



## Dakota the Dinomummy Returns to the State Museum

*Visitors take in the updated exhibit during Dakota Dinomummy Day at the State Museum in October.*

Ever felt the urge to reach out and touch an *Edmontosaurus*? Then the State Museum has you covered. After a nearly two-year absence, our most famous dinosaur artifact is back on display in a new and improved exhibit featuring interactive experiences like a 3D replica of its skin.

In addition to the dinomummy's tail, right arm, and left foot, the exhibit includes updated research findings about this rare, mummified dinosaur discovered on a ranch near Marmarth in 1999. (Spoiler alert: Like any good North Dakotan, it had mitten-shaped hands.)

To celebrate the fossil's return, the State Museum and North Dakota Geological Survey hosted Dakota Dinomummy Day on Oct. 16, with fun-filled family activities including Paleontology Lab tours and a talk on new discoveries about Dakota by renowned scholar and paleontologist Stephanie Drumheller-Horton. The ND Geological Survey's Becky Barnes also read from and launched her new educational book, "Prehistories: Dakota the Dinomummy," which follows the fossil's journey from excavation to display and is available for purchase at the Museum Store.

Dakota the Dinomummy is on view outside of the Adaptation Gallery: Geologic Time.



## New Temporary Exhibits Explore Sitting Bull, North Dakota Fashion



New temporary exhibits produced by our Audience Engagement & Museum team and launched in recent months offer visitors a range of enriching and visually enticing opportunities, including the chance to learn more about the most photographed Native American of the 19th century, reflect on humanity's "ancient and universal partnership with clay," and view the fashions that define North Dakota style. Catch them while you can!

**Ancient Earth: Ceramic Endeavors by Brad Bachmeier** showcases the work of Fargo ceramic artist Brad Bachmeier. The 26 pieces on display draw on traditional and contemporary techniques as well as concepts of accessibility, timelessness, and symbolic power. Through March 2022 in the State Museum's Red River Hall.

**Recent Donations** features a curated cross-section of items donated in the last two years, which document both historical and current events, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Through November 2022 in the State Museum's Corridor of History.

**Winter World** includes a selection of photographs from the State Archives capturing the winter activities and diversions of North Dakotans. Through February 2022 at the North Dakota Governor's Residence in Bismarck. Open to Governor's Residence guests only.



**Fashion & Function: North Dakota Style** tells the story of how elegance and sensibility have co-existed and evolved in our region's clothing choices. The more than 400 garments and accessories on exhibit include a stunning evening gown created by Native designer Norma Baker-Flying Horse and worn at the 2019 Grammy Awards as well as Miss America 2018 Cara Mund's coronation gown and sash. Through November 2022 in the State Museum's Governors Gallery.



**Sitting Bull** examines the life and legacy of the legendary Hunkpapa Lakota leader, including his associations with the Battle of the Little Bighorn and Buffalo Bill's Wild West show. Through May 2026 at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center near Williston.



## Lamoureux Twins Inducted Into Rough Rider Hall of Fame



Eric Hylden, *Grand Forks Herald*

State Historical Society Director Bill Peterson (second from left) unveiled a portrait of North Dakota's first Olympic gold medalists, Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson and Monique Lamoureux-Morando, during a July ceremony in Grand Forks inducting the twin sisters and hockey stars into the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Hall of Fame. Also pictured are Gov. Doug Burgum (far left), who presented the award, and North Dakota Secretary of State Al Jaeger, a member of the State Historical Board.

Visitors to the State Museum in Bismarck can view the game jersey worn by Lamoureux-Davidson during the 2009 International Ice Hockey Federation World Women's Championships in Finland, as well as the gold medal she won there, in the *Fashion & Function* exhibit.



## Former First Lady Grace Link Donates Wedding Dress

On her 103rd birthday in September, former North Dakota first lady Grace Link donated her silk satin wedding dress to our museum collection. The columnar gown, purchased at a Williston department store, features a cotton Battenberg lace yoke and insets, as well as a Peter Pan collar. During her visit, the agency also filmed an interview with Grace and one of her sons about the dress and her wedding day. In mid-December, the gown will be added to the *Fashion & Function* exhibit in the Governors Gallery. Photos of Grace and future Gov. Art Link's big day can also be found in the State Archives and online at SHSND Photobook.

*Grace Link with her wedding dress at the Fashion & Function exhibition. The former North Dakota first lady stands in front of an image of her and her husband, Art Link, on their 1939 wedding day.*





*The State Historical Society welcomed the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and Fort Mandan into our museums and state historic sites.*

## Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and Fort Mandan Join State Historical Society Family

In July, the State Historical Society of North Dakota assumed management of the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and Fort Mandan State Historic Site in Washburn. Both properties were formerly managed by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department until a change in the state's century code enacted by the 2021 Legislative Assembly. Visiting hours, public tours, and services at each site remain the same. Praising the move, agency director Bill Peterson said these additions "will help us complete our story of the history of this region from around 1400 to today using the Missouri River as a narrative channel."

The Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center offers exhibits, hundreds of period artifacts, world-class art collections, and interpreters who tell the story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's arrival at the Mandan and Hidatsa villages in 1804. Nearby, visitors can step back in time at the reconstructed Fort Mandan, a furnished, full-size replica of the fort where the expedition spent the winter of 1804-1805.

### Fur Trade Interpretive Program Launched



*Pembina State Museum Outreach Coordinator Brian Hardy demonstrates the "Red River Rendezvous" fur trade interpretive program to visitors.*

"Red River Rendezvous," a new family-friendly interpretive program intended to teach school students and visitors about the fur trade, was introduced to the public during Gingras Days in September. Created by agency staff, the program allows participants to take on the roles of 19th-century fur trade groups, with teams bartering and trading goods from the era while learning about the history and business of the region's fur trade. While the roving program is intended for schools, visitors to the Pembina State Museum can also make an appointment to experience this hands-on interpretive activity. For more information, contact the museum at 701.825.6840 or email Brian Hardy at [bmhardy@nd.gov](mailto:bmhardy@nd.gov).



## Remembering Whitestone Hill



Events at Whitestone Hill State Historic Site included a memorial horseback ride and an education day.

The second Whitestone Hill Memorial Horseback Ride took place on Sept. 3 at the Whitestone Hill State Historic Site near Kulm, where Gen. Alfred Sully's forces massacred 150 to 300 American Indian men, women, and children 158 years ago. Dakota and Lakota descendants and relatives gathered to remember those who died, celebrate their lives, and pray for healing. The Audience Engagement & Museum team recorded the event for incorporation into the historical record.

The following week, on Sept. 8, 260 students from south-central North Dakota attended the State Historical Society's annual Whitestone Hill Education Day, with activities including archery, tipi raising, gathering wild plants, historic games, and a performance by Lakota hoop dancer and cultural ambassador Kevin Locke.

## Holiday Gift Idea: North Dakota Passport

In partnership with the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department, the agency produced a new guide this year highlighting 37 featured visitor destinations across the Peace Garden State. The spiral-bound guidebook, which comes with a drawstring backpack and crayons, is filled with fun facts and must-see-and-do activities at state parks and historic sites. Visit as many of the destinations as you can and collect a unique stamp or transfer the

stamp to your ND Passport at designated stations.

The passport is available for purchase online ([statemuseum.nd.gov/store](http://statemuseum.nd.gov/store)) and at our Museum Stores or any state park for \$9.95. Learn more at [parkrec.nd.gov/passport](http://parkrec.nd.gov/passport).





## Fort Buford State Historic Site Marks Role in Great Western Cattle Trail

A commemorative obelisk and plaque memorializing Fort Buford State Historic Site's role in the Great Western Cattle Trail was unveiled as part of a two-day event in June, which featured horse-drawn carriage rides, musical performances, and cowboy poetry. In addition to Darrell Dorgan, who heads the effort to mark the North Dakota route of the cattle trail, speakers included state Sen. Majority Leader Rich Wardner, project coordinator and former president of North Dakota State University Jim Ozburn, State Historical Society Director Bill Peterson, and Sylvia Mahoney, author of "Finding the Great Western Trail."

The Great Western Cattle Trail, which stretched from Mexico to Canada, was the route north for millions of cattle and horses during the 1870s-1890s. The endpoint of the trail's eastern spur, Fort Buford was a grazing and distribution center with animals sold from there. Obelisks marking the cattle drive route have been placed in several states. The Fort Buford obelisk, located at the nearby Missouri-Yellowstone Interpretive Center, is the final marker to be placed in North Dakota.



*State Sen. Majority Leader Rich Wardner, project coordinator Jim Ozburn, Williston Mayor Howard Klug, and author Sylvia Mahoney at an obelisk unveiling commemorating Fort Buford's role in the Great Western Cattle Trail.*

## Military Museum Partnership Explored

Members of the North Dakota National Guard toured the ND Heritage Center & State Museum in July, where they learned about museum management practices such as collections care and exhibition planning. The National Guard is in the early stages of exploring the potential of building a military museum to be operated in partnership with the State Historical Society.



*Members of the North Dakota National Guard on a behind-the-scenes tour of the ND Heritage Center.*

## Local History Awardees Announced

The State Historical Society of North Dakota has named the 2021 Local History Award winners.

This year two recipients, Bruce Anderson and Julie Burgum, were honored in the category Excellence in Local History, which recognizes individuals, groups, or organizations who have dedicated their time, talent, and efforts to local and regional history. The award honors those associated with local, county, and regional historical organizations within North Dakota.

Anderson, who died in 2020, had collected pictures and researched Minot-area history for 20 years. He shared his passion and work with the public through videocassettes, DVDs, and six books, comprising over 3,000 pages of images and text.

Burgum has led the Casselton Heritage Center since 2002. Under her leadership, the center has completed many cultural restoration projects. Her work has ensured the organization's long-term solvency and helped preserve Casselton's history for future generations.

For more information about the Local History Award program, contact Ashleigh Miller at 701.328.2667 or ashleighmiller@nd.gov, or visit history.nd.gov.



## Three Inducted Into Native American Hall of Honor



Veterans from the five tribal nations that share geography with North Dakota post new flags in the Russell Reid Auditorium during the Native American Hall of Honor program. Courtesy North Dakota Governor's Office

After a pandemic-related hiatus last year, we were happy to return the North Dakota Native American Hall of Honor program and exhibit to the State Museum in September. The 2021 inductees honored for achievements in the Military-Veteran, Leadership, and Legend award categories were Vietnam veteran Dave Dauphinais (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa), the late educator Lydia Sage-Chase (Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation), and 19th-century Hunkpapa Lakota leader Sitting Bull (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe).

The annual program, a partnership of the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission, the State Historical Society, and the State Historical Society Foundation, recognizes Native Americans who have gone above and beyond in representing their tribes and cultures. This year's ceremony also included a special posting of flags of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, the Spirit Lake Tribe, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, and the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. These are now available for use in the Russell Reid Auditorium.



Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and ex-North Dakota Gov. Ed Schafer speaks of the late educator Lydia Sage-Chase's leadership contributions. Joining him in recognizing Sage-Chase are (from left) Doug Prchal, Tara Holt, Nancy Schafer, Dawn Charging, and Sen. Kevin Cramer.



Ron His Horse Is Thunder, former president of Sitting Bull College, left, reflects on the 19th-century Hunkpapa Lakota leader's enduring legacy.



Honoree and Vietnam veteran Dave Dauphinais accepts his award.



Gov. Doug Burgum pays tribute to the three honorees.



## Fort Totten Repairs Underway



A massive windstorm in June blew the roof off the girls dormitory at Fort Totten State Historic Site near Devils Lake. Part of the dormitory wall also collapsed, and other buildings at the site lost shingles and windows. Repairs are underway and expected to be completed next year.

## Adaptation Gallery Flooding Contained



After a heavy rain and a failed drainpipe on Oct. 13 brought hundreds of gallons of water into the Adaptation Gallery: Geologic Time, staff from all areas sprang into action and quickly contained the water. Above, Audience Engagement & Museum team members Bryan Turnbow and Lori Nohner help move fossils and wipe off collections cases. The gallery reopened a few days later.

## Two Properties Added to the National Register

A federal building in Fargo and a Bismarck church have been added to the National Register of Historic Places, the federal government's list of properties it considers worthy of preservation and recognition. North Dakota nominations are coordinated by the State Historical Society.

**The Federal Building and Post Office** in Fargo, built in 1969, draws on New Formalism influences in its proportion, scale, and use of colonnades, engaged arches, black marble, and white quartz aggregate cast stone. The design embraces the modern principle of "form follows function."

**St. George's Episcopal Memorial Church** in Bismarck blends Gothic Revival architecture with contemporary design. Completed in 1949, its unique features include stained glass windows created using glass recycled from English churches bombed during World War II.

For more information on the program, contact Architectural Historian Lorna Meidinger at 701.328.2089 or visit [history.nd.gov](http://history.nd.gov).



*The Federal Building and Post Office in Fargo.*  
Photo by Carin Carlson, Hennebery Eddy Architects, Inc.



*St. George's Episcopal Memorial Church in Bismarck.*  
Photo by Tom Tudor



# Agency Marks American Archives Month

In October, the State Archives celebrated American Archives Month with virtual and in-person events. Highlights included a Facebook Live Ask-an-Archivist panel discussion, a virtual scavenger hunt, Facebook Feature Friday posts about the work of State Archives volunteers and temporary staff, and Dakota Datebook spotlights on aspects of the State Archives' early history and collections. The Archives also partnered with the Al Larvick Conservation Fund to host a video program, "Tales from the Prairie: North Dakota Families' Home Movies," shown in the State Museum's Great Plains Theater and available for viewing on the agency YouTube channel.



As part of American Archives Month, the agency recognized the history and work of the State Archives. Here Margaret Rose, who in her capacity as librarian served as one of the State Historical Society's first archivists, is pictured with Superintendent Russell Reid in 1937. SHSND SA 00095-00157

## Harmon Village Excavated

Fieldwork at Harmon Village, an earthlodge village site situated north of Mandan against a bluff overlooking the Missouri River, took place from July 20 to 28. Paleocultural Research Group received a Historic Preservation Grant to carry out the excavation project in partnership with the State Historical Society. The work, led by principal investigator Mark Mitchell, Ph.D., aimed to determine when and for how long the site was occupied, whether Mandans occupied the site since the village was once located on their territory, and what role it may have played in Mandan settlement.

During the dig, agency Research Archaeologist Timothy Reed and Chief Archaeologist Andy Clark used drones to provide aerial views of the site and excavation units. A 10-band multispectral camera was also used to examine whether additional features were visible beyond what had been identified in a magnetic gradiometry survey carried out in 2019 by Ken Kvamme, Ph.D., of the University of Arkansas. Now that fieldwork is complete, lab work and analyses have begun.



State Historical Society Research Archaeologist Timothy Reed gives North Dakota's Chief Operating Officer Tammy Miller an overview of drone capabilities at the site, located on land owned by the Archaeological Conservancy.



Excavation work at Harmon Village, which may have been briefly occupied in the 17th and 18th centuries.



# Join Us for Upcoming Events!

**Dec. 4** Medora's 25th Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas and Holiday Open House at the Chateau, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Activities include Eats on the Streets, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. MT, and Victorian Crafts and Games, 1:30-3:30 p.m. MT, Chateau de Morès State Historic Site

**Dec. 9** Internment camps talk with Dr. Perry Hornbacher, 7 p.m. Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site, Bismarck

**Dec. 11** Former Governors' Mansion Christmas Tree Decorating, 2 to 4 p.m. Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site, Bismarck

**Dec. 18** Little Kids, Big World: Happy Holidays! 2:30 and 3 p.m. ND Heritage Center & State Museum, Bismarck

**Dec. 23** Little Kids, Big World: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas! 9:30 and 10 a.m. ND Heritage Center & State Museum, Bismarck

**Dec. 24** Christmas Story and Sweet Treats, 1 p.m. Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site, Bismarck

**Dec. 26** "Dakota 38" free film showing at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., ND Heritage Center & State Museum

**Dec. 27** Little Kids, Big World: Star Light, Star Bright, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. ND Heritage Center & State Museum, Bismarck

**Dec. 29** Little Kids, Big World: Families Are Like Snowflakes, 9:30 a.m. ND Heritage Center & State Museum, Bismarck

**Dec. 30** Little Kids, Big World: Family Trees, 2 p.m. ND Heritage Center & State Museum, Bismarck

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## Martens Elected State Historical Board President



Steve Martens

Steven C. Martens of Fargo was elected to a two-year term as president of the State Historical Board during its July meeting at the Pembina State Museum. Martens, professor emeritus of architecture at North Dakota State University, takes over from H. Patrick Weir, who had served as president since October 2019. Many thanks to Weir for his thoughtful leadership of the board.

## Museum Store Gets New Manager

A warm welcome to Rhonda Smith, who recently assumed the role of ND Heritage Center & State Museum store manager. Smith, who had previously worked at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, replaces Richard Fisk, who retired in October after nearly eight years with the agency. Foundation members: Don't forget to put your annual 30% off Museum Store coupon to use during the holiday season.



Richard Fisk with new State Museum Store Manager Rhonda Smith



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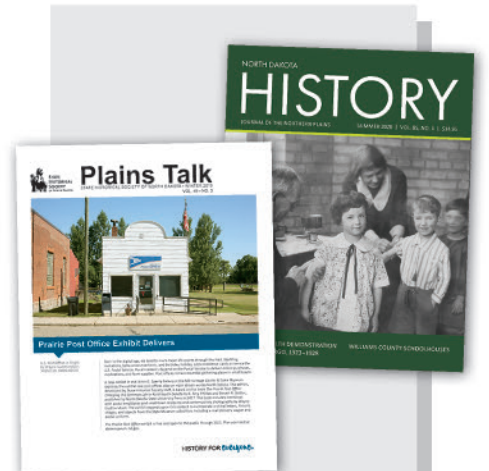
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