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FROM THE DIRECTOR

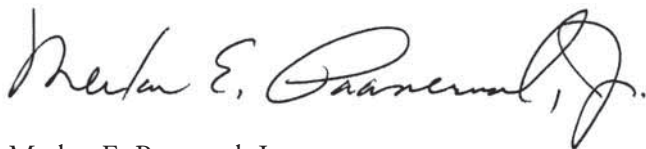
Hello everyone.

The past year has been a very busy one with a focus on a number of projects sponsored by the Society. The biggest and most dramatic project continues to be the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center. This has presented some interesting challenges for staff as major changes are being made in the original building and with 97,000 square feet of new space being added. Supporters of the Society have risen to the occasion, and this has enabled us to move forward. Work is underway to plan the new exhibits and interpretive programs. New high tech systems will add to your experience. It will be a wonderful place to visit where you can learn and enjoy our history.

The Society has also made progress on a number of building projects and programs on historic sites around the state. Interpretation and programming have again been focus areas throughout the system. This report will provide the details. The oil boom has brought new visitors from around the world to the historic sites as they seek to learn more about North Dakota and its past. We are happy to provide this service to them.

I hope you will enjoy reading this 2012 annual report for the State Historical Society of North Dakota. We want you to know what we have been doing over the last year. The State's history continues to be made, and we are doing our part to make sure it is permanently recorded and available to the public.

Thank you.



Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
Director



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State Historical Society of
North Dakota

Our Mission

To identify,
preserve,
interpret,
and promote
the heritage of
North Dakota
and its people.

The State Historical Society of North Dakota has operated as the state's department of history, archaeology, and archives since 1895. In 2012, the agency had 63 full-time employees and more than two hundred volunteers working in its five divisions. The divisions include Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Communications and Education, State Archives, Museum, and Administration. Along with the State Museum, the staff maintains 56 outlying state historic sites across North Dakota and five museum stores.

People are often confused about the relationships among the State Historical Society, the Heritage Center, and the State Museum.

- The North Dakota Heritage Center is the name of the building that houses the State Historical Society offices, Paleontology offices of the ND Geologic Survey and the State Fossil Collection, the State Museum, and its store. Open since 1981, the Heritage Center is accredited by the American Association of Museums (AAM).
- The State Historical Society is comprised of the staff who fulfill the mission.
- The State Museum is located within the Heritage Center and offers temporary and permanent exhibits that preserve, interpret, and tell the history of North Dakota.

2,568

artifacts were display in the State Museum at the Heritage Center before the doors closed for remodeling in fall 2012.

249,239

people visited the State Historical Society of North Dakota website in 2012. Check it out at history.nd.gov! Watch for a new State Museum website debuting in 2014.

63

staff in 2012 provided services in diverse areas in the ND Heritage Center and at state historic sites across North Dakota.

1,109

linear feet of materials were inventoried in the State Archives



OUR STORY



Eighth grade students from the Valley-Edinburg school found treasures in the Gingras Trading Post store.

At the State Historical Society of North Dakota, there is palpable energy as our dedicated and highly skilled team of curators, educators, archivists, historians, site supervisors, archaeologists, and many additional staff work to preserve and promote North Dakota's heritage while striving to help the public find meaningful ways to engage with history.

People

PEOPLE

Our most valuable resource is our staff and volunteers, who work tirelessly to deliver excellent customer service and educate the historians and curators of the future.

More than 3,000 grade-school students from across the state received tours or learned about topics ranging from North Dakota rivers and rainfall to dinosaur fossils in 2012.

In 2012, our team of 63 staff members, along with more than two hundred volunteers, were ready to help engage visitors in meaningful experiences while they toured state historic sites, gazed at artifacts, researched family histories and archival documents, interpreted history around them and participated in educational programs.

“The public archaeological dig near Medora was a great learning experience and a great family time,” said Cordell Dick of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, who helped unearth a crocodile fossil with other participants led by staff from the North Dakota Geological Survey, a partner of the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Our staff added new exhibits and artifacts, enhanced educational programs, expanded the resources of the North Dakota Studies program, and planned details of a massive expansion of the State Museum. But no matter how far we’ve come, we know history is fluid and ever-evolving. This knowledge drives us to continue growing, expanding, and finding new ways to bring history alive while keeping our visitors at the center of everything we do.

2012 SHSND Leadership

The daily operations of the State Historical Society are managed by an agency director and a team of division directors.

- Merlan Paaverud, Director
- Dave Skalsky, Administration, Assistant Director
- Ann Jenks, State Archives Director
- Kimberly Jondahl, Communications & Education Director
- Fern Swenson, Archaeology & Historic Preservation Director
- Chris Johnson, Museum Director

Heritage Volunteers Honored

“We simply could not do what we accomplish without the dedicated help of our volunteers. Our volunteers are at the heart of every part of this organization,” said Beth Campbell, SHSND visitor services coordinator. In 2012 volunteers donated fourteen thousand hours of service. More than two hundred volunteers, ages fourteen to 94, donated their time and talents to help the agency meet its mission. Since 1981, volunteers statewide have contributed more than 374,000 hours of service to the Society and its sites and museums.

Our State Archives staff helped more than 11,000 researchers in 2012. They placed over 44,000 photographic prints, slides, and negatives in archival sleeves and boxes for improved public access and protection.

In 2012, SHSND Director Merl Paaverud (left) and Archives Specialist Larissa Harrison (right) presented ten years of service awards to volunteers Robert Bird and Erlys Fardal.



In April 2012:

- Erlys Fardal of Bismarck received the SHSND Dedication Award for donating 488 hours of service from 2011-12 as a volunteer for the State Archives and Communication and Education division.
- Janice Hunt of Bismarck received the Hospitality Award for exceptional loyalty and enthusiasm in a public area. She has donated more than 700 volunteer hours to SHSND.
- Lilian Wilson of Bismarck received the Curatorial Award for the outstanding individual in a behind-the-scenes role. She has donated more than 2,464 hours of service as a State Archives volunteer.
- Barbara Handy-Marchello of Bismarck received the Special Project Award for her volunteer work in the museum collection area.
- Carol Heyd of Bismarck was presented a thirty-year service award for volunteering at the State Museum. She has donated more than 2,211 hours.
- Robert Bird of Bismarck received a ten-year service award, logging more than 896 volunteer hours.

Excellence in History Awards Presented

In October 2012, awards honoring achievements related to North Dakota history were presented at the 24th annual Governor's Conference on North Dakota History in Bismarck, sponsored by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Awards were presented in three categories including Excellence in Local History, Heritage Profile Honor Award, and North Dakota Person of History Award.

The Excellence in Local History Award recognizes those associated with local, county, and regional historical organizations within North Dakota whose activity serves as a role model of excellence. The 2012 recipients included Whitestone Hill Battlefield Historical Society and Ella Guenther from Dunn Center, ND. Whitestone Hill Battlefield Historical Society is a friends' group for the Whitestone Hill State Historic Site near Kulm, ND. This group sponsors Whitestone Hill Education Day and works with school groups to better understand the history of the site and local area. They also sponsor an outdoor concert and history presentation every year. Also recognized posthumously was Ella Guenther, who led efforts to establish a museum in Dunn County. She collected and preserved items that later established the Dunn County Historical Society's artifact collection. Guenther also led the effort in the building project for the current museum facility and related activities.

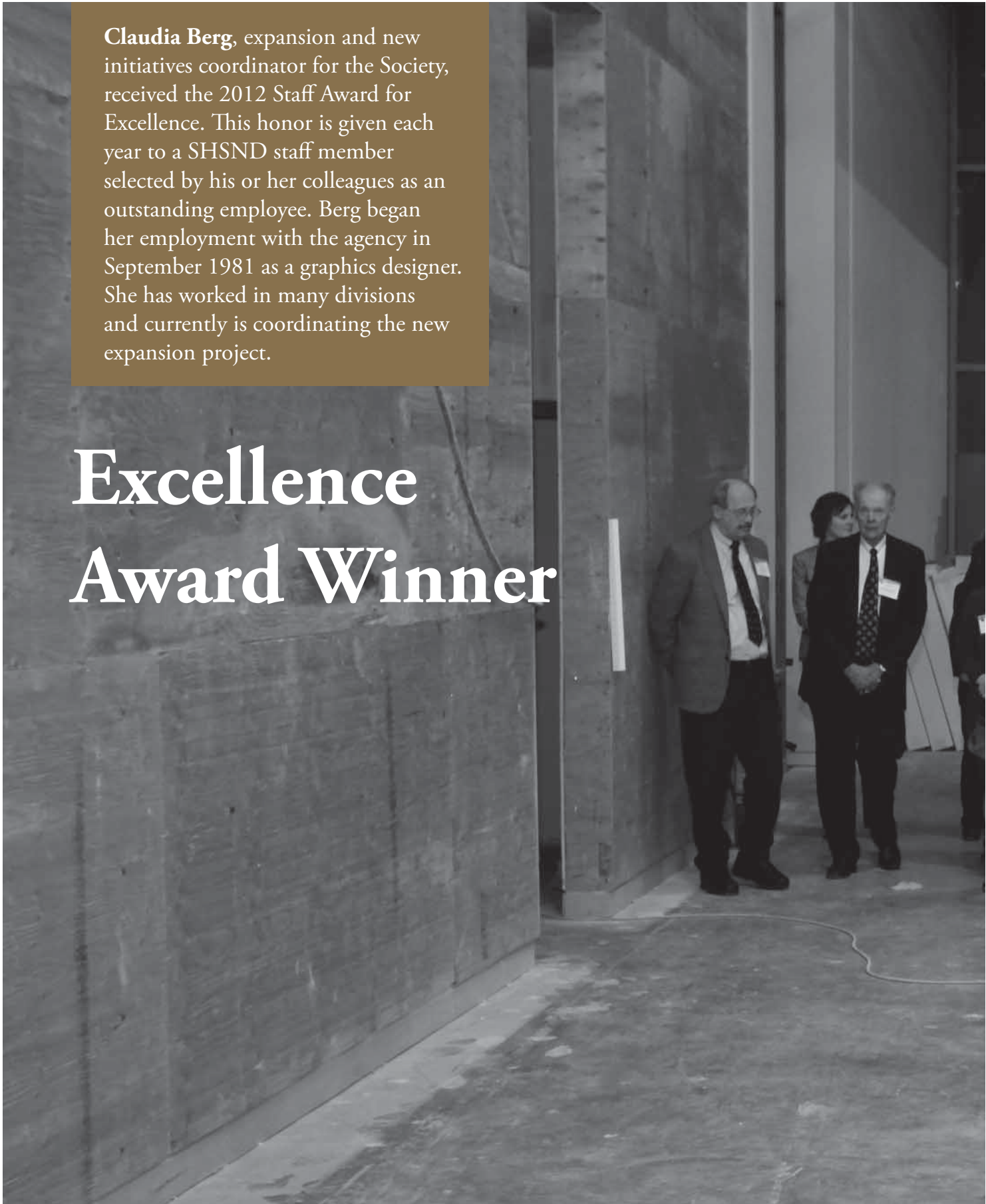
The Heritage Profile Honor Award recognizes individuals who made a lasting or significant contribution in researching and writing the history of North Dakota. The 2012 recipient was Gilbert L. Wilson, who was nominated posthumously for his extensive ethnographic work recording information about the Mandan and Hidatsa people at Fort Berthold Reservation from 1907 to 1918. Most notably, Wilson's work with Maxi'diwiac (Buffalo Bird Woman) and her family has been significant in preservation and interpretation of the history of the Missouri River and related sites.

The North Dakota Person of History Award posthumously recognizes individuals who have had a prominent role in making the history of North Dakota. The 2012 recipients included Maxi'diwiac (Buffalo Bird Woman) and Dr. Wilson Morrow Laird. Maxi'diwiac worked with anthropologists to record the history of the Mandan and Hidatsa people. Her work helped to preserve traditional experiences and lifeways of Native Americans, specifically the village farming techniques of the Hidatsa people. Also recognized was Dr. Wilson Morrow Laird, who was nominated for his scientific work and geologic studies that brought national recognition to his work as North Dakota state geologist. He was a leader in the enactment of an effective oil and gas conservation statute that ensures the orderly development of the oil and gas industry in the state.

People

Claudia Berg, expansion and new initiatives coordinator for the Society, received the 2012 Staff Award for Excellence. This honor is given each year to a SHSND staff member selected by his or her colleagues as an outstanding employee. Berg began her employment with the agency in September 1981 as a graphics designer. She has worked in many divisions and currently is coordinating the new expansion project.

Excellence Award Winner





State Historic Sites

Key to providing our visitors from around the world with meaningful experiences is preserving and maintaining state historic sites across North Dakota. Our staff and partner organizations bring history to life with an eclectic mix of educational programming including character portrayals, reenactments of flag raisings, a cemetery walk with ghosts from the past, and a young violinist showcase. We have worked with local communities to enhance their own historic preservation and interpretation, updated some existing facilities, and prepared for major construction projects that will help shape a positive future.

With 56 state historic sites to maintain, the State Historical Society of North Dakota always has something in the works to benefit visitors. Following are highlights from a few of our most-visited sites:

Former Governors' Mansion

The Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site in Bismarck continued its tradition of hosting popular annual events. Events such as annual ice cream social and the holiday open house continued to draw great crowds. Newer events such as the Crafters Bee and Spring Tea have strong community interest and will continue to grow in popularity.

The annual Arthur A. Link Fiddle Festival continued in the tradition of music at the mansion. For 2012, in partnership with the Society for the Preservation of the Former Governors' Mansion and Bismarck Public Schools, more than fifty elementary students performed for a full house. The Fiddle Festival is becoming an important part of the music curriculum for Bismarck students.

Camp Hancock

Two important happenings took place at Camp Hancock during 2011-12. A shelter was completed over the Northern Pacific Railroad Locomotive displayed on the grounds of the site. In celebration, more than 250 people came out to enjoy a free baked potato lunch and listen to railroad songs with musician Kelly Kiemele.

An additional major happening, held in partnership with the Bismarck Historical Society, was the hosting of the 140th anniversary of the founding of Bismarck in May 1872. About 400 people came to celebrate with cake and entertainment by the Bismarck Elks Choir and North Dakota folk artist Chuck Suchy. The 140th party was the kickoff event for a 10-year celebration leading up to a party on the state capitol grounds to celebrate the 150th birthday of Bismarck in 2022.



Students perform with Bismarck musician Jeremy Overbeck at the Former Governor's Mansion.



Fort Totten State Historic Site Interpretive Center

Fort Totten State Historic Site

The Fort Totten State Historic Site hosted many great events in 2011-12. Fourth grade students from from Warwick Elementary and Four Winds enjoyed learning about local nature, the Dakota culture, and playing old-fashioned children's games in May.

Among visitors was a contingent of US National Guard members from Puerto Rico temporarily stationed at Camp Grafton. In July 2012, the site hosted the St. Stephen's Lutheran Church of Fort Totten annual health fair/bike rodeo. The group gave away 80 bicycles to a great group of children.

About 150 former and current members of the Fort Totten Little Theater gathered at Fort Totten to celebrate their 50th anniversary. The site also put together a float for the Fort Totten Days parade to promote the site and add to community festivities.

Sites

Fall 2012 was highlighted by two major events. The staff launched a successful Halloween event, “Haunted Fort Totten,” attended by more than 200 people. They plan to make the event bigger and better next year! In addition, about 350 area students attended the 20th annual Fort Totten Living History Field Day event.

To help preserve the buildings, several important repair projects were completed at the site: tuck pointing and relaying brick for chimneys on the Totten Trail Inn, Building #5 and #6; brickwork in the interpretive center; painting the exterior of the Commanding Officer’s Quarters and Powder Magazine; and phase one of rehabilitation on the hospital building which houses the Pioneer Daughter’s Museum.

The final addition this year was to recreate a small gazebo that once stood on the south side of the grounds during the industrial school period. Thanks to funding from the Friends of Fort Totten Foundation and the carpentry class of Candeska Cikana Community College, led by Louis Garcia and Bob Sylling, the gazebo was rebuilt in 2012.

Visitation in 2012 was about 4,500 people, an increase of 1,000 from the previous year.

Pembina State Museum

- At Pembina State Museum, select artifacts were replaced in the permanent gallery. Faded legends were updated and replaced. The traveling “How Does Your Garden Grow? Gardening in North Dakota” exhibit created by SHSND was added to the temporary gallery.
- Annual programs including Halloween Fun Day, Easter Egg Hunt, and Memorial Day observations continued to be popular. The museum also sponsored a series of workshops by the Alzheimer’s Association of Eastern North Dakota.
- Visitation increased 7% from 4,519 in 2010-2011 to 4,862 in 2011-2012.

Gingras Trading Post State Historic Site

- New interpretive panels were installed in the Gingras house.
- A feasibility plan was developed to evaluate the possibility of adding an interpretive center to the site.
- Visitation increased 24% from 647 in 2010-2011 to 854 people in 2011-2012.

Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site

After opening its doors on July 13, 2009, the Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site enjoyed its third full year of operation. Operations at the site primarily focused on delivering new educational programs and continued restoration of the site.



- The site implemented the Youth Missile Commander program—a program that offers visiting children the challenge to complete workbook activities in reward for a special Youth Missile Commander patch (similar to patches worn by missile crew members who served at Oscar-Zero).

- The site continued its Crew Commander Tours. The tours offer a special in-depth look at the site with former 321st Strategic Missile Wing members, followed by lunch at the Griggs County Museum.

Former members of the 321st Strategic Missile Wing gathered inside the Launch Control Center during a special reunion hosted by the Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site. *Photographer: Philip Parnell*

A bugler played during a flag retreat ceremony at Fort Buford when the US flag was lowered before sunset.



- The site was the primary host of a three-day 321st Strategic Missile Wing Reunion that attracted about 90 former members.
- The site hosted the Valley City Boy Scouts. Scouts slept overnight in tents on the Oscar-Zero grounds, received talks concerning the National Register and Museum Careers, watched War Games in the site's Orientation Room, and completed a volunteer service project.
- The site continued to expand its importance to area schools while hosting 13 school groups representing 345 students and 37 educators.
- The site increased its fan base on its Facebook site and began an Oscar-Zero blog at oscarzero.wordpress.com.
- Interpretation of the site was enhanced through a Site Interpreter's Handbook, as well as an oral history video displayed on televisions in the historic facility manager's bedroom and the security control center.
- The site supported and assisted in the coordination of the first dinner for the Friends of Oscar-Zero, featuring Cold War historian and State Historical Society of North Dakota Board member Al Berger
- The site continued to research information about its facilities as it completed a Building Structures Report for the Oscar-Zero Missile Alert Facility and the November-33 Launch Facility. This report will serve as one tool to help guide on going preservation and restoration efforts.
- Restoration activities at November-33 included removal of accumulated windblown dirt around the launcher closure door of N-33 as well as the painting of a number of exterior features. At Oscar Zero, fields on portions of the State's property were cut, and the physical landscape was restored to a historically accurate appearance.
- A cornerstone of the site's activities continued to be the acquisition of important historical documents and primary sources. Additional video and audio recording equipment was purchased to improve the "Memories of the Missile Field" oral history program.
- The site hosted a representative from the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Through this visit, a final step in a formal process, the site was certified by the US Air Force for eventual long-term loans of macro objects such as a Minuteman III missile, Peacekeeper armored vehicle, Transporter-Erector, and/or UH-1 Helicopter.

Properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2012

- Florence Lake School #3, Burleigh County
- Green Consolidated School #99, Barnes County
- B'nai Israel Synagogue and Montefiore Cemetery, Grand Forks
- Fargo Oak Grove Residential Neighborhood District, Fargo
- Lower Souris National Wildlife Refuge Airplane Hangar, J Clark Salyer NWR, McHenry County
- The Kegs Drive-In, Grand Forks
- Lynch Quarry Site National Historic Landmark, Dunn County

Sites

Fort Abercrombie

- Fort Abercrombie Interpretive Center opened in May 2008. From July 2011 to June 2012, the site had 4,280 visitors. Programs throughout the season showcased the history of the fort and frontier military life. A children's reading group met weekly during the summer. A local community celebration known as "Aber Days" was celebrated in June 2012. Fort Abercrombie supported the event by hosting special demonstrations on the fort grounds.
- The Red River continues to eat away at the site. More ground has slumped into the river on the east and north side of the fort grounds. Negotiations with the Army Corps of Engineers and local landowners were begun. Archaeological excavations were done in June 2012 in preparation for work by the Corps of Engineers. Work in fall 2012 was completed except for removal of the temporary road.

Fort Clark

- Fort Clark's visitation from July 2011 to June 2012 was at least 2,585 visitors. Aaron Young, site supervisor, worked hard to keep the site looking good.

Whitestone Hill

- Visitation at Whitestone Hill from July 2011 to June 2012 was 2,704. The eleventh annual Education Day was held August 26, 2012, with approximately 180 students, twenty adults, and eleven schools participating.
- The museum building constructed during the late 1930s burned November 2009 due to arson. Restoration on the building began in fall 2010 and was completed in spring 2011. There are plans to put exhibit panels in the building and interpretive panels on the grounds of the site.
- The State Historical Society received a grant from the American Battlefield Protection Program to do an archaeological survey and write a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for Whitestone Hill. The nomination was presented to the State Review Board in December 2010. The nomination was denied because the Review Board wanted the proposal to be more inclusive of the Dakota people's use of the site before the military action and should include more of the Dakota people who were involved. This is an ongoing project.

Fort Buford

- Throughout the year Fort Buford staff worked on a grant from Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail adding interpretive signs to walking trails.
- Site Supervisor Steven Reidburn researched Buffalo Soldiers at Fort Buford.
- A number of public programs took place throughout the year including the annual 6th Infantry Encampment, a flag lowering, the annual Cemetery Walk, a day for Cub Scouts, Christmas at the Confluence, a winter bird count, an Easter egg hunt cosponsored by the Trenton Fire Department, and "Business After Hours" at MYCIC as part of Williston Chamber of Commerce.
- The site offers a monthly Fort Buford Book Club, meetings of the Confluence Quilters, and a free Sunday concert each month.

State Archives



Participants cleaned photographs at the Institute of Museum and Library Services Connecting to Collections grant workshop at Minot State University in May 2012.

The State Archives staff acquires, preserves, and references the documentary holdings of the State Historical Society of North Dakota. It is the depository for the records of enduring value produced by state agencies and local government offices. The division also acquires and preserves research materials relating to North Dakota and the Northern Great Plains including manuscript collections, books, periodicals, maps, newspapers, audio and video materials, and photographs.

- Reference requests and website visits to the State Archives 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 11,000 researchers were served directly through the reading room, mail and email, telephone requests, and interlibrary loan.
- Over 170 new rolls of microfilm were produced and 139 orders for microfilm purchase were completed. Web access continued to increase as additional information on archival holdings was added and updated.
- More than 44,000 photographic prints, slides, negatives, and glass plates were rehoused in archival sleeves and boxes. Over 200 maps, manuscripts, and books were placed in archival sleeves, encapsulated in mylar, or placed in special acid free containers for improved protection and access.
- More than 1,400 images were uploaded to Digital Horizons.
- More than 3,000 publications were added to the cataloged holdings during the year. Over 850 linear feet of archival records were accessioned and re-boxed, and 1,109 linear feet of materials were inventoried. Over 950 records series descriptions were reviewed for state and local government retention schedules.
- A National Historic Publications and Records Commission State and National Archives Partnership grant funded two Society of American Archivist workshops on Oral History and Security for Archives and Manuscript Repositories held in Fargo and Bismarck.
- A \$350,000 two-year National Endowment for the Humanities grant to participate in the National Digital Newspaper Program provided for digitization of 100,000 newspaper pages to be made fully text searchable on the Library of Congress Chronicling America website. The titles selected by the Advisory Board are: the Bismarck Tribune, 1873-1922, Jamestown Weekly Alert, 1882-1904, Ward County Independent, 1903-1921, Weekly Times-Record (Valley City), 1912-1922, and Williston Graphic, 1895-1898, 1902-1919.
- The first year of the Institute of Museum and Library Services Connecting to Collection Implementation joint grant of \$238,000 between North Dakota and South Dakota focused on assessments and collections care workshops for twelve libraries, museums, and archives across the two states.
- Documents were moved to make room for new compact shelving and future growth in first-floor storage areas. Agency staff moved the Federal Serial Set and shifted the main book collection leaving room for growth. All oversized federal, state and local government documents, manuscripts, ephemera, posters, and maps were sorted and assigned to new locations, greatly improving access for visitors.



Thousands of local children attended the Summer Reading Kickoff at the ND Heritage Center in June 2012 hosted by the Bismarck and Mandan public libraries.

Education

Secretary of State Al Jaeger presented a North Dakota Person of History Award to Maxi'diwiac (Buffalo Bird Woman), accepted by relatives. SHSND Director Merl Paaverud is on the right.



At the State Historical Society of North Dakota, we strive to enhance our relationships with visitors and partners. We are continually looking for creative new ways to encourage visitors to meaningfully participate with our work at the museum and other historical spaces. We continually explore ways to continue the exchange beyond the museum visit experience and weave it into the daily fabric of our visitors' lives. Those connections are made through public presentations, teacher workshops, speaking and learning at national conferences, one-on-one visits with staff in gallery spaces, developing interesting classroom curriculums for students, and more.

"This is about relevance," said Erik Holland, curator of education at the SHSND. "Our goal is to connect with people's interests and passions. If we can help people think about history in a way that connects to their own life story, that's exciting for us."

National History Day

- In partnership with North Dakota State Archives, we received a National Historical Publications and Records Commission grant to facilitate the development of finding aids related to the National History Day theme.
- Coordinated the National History Day in North Dakota program, including supporting regional competitions, hosting the state competition at the Bismarck Public Schools Career Academy, and accompanying eight students to the national competition in Maryland.
- Student Alyssa Kozma wrote an essay for the Salute to Freedom Award, a contest highlighting what each state undertook on the home front related to WWII. Her photo essay described the conversion of Minot State Teacher's College into a school for V-5 pilot training. Kozma represented North Dakota at the grand opening of the U.S. Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center of the World War II Museum in New Orleans, LA.

North Dakota Studies Program

- Eighth grade curriculum development moves forward as the agency writes content for an online textbook. The creative approach for this undertaking is unique. Research focuses on primary source materials in the North Dakota State Archives that can exemplify the specific curriculum topic. An essay and classroom activities are being written for each topic.
- From July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012, the ND Studies program at the SHSND sold 4,306 textbooks for grades 4, 8, and high school. Sales totaled \$69,743.
- The ND Studies program at the SHSND coordinates the National History Teacher of the Year Award for North Dakota. Kari Hall, a Williston High School social studies teacher, was named the 2012 North Dakota History Teacher of the Year.

North Dakota Teacher Resource Coalition

- Continuing Partnership with NDSU, North Dakota Council on the Arts, the North Dakota Humanities Council, North Dakota Geographic Alliance, and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site
- Curator of Education Erik Holland served as Teacher of Record for the 2012 North Dakota Teacher Resource Coalition summer institute at Minot State University.

Earth Day

- The State Historical Society of North Dakota and the North Dakota Geological Survey are members of the partnership that presents interactive environmentally focused activities to all Bismarck school 6th graders and presents an environmental fair open to the public for about 1,200.

Water Festival

- This event presents a hands-on activity based program for 12 classes of 4th graders from the Bismarck school system that helps students understand the value of record keeping for weather prediction

Governor's Conference on North Dakota History

- In October 2012, the State Historical Society of North Dakota hosted the 24th annual Governor's Conference on North Dakota History, focusing on agricultural topics from past to present.

Teach in the Gallery program

- This partnership program with University of Mary provided pre-service social studies teachers with opportunities to have informal education interactions with 4th graders in the gallery of the North Dakota Heritage Center. This program gives experience to college students using informal education techniques they would not encounter in their regular curriculum and practice.

Sensational Second Sundays

- Historical and musical programs were part of the Sensational Second Sunday public programming at the North Dakota Heritage Center. These programs provide opportunities for the audience to interact with the presenters.

Read North Dakota

- As a partner with Prairie Public, the North Dakota Humanities Council, the North Dakota Council on the Arts, and the North Dakota Library Association assisted with the annual reading event with Larry Woiwode, memoirist.

SEND aligned to state curriculum standards

- A classroom teacher volunteered to survey the printed materials in each the Suitcase Exhibits for North Dakota (SEND) and charted their alignment to the benchmarks and State Social Studies Content Standards.
- Funding has been identified from the North Dakota office of the NASA Space Grant Consortium for development of a SEND trunk focused on North Dakota's Night Sky.

The Heritage Outbound: Winter Adventure was expanded to include an optional tour of Fort Clark State Historic Site. Participants enjoyed activities including the use of spears and atlatls for a mock bison hunt. The event highlight was a bison feast accompanied by traditional Hidatsa stories and music inside the reconstructed earthlodge at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site around a blazing fire.

The Summer Reading Kickoff event was visited by nearly 2,000 youngsters. The Historical Society partnered with the Gateway to Science to staff an inflatable planetarium called Starlab. Native American stories about the constellations were read for hundreds of young visitors.

Curator of Education, Erik Holland completed his term on the Museum Education Roundtable board after seven years, three as president of the board.



SHSND Expansion Coordinator Claudia Berg, former Governor Allen Olson, Governor Jack Dalrymple, and SHSND Curator of Education Erik Holland welcomed visitors to the Last Hurrah Party before the gallery closed for renovations in fall 2012.

Exhibits

As part of a special Art of the Areas display in 2011, the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center featured artwork by Linda Conradsen of Savage, MT. Her series of paintings, "Clark on the Yellowstone," showcased the encounters of William Clark and his crew members on August 2, 1806. Prints are available for purchase at the Confluence store.



Expanding our Exhibits and Collections

The Museum Division collects and manages artifact collections representative of North Dakota history and culture, designs and mounts interpretive exhibits at the State Museum and ten branch museums, and oversees a traveling exhibit program. With the Main Gallery of the State Museum closing for renovations in October 2012, the Museum Division staff had a very busy year!



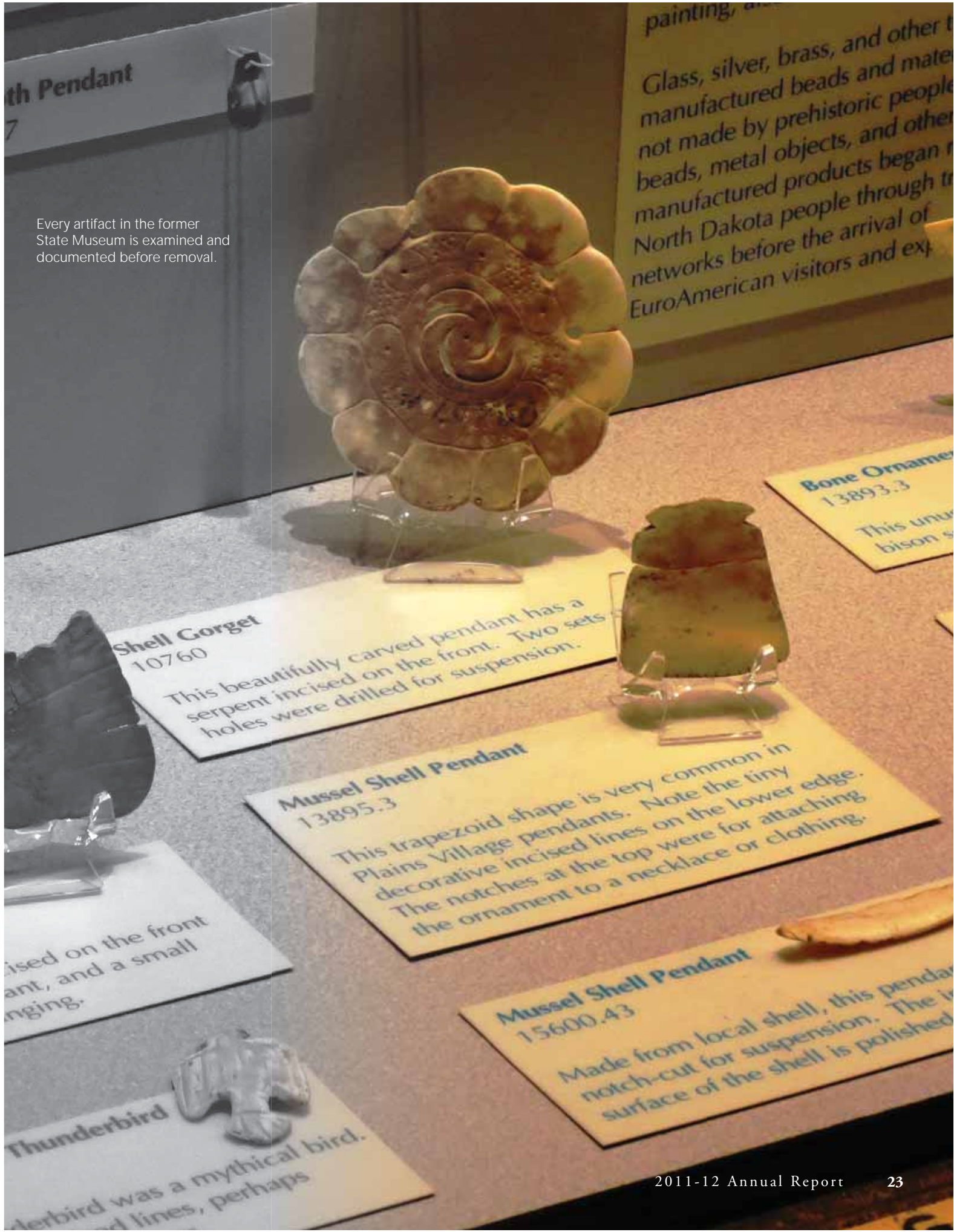
Wendi Murray, Archeology Collections manager, measured and documented items being removed from the State Museum in 2012.

Historic Sites Exhibits

- The traveling National Park Service exhibit *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War* was installed at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center in October 2011.
- The temporary exhibit, *The Art of Einar Olstad* was installed at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center in February 2012.
- The *How Does Your Garden Grow?* temporary exhibit on the history of gardening in North Dakota was installed at the Pembina State Museum in April 2012.
- The temporary exhibit, *Lincoln's Legacy in North Dakota*, was installed at Fort Totten State Historic Site in May 2012. The exhibit will be up for two years as part of the Civil War commemoration.
- A new gun carriage was purchased for the 12 Pounder Gun, Model 1857 (Napoleon), that had been on display at Fort Rice State Historic Site. The cannon and its carriage will be put on display in the new exhibits at the North Dakota Heritage Center.

Temporary Exhibits at the North Dakota Heritage Center

- The refurbished *Birds of North Dakota* exhibit was temporarily installed in the Main Gallery of the North Dakota Heritage Center in July 2011. It will be installed in the Sheyenne River Hallway of the expanded North Dakota Heritage Center in late summer of 2013.



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Every artifact in the former State Museum is examined and documented before removal.

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Shell Gorget
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This beautifully carved pendant has a serpent incised on the front. Two sets of holes were drilled for suspension.

Bone Ornament
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This unusual bison s

Mussel Shell Pendant
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This trapezoid shape is very common in Plains Village pendants. Note the tiny decorative incised lines on the lower edge. The notches at the top were for attaching the ornament to a necklace or clothing.

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Mussel Shell Pendant
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Made from local shell, this pendant is notch-cut for suspension. The interior surface of the shell is polished

Thunderbird
Thunderbird was a mythical bird. Its lines, perhaps

- The traveling exhibit *Native Words, Native Warriors* was installed on the main level of the North Dakota Heritage Center in August 2011.
- The temporary exhibit, *Creating Sakakawea* was installed in the Sperry Gallery at the Heritage Center in December 2011.

Upcoming Exhibits at the expanded North Dakota Heritage Center

- Portions of the Main Gallery were closed in spring of 2011 to allow Comstock Construction to do important structural work on the Heritage Center. Museum staff removed objects from display, and dismantled exhibit casework and platforms to give the contractor space to do their work.
- Great Plains Exhibit Development was hired in fall 2011 to assist the State Historical Society of North Dakota with developing more than 33,000 square feet of exhibit space. This firm was selected from a strong field of applicants. Since hiring Great Plains, some important milestones have been reached:
 - Review of preliminary concepts and consultation with members of North Dakota's five reservations was held in February 2012.
 - An overall interpretive plan that looks at all the future gallery spaces was completed in April 2012.
 - Community meetings to discuss potential exhibits in the expanded Heritage Center were held in June 2012.
- The exhibit firm of Reich + Petch was hired in spring 2012 to assist the State Historical Society with the development of a new 1,000 square-foot children's exhibit called The Treehouse located on the mezzanine of the current building. Concept designs have been completed. This exhibit is scheduled to be completed in late 2013.

Collections Accomplishments

- Museum Division collections staff provided technical assistance to the Ward County Historical Society in their efforts to recover from the flooding of 2011.
- Museum Division collections are currently on loan in twenty communities in North Dakota and also one loan to a museum in Washington DC.
- There were 110 collections accepted into the museum collections during the fiscal year.

Foundation

Harold Hamm, chairman and CEO of Continental Resources, Inc., a major donor to the North Dakota Heritage Center expansion project, was an honored guest at the SHSND Foundation Recognition Dinner May 4, 2012, in Bismarck. Continental Resources' gift of \$1.8 million was announced in January 2010. The theme of the dinner was "Celebrating the Unconventional," highlighting the "unconventional play" that is associated with Hamm's methods for horizontal drilling that cracked open the Bakken oil fields, creating the rush to North Dakota for oil exploration and drilling of recent years.



May 4, 2012, Recognition Event: The Foundation honored governors, thanked legislators, and showed gratitude to donors while bringing friends and partners together for an eventful evening in Bismarck. Guests numbered 468 – the Radisson room was full to the brim. Former First Lady Grace Link, Terrance Rockstad, Larry Rolfson and Hollis Nappen, all of Bismarck, and Continental Resources, Inc., Chairman and CEO Harold Hamm were among those honored for their contributions to the Foundation.

Link was presented with the Enduring Legacy Award for the contribution she and her husband, the late Governor Arthur Link, made toward the origination of the North Dakota Heritage Center in 1981 and its expansion. Rockstad and Rolfson were presented with Leadership Legacy Awards for their statewide outreach that brought donations and volunteers to support history projects and programs. Rockstad is CEO and chairman of Dan's SuperMarkets of North Dakota. Rolfson is vice president of relationship development at BlackRidge Bank of North Dakota. Nappen, a native of Lankin, ND, was recognized with the Family Legacy Award. A longtime supporter of state history programs and projects, he donated \$400,000 in memory of his late wife, Theodora Nappen, to fund the future Treehouse Gallery in the expanded North Dakota Heritage Center. An engineer, Nappen was the construction foreman for the Westland Oil Company from 1947 to 1968.

Also recognized were members of the ND Legislative Assembly for their support of funding for additions to historic sites and the Heritage Center. Governors William Guy, George Sinner, Allen Olson, Ed Schafer, John Hoeven and Jack Dalrymple were thanked for their leadership roles in the expansion efforts. Honored guest was Harold Hamm, chairman and CEO of Continental Resources, Inc., the largest mineral leaseholder in the Bakken oilfield in North Dakota and Montana. A major donor to Heritage Center expansion project, Continental Resources' gift of \$1.8 million was announced in January 2010.

Heritage Center Exhibit Planning – Regional Meetings Held: In May and June 2012, regional meetings were held in eight major cities. Legislators, Foundation trustees and donors were invited to the regional meetings. Local historical groups, city commissions, mayors, local members, and service club supporters were also invited to meetings in Grand Forks, Fargo, Valley City, Jamestown, Devils Lake, Bismarck, Minot, Dickinson, and Williston. Participants were given a presentation on the progress of the expansion and asked their expectations for the exhibits in the four new major galleries. Input was collected for exhibit planning meetings.



The SHSND Foundation Recognition Dinner May 4, 2012, honored many supporters for their contributions, including those shown here. From left, front row: Senator Karen Krebsbach, former First Lady Grace Link, former Governors George Sinner, Allen Olson and Ed Schafer, U.S. Representative Rick Berg, and Lieutenant Governor Drew Wrigley. Back Row: Representative Kenton Onstad, Representative Jerry Kelsch, Senator Aaron Krauter (ret), Representative Vicky Steiner, Senator Robert Horne (ret), Senator Connie Triplett, Representative Don Vigasaa, Representative Nancy Johnson, Senator Margaret Sitte, Representative Karen Karls, Senator Ralph Kilzer, Representative Karen Rohr, Senator Dwight Cook, Senator Rich Wardner, Senator David Nething, and Senator Randel Christmann.

Terrance Rockstad, chairman of the board of Dan's SuperMarkets in North Dakota and Mike Kraft, owner of Economart in Williston, asked their North Dakota Grocers Association (NDGA) members to honor long-time association president Tom Woodmansee with a \$100,000 donation to the North Dakota Heritage Center expansion project. Those donations were secured, and Woodmansee (center) was honored at the annual NDGA banquet in Fargo September 12, 2011. With him are his wife, Mary, and Terrance Rockstad.



More than \$100,000 Raised by North Dakota Grocers Association:

Terrance Rockstad of Dan's SuperMarkets of North Dakota and Mike Kraft of Economart of Williston, long-time History's Trustee partners with the Foundation, succeeded in raising more than \$100,000 with their association members.

Sons of Norway – Bismarck Sverdrup Lodge No 107 Collects First

Donations: The Bismarck Sons of Norway lodge is promoting donations within their club and organizing outreach to other lodges in the state in support of the expansion of the Heritage Center.

Chair at the Table – Major Donors Have Opportunity to Hear

Exhibits Plans: At a special meeting for donors who have contributed more than \$100,000, executives from across North Dakota were able to hear how exhibits are being developed. Industry leaders and donors were asked to note industry innovators and think about artifacts within their companies that may be important to the North Dakota story.

Ernie Borr Fundraising Consultant Reviews 2012-13 Fundraising

Plans: Development staff reviewed fundraising plans, prospect base, response to naming opportunities, methods to enhance gifts, techniques for appointments, closing gifts, and donor prospecting practices with consultant Ernie Borr. Staff was assured that the prospect base and requests in hand for donations were more than adequate for the mission ahead and with persistent effort will yield the needed donations to finish the capital campaign.

Karl Lembke, Development Officer, Hits the Ground Running:

Karl Lembke, Bismarck, was hired in August 2011. After a number of intense professional training sessions, Karl went right into the fundraising field. He is focusing on the \$10,000 and larger donations and is targeting the service sector of the energy businesses in North Dakota. The SHSND Foundation is grateful to have him on our team.

History's Trustee Brochure Created – Time to Launch New Search for

Nominations: More than 230 organizations and individuals have served as History's Trustees with the SHSND Foundation. The Trustees are the most significant partners of the Foundation, supporting the expansion dreams since 2001. New nominations are being sought for additional History's Trustees.

USDA Forest Service – Meeting on New Touch Table Technology: A touch table was donated for use in the new State Museum by the USDA Forest Service. The Forest Service will be involved with State Historical Society staff in developing content for the touch table.

North Dakota Williston Basin 20th Annual Petroleum Conference

Donates \$150,000 to Heritage Center: A grant for \$150,000 will be made to the Heritage Center expansion project from proceeds of the annual conference. The previous year the conference donated \$100,000.

Hall of Honors Kiosk Now Has 6,000 Memorials: Vision Technology moved another group of family memorials into the kiosk now housing more than 6,000 personal histories. The volunteer staff will now review each new record for errors. Eventually, a family will be able to request a full-color copy of their family memorial from the Foundation office to keep after reviewing the memorial on the kiosk at the Heritage Center.

Foundation Staff: Virginia Nelsen, Executive Director; Marlo Sveen, Development Director; Karl Lembke, Development Officer; Kris Hockett, Executive Secretary; Diane Wolberg, Membership Support; Bill Schott, Trustee Consultant; Ernie Borr, Fundraising Consultant; and Andrea Collin, Development Consultant.

Foundation Board Members: Jon McMillan, President, Fordville; Wally Beyer, Vice President, Bismarck; Barb Lang, Treasurer, Jamestown; Darrell Dorgan, Secretary, Bismarck; Pat Grantier, Bismarck; Michael Gustafson, Kindred (retired); Armen Hanson, Devils Lake; Robert Horne, Fargo; Paul Olson, Fargo; Thomas Riley, Fargo; and Dalles Schneider, Bismarck. Calvin Grinnell, New Town, has been appointed by the Society Board to be liaison to the Foundation Board. Each board member has contributed to the fundraising process and played significant leadership roles in the expansion efforts.



Nearly 500 guests attended the May 4, 2012 SHSND Recognition Dinner at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck. They included, pictured clockwise: Connie Robideaux, Jim Robideaux, Larry Rolfson (honoree), Faye Rolfson, Nicole Rolfson, Kelly Rolfson Jones, LaRoy Baird, and Mary Baird.

The Next Chapter

A North Dakota Heritage Center expansion is underway, adding 97,000 square feet to the building. The grand opening will take place on Nov. 2, 2014, during the state's 125th anniversary celebration.



**The North Dakota
Heritage Center
expansion project will
include 97,000 square
feet of new space for
exhibits, storage,
and offices.**

The State Historical Society of North Dakota has an ambitious expansion project underway, which will transform the State Capitol Grounds. An expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center will add 97,000 square feet to the building and additional outdoor spaces including a large plaza and amphitheater. In 2009, a historic \$51.7 million expansion of the State Museum's exhibits and collections spaces was approved by the Legislative Assembly. The bill appropriated 39.7 million in state funds with an additional \$12 million to come from private and other sources.

Construction has been ongoing since March 2011. Staff and visitors have been donning bright yellow hard hats and orange vests to enter the construction area. In October 2012, the Historical Society threw a Last Hurrah Party for visitors to enjoy the State Museum gallery and exhibits before closing for renovations.



In August 2012, former Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND) announced plans to donate his papers to his alma mater, the George Washington University in Washington, DC, with major portions also available through the State Archives. "This is an exciting opportunity for us," said Merl Paaverud, Historical Society director. Pictured: George Washington University President Steven Knapp, Senator Kent Conrad, ND Lieutenant Governor Drew Wrigley, and SHSND Director Merl Paaverud

The doors to the expansion will open in 2014, with the first of four galleries and glimpses of other areas to come. The entire project will be completed by November 2, 2014, the 125th anniversary of North Dakota statehood.

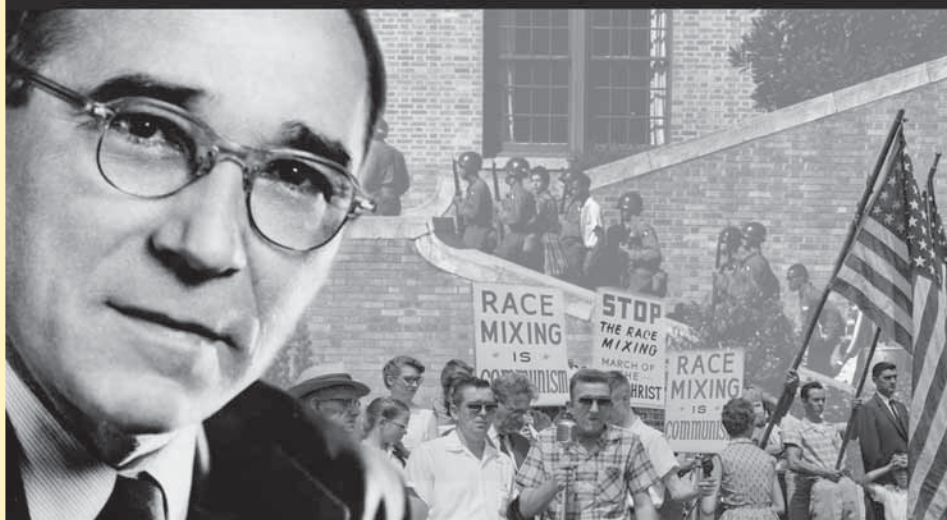
During the renovation process of the State Museum, employees never know what will appear in the back hallways at the North Dakota Heritage Center. Here a large cutout T. rex shares space with a cowboy recently removed from a gallery exhibit.



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| 8:00-8:30 a.m. | Registration |
| 8:30-9 a.m. | Introductions & Opening Remarks |
| 9-10 a.m. | The Fight for Civil Rights by Dr. Terrence Roberts |
| 10-10:45 a.m. | The Road to Little Rock: The Legacy of Judge Ronald N. Davies and the Little Rock Nine by Carl Oberholtzer, Project Manager of the Fargo Curriculum Task Force |
| 11-11:45 a.m. | Progress on the Prairie: LGBT Equality in North Dakota by ND Rep. Joshua Boschee of Fargo |
| Noon- 12:45 p.m. | Complimentary Lunch and SHSND Foundation annual meeting |
| 12:45- 1 p.m. | Outstanding Achievement in the Field of History Awards presentation |
| 1:15-2:30 p.m. | Robert Kennedy: 50th Anniversary Commemoration of his ND speech to the National Congress of American Indians by US Attorney Timothy Purdon and Public Humanities Scholar Clay Jenkinson |
| 2:30-3:15 p.m. | Presentation by Dr. David Gipp, President, United Tribes Technical College |
| 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Social Justice Panel Discussion and Audience Q & A Session with our speakers |

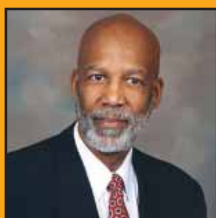
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