation board members – were able to raise \$1.8 million in initial fundraising calls from October 2006 to February 2007. The board has invested hundreds of hours in the fundraising field during FY07.
- In January the Foundation and Society organized a reception for state legislators at the North Dakota Heritage Center. The January 4, 2007 event included former Governors Arthur Link and Ed Schafer, and Governor John Hoeven, plus more than 400 legislators, History's Trustees, and other friends and supporters. The Foundation announced the first three major gifts to the capital campaign for the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center: Arthur and Grace Link, \$100,000; Ruth Dahlgren Hartman, \$100,000; and the North Dakota Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) Association and its member RECs, \$250,000.
- The Foundation was actively involved in the 2007 Legislative Session, supporting the Society's bills and working with more than 180 History's Trustees and supporters, connected via the Foundation's email newsletter. These supporters visited with legislators and attended hearings.
- At the end of the 2007 Legislative Session, the Society was able to include in its \$15.5 million budget for 2007-09 many new initiatives, including \$1.5 million for architectural planning for the Phase Two expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center; funding for the new Chateau de Mores and Fort Abercrombie interpretive centers; funding toward the Society's goal of acquiring the Cold War missile sites near Cooperstown; and funding for Fort Totten main-

## Foundation

tenance, updates to exhibits at the North Dakota Heritage Center, development of walking tours at Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site, marketing for the Society, and 'seed money' for planning the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial commemoration for North Dakota. Three new full-time employees were also added to the Society's staff.

- Since 2001 the SHSND has received more than \$21 million in support for one-time expansion projects and improvements to the historical resources of the state. Funds were from the state legislature, federal sources, and private donations. The Foundation has been involved in helping to secure these funds.
- \$1.5 million was raised in pledges by the Foundation for the expansion and used as the required match to release the legislatively funded \$1.5 million to the Society to begin planning the Phase Two expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center.
- The Foundation worked with board members to plan for the continuation of the capital campaign and the Foundation's development and growth.
- Membership continued to grow substantially in FY07, driven by strong direct mail efforts and the History's Trustee program. Membership neared 2,200 with 240 Trustees.
- A Foundation website was developed to support the expansion efforts. The website address is: [www.statehistoricalfoundation.com](http://www.statehistoricalfoundation.com).
- In May 2007, 850 *Lewis and Clark Journey of Discovery Backpacks* filled with tourism and educational materials were delivered by Cass-Clay Creamery, Inc., of Fargo to North Dakota schools. The project was funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service with support from the Society and nearly 20 other organizations. The *Passport to North Dakota History* booklet was also given to school libraries, as well as an opportunity to receive a free subscription to the Society's quarterly journal, *North Dakota History*.

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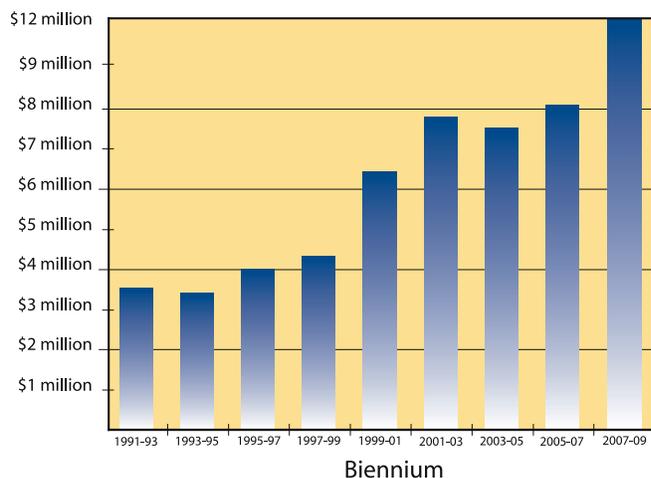
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A reception for legislators and supporters was held at the North Dakota Heritage Center as the 2007 legislative session began. The January 4 event, sponsored by the SHSND and its Foundation, featured remarks by three governors. At the podium is SHSND Director Merl Paaverud. Seated (l to r) are Governor John Hoeven, SHSND Foundation Director Virginia Nelsen, former Governor Arthur Link and First Lady Grace Link, and former Governor Edward Schafer.



Photograph by Claudia Berg, SHSND

SHSND staff members Gerald Newborg and Susan Quinell worked at a "learning lodge" that the state's history agency hosted at the 37<sup>th</sup> annual United Tribes International Pow Wow at the United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck September 7-10, 2006. As part of the educational outreach of the Society, the booth provided hands-on educational materials and information of interest to Pow Wow attendees.



Photograph by Dolores Linn, SHSND

The Chateau de Mores was represented in the Flag Day parade in the Old West town of Medora by this horse-drawn entry carrying several of the site's staff, including Karen Nelson portraying the Madame de Mores (in white). Nelson portrays the wife of the Marquis de Mores in the popular SHSND *History Alive!* program.



The Society receives many letters of thanks each year from visitors to the state museums and state historic sites. This one, from a first grader at Bismarck's Prairie Rose Elementary School, was received after a class visit to the North Dakota Heritage Center.



Photograph by Jeff Blanchard, SHSND

A living history portrayal of a Métis buffalo hunter, portrayed by Christopher Floyd of Minot, was a highlight of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual *Gingras Day!* celebration August 12, 2006 at the Gingras Trading Post State Historic Site near Walhalla. The festivities also featured music by the Fauske Fiddlers of Bottineau.