



Have Yourself a Historic Holiday

Kris Kringle (Paul Levchek) greets former first lady of North Dakota Grace Link at a holiday open house at the Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site in 2014.

The holidays in North Dakota are a time to celebrate cultural and ethnic traditions brought by diverse groups of settlers to the region. A number of state historic sites will host holiday festivities; check out the event closest to you, and have safe and peaceful holiday season.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, the public is invited to "A Taste of Ethnic Christmas" from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (MT) at the **Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center** in Medora. Held in conjunction with Medora's Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas, visitors can enjoy a buffet featuring foods from the Northern Plains Ethnic Foundation. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and children under 6 are free.

Christmas at the Confluence will be held Dec. 11 from 2 to 5 p.m. (CT) at **Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center** near Williston. Music will be provided by Sunrise Brass, Lisenbee Blue Grass Band, and Jim and Cheryl Lingenfelter. Admission is free, and the event includes refreshments and a make-and-take craft project.

The 1909 Northern Pacific locomotive at **Camp Hancock State Historic Site** in Bismarck will be lit up for the holidays through New Year's Day, offering a perfect family photo op. The **Former Governors' Mansion State Historic Site** hosted holiday open houses on Nov. 27 and Dec. 4, and the decorated mansion is available for group tours or holiday rental by appointment.

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The **ND Heritage Center & State Museum** in Bismarck will host free “Movies at the Museum” the week of Dec. 26. *Dakota 38*, an award-winning documentary about the hanging of Dakota men following the US-Dakota War, will be screened continuously Dec. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Russell Reid Auditorium. The complete series of animated *Ice Age* movies will screen at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily from Dec. 27-31, with a new film featured each day. Learn more at statemuseum.nd.gov.

For the latest updates and more information on statewide holiday events, visit history.nd.gov/events.



Christmas Tubas perform at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center in 2015.



Chester E. Nelson Jr.

State Historical Board Update

North Dakota State Historical Board member Chester E. Nelson Jr. of Bismarck passed away on Sept. 27, 2016. Nelson served on the Historical Board from 2001 to 2016, including a term as board president from 2009 to 2011. He had a lifelong interest in history, especially frontier military history, and we are grateful for his many years of service. H. Patrick “Pat” Weir, a retired judge and resident of Medora, was appointed to the Historical Board by Gov. Jack Dalrymple in October.

Merry Merry!



Happy holidays from the State Historical Society of North Dakota and the SHSND Foundation! View our holiday e-card, featuring historic images by Nancy Hendrickson, at history.nd.gov/holiday.

Native American Hall of Honor Ceremony

Seven inaugural members of the Native American Hall of Honor were inducted Sept. 8 at the ND Heritage Center & State Museum. More than 400 people attended the buffalo feed and induction ceremony, organized by the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission in partnership with the State Historical Society and its Foundation. Anthony McDonald, right, from the Spirit Lake Nation was the first inductee in the culture/arts category. An exhibit is now on view at the State Museum and will be updated annually with new Hall of Honor members. Learn more at bit.ly/nahoh.

Photo courtesy of Paul Braun/New Earth Magazine



Art50! Exhibits Celebrate ND Council on the Arts

The North Dakota Art Gallery Association and the North Dakota Council on the Arts, with support from Starion Bank, organized two exhibits to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the North Dakota Council on the Arts. The exhibits display the artwork of 50 North Dakota artists. One of these exhibits is on display in the ND Heritage Center & State Museum through April 30, 2017, and the other will tour the state during the anniversary year. Learn more at bit.ly/paaverud.



North Dakota acrylic painting by Paul Noot

Now Open at the Confluence

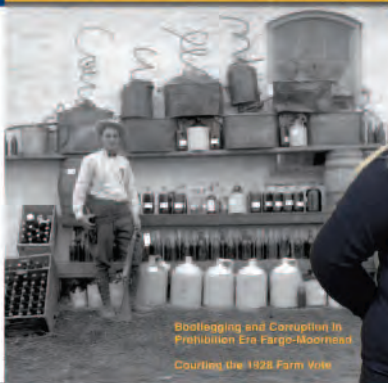


Electric and pre-electric laundry artifacts illustrate the transition in daily life of rural North Dakotans in the exhibit Power to the People: North Dakota Rural Electrification.

Power to the People: North Dakota Rural Electrification is now open at the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center near Williston. The exhibit, an adaptation of the inaugural exhibit from the ND Heritage Center & State Museum's Governors Gallery, was developed in cooperation with Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of North Dakota and will remain on display at the Confluence through summer 2018. Plan your visit at history.nd.gov/historicsites/mycic.

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ND History Journal Wins Award



The spring 2016 issue of *North Dakota History: Journal of the Northern Plains* won the 2016 Mountain-Plains Museums Association Publication Design Award, presented at the association's annual conference in October. Congratulations to all staff, contributors, and reviewers who helped *ND History* achieve this recognition. View recent issues and learn how to subscribe at history.nd.gov/publications.

North Dakota History editor Pam Berreth Smokey, center, with photo archivist Sharon Silengo, left, and associate editor Ann Crews Melton.

Recycled Art Returns in January

Building upon the successful *Green Revolution* Recycled Art program held in October at the ND Heritage Center & State Museum, a new recycled art series will be offered over three sessions in January. "Recycled Art: Creating a Collagraph" will be taught by local instructor Andrea Vinje on Jan. 14, 21, and 28 at the ND Heritage Center in Bismarck. Participants will create their own collagraph, a type of collage-based printmaking. Each session will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. \$10 supply fee. To register, visit bit.ly/janrecart.



Participants created star-shaped books made from recycled materials during the "Recycled Art: Light Pollution" course in October at the ND Heritage Center & State Museum. The classes are tied to the Green Revolution exhibit on view at the State Museum through April 2017.

Fall Historical Highlights

Agricultural Education Day at Welk Homestead



Jay Fuhrer, soil health specialist with the National Resources Conservation Service of the USDA, speaks to students from Linton, Ashley, and Wishek during Agricultural Education Day on Sept. 9 at Welk Homestead State Historic Site.

Remembering 9/11 at Fort Abercrombie



Richland #44 School District Superintendent Tim Godfrey speaks about the history of the national anthem and the importance of remembering 9/11 at Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site on Sept. 11. Richland County Sheriff's Department and Abercrombie Fire and Rescue were represented during the program, a community event attended by more than 500 people.

Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile Site Tour



Author Eric Schlosser, left, and Tim Griffis, a retired federal fire officer with the U.S. Air Force, toured Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile State Historic Site on Sept. 23. Griffis extinguished a runway fire on a B-52 bomber loaded with nuclear weapons at Grand Forks Air Force Base in 1981, a story Schlosser recounts in his Pulitzer-nominated work *Command and Control*.

Photo by Murray Sagsveen

Stutsman County Courthouse Clock Tower Repaired



Contractors from Decorating by Charlie in Jamestown scraped and repainted clock faces on the tower at Stutsman County Courthouse State Historic Site in September. After a year-long process of running electricity to the tower and replacing custom components and gears, the clock tower is once again operable, thanks to a generous donation by Mike Williams, 1883 Courthouse Committee president.

National Fossil Day at ND Heritage Center



Clint Boyd, senior paleontologist with the North Dakota Geological Survey, examines a bison bone during National Fossil Day on Oct. 15. The public was invited to bring rocks and fossils to the ND Heritage Center & State Museum for identification. Paleontologists Becky Barnes and Jeff Person presented a prehistoric fishing program.

Camp Hancock: Where Bismarck Began



A group of organizations tied to Camp Hancock State Historic Site worked with the city to install street banners marking "Where Bismarck Began." Banners were purchased through a private donation and installed Oct. 28. Pictured are Jason Tomanek, City of Bismarck assistant administrator; Johnathan Campbell, Camp Hancock site supervisor; Kate Herzog, Bismarck Downtowners assistant director; and Tom Mayer, Bismarck Historical Society president.

Photo by Mike LaLonde

State Archives Expands Digital Preservation

As records generated by North Dakota state agencies continue to shift to digital formats, State Archives must continue to develop procedures to manage and preserve these records. State Archives recently selected Preservica, a digital preservation tool, to ingest, manage, and preserve the state's digital records. The tool facilitates the transfer of all digital and digitized materials and will assist in the continual migration of outdated file formats to stable and standardized formats. In the future, Preservica will aid in moving content online for researchers to browse, search, view, and download. For more information, contact Electronic Records Archivist Lindsay Schott at lschott@nd.gov.



Progression of records throughout the history of North Dakota. Left: Record books in storage at the Stark County Courthouse in Dickinson, 1937 (30573-00119, detail). Middle: Box of floppy disks created in the early 1990s waiting to be ingested into the digital repository. Right: A screenshot of digital records in the digital repository. Records now take up server space instead of shelf space.

ND Studies Expands Digital Curriculum

In addition to North Dakota Studies' award-winning digital curriculum for eighth grade, ND Studies' fourth-grade curriculum is now available online. Students, teachers, and lifelong learners can access digital units covering Early Settlement, the Frontier Era, and American Indians of North Dakota for free, with more units soon to follow. North Dakota Studies is a program of the State Historical Society's Communications & Education Division. Expand your knowledge of North Dakota history at ndstudies.gov.



Governor's History Conference Highlights



The 2016 Governor's History Conference, "Celebrating 50 Years of the National Historic Preservation Act," was held Oct. 22-23 at the ND Heritage Center & State Museum in Bismarck. In addition to keynote speakers, the conference offered a candlelit tour of Bismarck's Cathedral Area Historic District, a reception at the Former Governors' Mansion, and a site visit to United Tribes Technical College. Pictured are conference speakers Guinn Hinman, SHSND; Kimball Banks, Metcalf Archaeological Consulting; Wendi Field Murray, SHSND; Steve Martens, architecture professor emeritus at North Dakota State University; and Tom Mayes, National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Pssst...

Chocolate, a delicious traveling exhibit from Chicago's Field Museum, will open at the ND Heritage Center & State Museum just in time for Memorial Day weekend. Stay tuned for sweet updates at statemuseum.nd.gov.



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