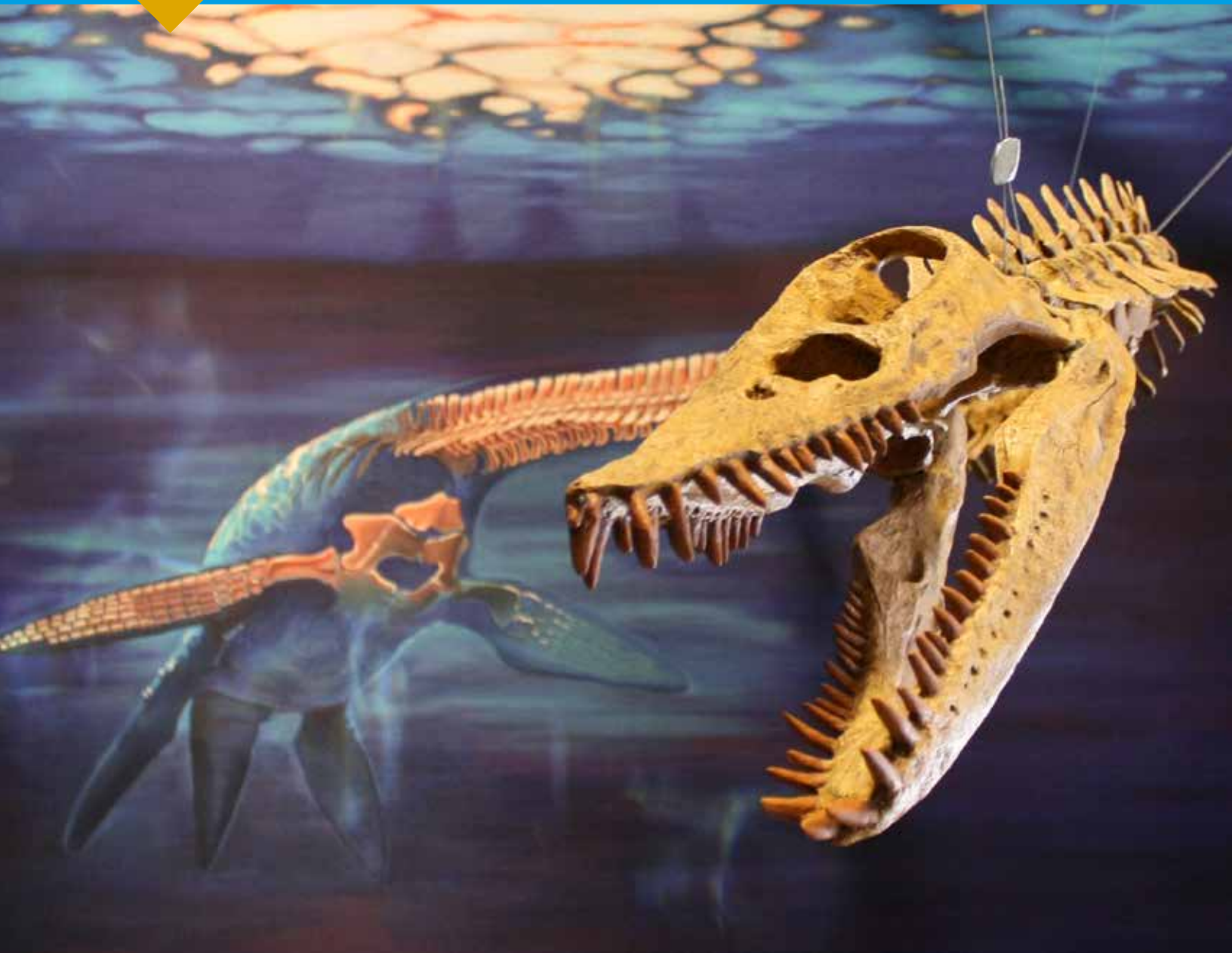


Annual Report 2018



HISTORY FOR *everyone.*

VISION

Inspire discovery and open minds to help shape the future of vibrant communities.

MISSION

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

CORE PURPOSE

Respect the past, serve the present, inspire the future.

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Cover: A plesiosaur replica, mural, and fossil are now on exhibit in the ND Heritage Center & State Museum. Learn more on p. 8.



Director Claudia Berg and State Historical Board President Terrance Rockstad

From Director Claudia Berg

It has been another year of exceptional efforts, projects, and programs. The agency has a new strategic plan that will guide our operations for the next three years. One of our greatest assets is our staff, and this past year we made a concerted effort at providing staff with career development opportunities. They are dedicated and passionate about their careers and responsibilities. Supporting that passion translates into the best customer service we can provide and exceptional visitor experiences. Professional development grants allowed staff to attend specialized conferences and undertake leadership training. The agency has also initiated a career development plan to enhance staff communication skills, sustainable practices, and succession planning. This is the fuel that keeps us operating efficiently and effectively.

As technology continues to evolve, so do we. The culmination of an agencywide collections database conversion project will be launched next year. Access to collection information via our website, whether photographs, objects, or archaeological materials, will enhance use of the collections by researchers, students, teachers, and staff.

Our responsibilities, ongoing efforts, and achievements are made possible by staff, our dedicated volunteers, the SHSND Foundation Board and staff, the State Historical Board, artifact and financial donors, and our numerous partners across the state who share our values to spark curiosity and celebrate a shared passion for history and learning.

State Historical Society of North Dakota Director

Moving Forward



In 2018, a team of staff, division directors, and members of our agency's board and our foundation's staff and board developed a new strategic plan. This plan is our guide, with four main goals to help us move forward successfully. In the following pages, you'll see highlights of new initiatives and met goals in 2018.

**Establish
Deeper
Connections
with Core
Constituencies**



**Optimize
Our
Assets**

**Create
Inspiring
Educational
Opportunities**



**Embrace
Technology**



Top: Participants in Cycling History Highways bike from Chief Lookings Village in Bismarck to Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site.

Above left: Lakota hoop dancer Kevin Locke performs at Whitestone Hill Education Day.

Left: The Bread of Life Church at Camp Hancock receives a new roof.



WHO WE ARE

We are a passionate team dedicated to identifying, preserving, interpreting, and promoting the heritage of North Dakota and its people. Incorporated in 1895 as the State Historical Society of North Dakota, we've evolved into an agency of 75 professionals managing two state museums and 56 state historic sites. We maintain the State Archives,

run the State Historic Preservation Office, and provide a national award-winning North Dakota Studies curriculum to statewide schools. We are the state and federal repository for North Dakota collections.

We're here because of North Dakota taxpayers, donors, and friends groups, and we are grateful.

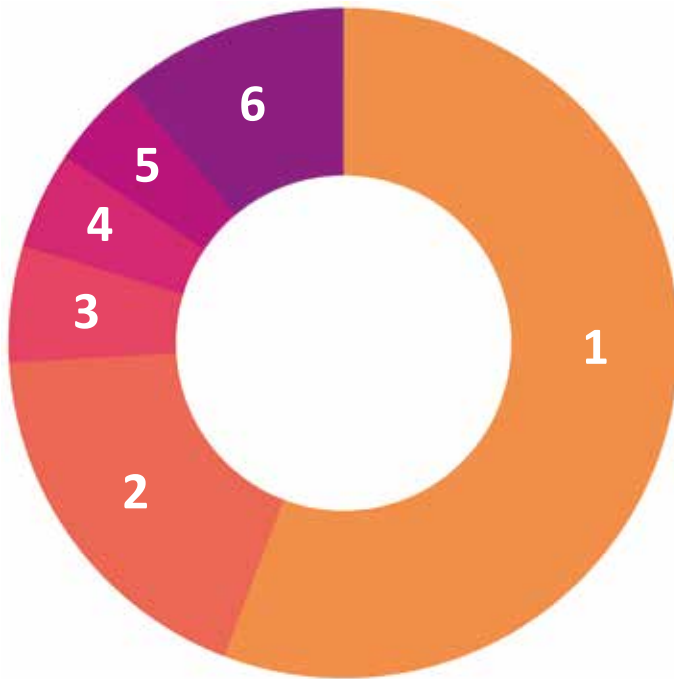
What do *you* love about North Dakota? Whether your interest is early peoples, fur trade, cultural heritage, food and fashion, today's ag and oil industries, military stories, or an elevator descending to 50 feet below ground in a retired missile site, you'll find opportunities to realize your passion. Learn more at history.nd.gov.



Visitors of all ages enjoyed events at the opening of the *The Horse in North Dakota* exhibit.

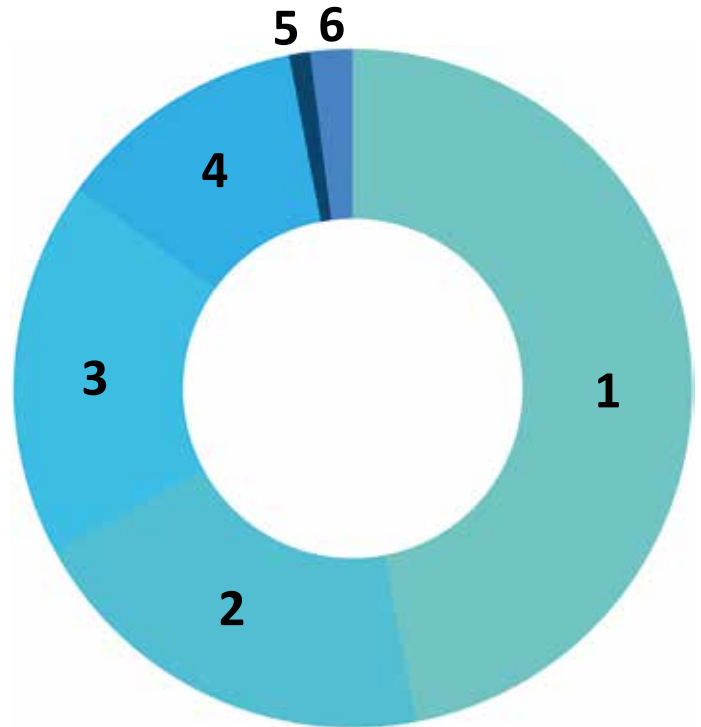
Financials

**Expenditures from July 1, 2017
to June 30, 2018**



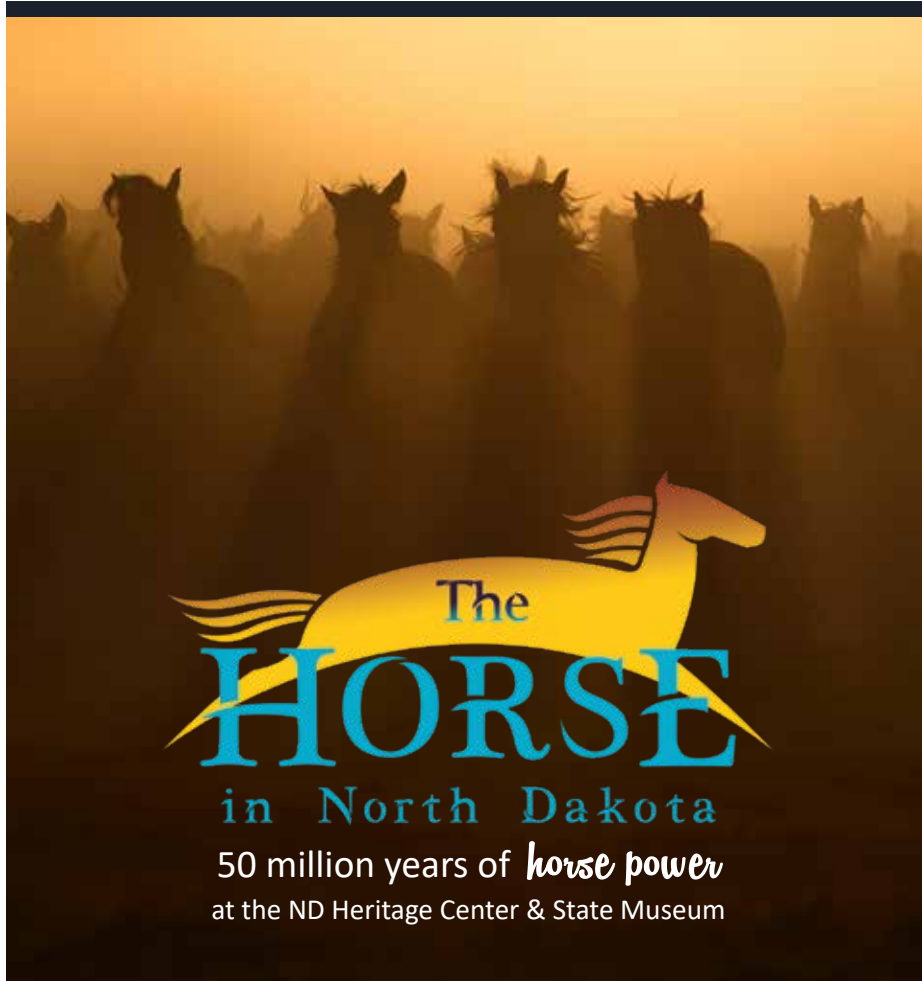
1. Salaries and Benefits	7,047,136.71
2. Repairs and Maintenance	2,307,597.19
3. Bond Payments	711,520.79
4. Professional Services	593,698.57
5. Supplies	565,739.47
6. Other	1,406,120.12
Total	12,631,812.85

**Revenues from July 1, 2017
to June 30, 2018**



1. Transfers from Other State Agencies for Double Ditch Project	1,903,632.04
2. Historic Sites Admissions and Concessions	805,926.18
3. Revenue from the Federal Government	736,819.83
4. Donations	475,611.75
5. Miscellaneous Revenues	59,440.86
6. Facility Rentals	69,199.37
Total	4,050,630.03

Create Inspiring Educational Opportunities



State Museum Exhibits

State Historical Society staff developed *The Horse in North Dakota*, a Governors Gallery exhibit that opened Aug. 25, providing a rare opportunity to view remarkable objects and art from our collections. The State Museum also featured

Sundogs and Sunflowers: Folklore and Folk Art of the Northern Great Plains from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, and *In Our Own Words: Native Impressions*, color prints on loan from designer Lucy Ganje.

National History Day

The National History Day in ND state competition was held at the ND Heritage Center & State Museum. Junior high and high school students from across North Dakota created websites, documentaries, exhibits, performances, and essays using the 2018 theme, "Conflict and Compromise in History." State project winners advanced to the national competition in June.



Public History

State Archives staff wrote 80 World War I-themed Dakota Datebooks, a daily history segment aired on Prairie Public, to mark the 100th anniversary of the armistice.

US Army in France, 1917. SHSND SA 2013-P-042-00006



North Dakota Studies Workshop

The North Dakota Studies program hosted a teacher workshop in Bismarck in October. Thirty-five teachers from 26 schools, serving more than 1,000 students, explored available web-based curricula for fourth and eighth grades during two days of interactive sessions.

The best workshop I've been to since all my years in education! Can't wait to take all this wonderful info back to my students!

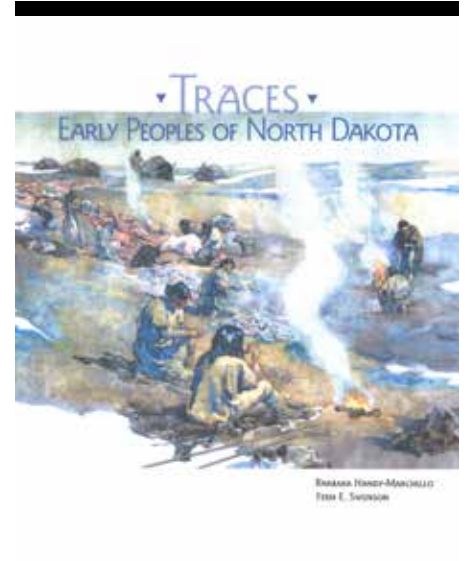
#lovenorthdakota
Beverly Frank,
Beulah Middle School



State Historic Sites

Life by the Bugle, a permanent exhibit at Fort Buford State Historic Site, was updated in May with additional military post artifacts and new panels on the life of Hunkpapa Lakota leader Sitting Bull. State historic sites across North Dakota continued to feature engaging programs such as education days, concerts, historical reenactments, crafting bees, book signings, hay rides, and Halloween and holiday open houses.

Above: Lance Rustand portrays the Marquis de Morès at Chateau de Morès State Historic Site.



New Book on Early Peoples

The State Historical Society published a new book, *Traces: Early Peoples of North Dakota*, by Barbara Handy-Marchello and Fern E. Swenson with a foreword by Calvin Grinnell. The book expands upon exhibits at the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum, summarizing the oral tradition, archaeology, and written history of North Dakota from the arrival of the earliest known people 13,500 years ago to 1880. Buy *Traces* at statemuseum.nd.gov/store.

An excellent history of the northern Great Plains.
Dr. Brad Kroupa

Establish Deeper Connections with Core Constituencies



Plesiosaur Partnership

In partnership with the Department of Mineral Resources, North Dakota Geological Survey, the State Museum added a plesiosaur, a long-necked marine reptile that lived in North Dakota 80 million years ago, to the Adaptation Gallery: Geologic Time.

The permanent display features a mural by paleontologist

Becky Barnes, a neck vertebrae and skull replica, and 15 plesiosaur neck vertebrae fossils discovered in southwest North Dakota. (See cover.)

Above: Paleontologist Becky Barnes prepares the plesiosaur neck and skull replica for installation.

Above right: Preparator Bryan Turnbow and paleontologist Jeff Person install the plesiosaur exhibit.





Native American Hall of Honor

The State Museum's Native American Hall of Honor—a partnership of the State Historical Society, its Foundation, and the ND Indian Affairs Commission—recognized the 1941–42 Elbowoods Warriors Basketball Team, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara (MHA) Nation; Patrick Moses Gourneau, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa; and Betty L. Gress, MHA Nation.

Author Louise Erdrich, second from left, and family and ND Indian Affairs Commission Executive Director Scott Davis, far right, honored Erdrich's grandfather Patrick Moses Gourneau.



Double Ditch Indian Village

Following a major bank stabilization project at Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site north of Bismarck, the reburial of human remains and grave goods recovered during the project was coordinated by Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation tribal members, staff from the State Historical Society, and Veit Construction.

The site now has new water access, greenery, and trails for visitors.



AmeriCorps at Fort Totten

Fort Totten State Historic Site established a new partnership with AmeriCorps, hosting a team from the federally funded National Civilian Community Corps in the fall. The group of eight cleaned the site's 1925 gymnasium and catalogued the Pioneer Daughters collection of historic objects in the fort's hospital.

AmeriCorps team members take a break from working on the Fort Totten gymnasium.



Historic Preservation

The State Historic Preservation Office responds to projects submitted by federal agencies or their representatives. In 2018, there were 2,020 project reviews and 48 cultural resource companies that received annual permits, plus four one-time research permits were issued. As Certified Local Governments, Buffalo, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo, and Grand Forks, as well as Walsh and Pembina Counties, received approximately \$80,000 in competitive grant awards.

Optimize Our Assets



Expanding Collections

As we preserve the story of North Dakota, our collections continue to grow. Additions to our museum collection include items from the 1960 North Dakota Governor's Residence, a Bismarck Larks baseball team inaugural season jersey, a piece of the Berlin Wall, a Chautauqua Industrial Art Desk, and 1930s cowhide mittens owned by Danish immigrant Olaf Hansen.

In 2018, our Archaeology & Historic Preservation collection added 8,399 new artifacts, including two barbed bone fishing spears from a prehistoric hunting camp in the Devils Lake area, a

dog skull recovered from the Hidatsa village of Amahami in Stanton, and decorated pottery sherds collected by well-known ethnographer Alfred Bowers from 12 Plains Village sites during the 1940s.

Over the past year the State Archives acquired 579 feet of manuscripts, state agency records, and local government records; 15,173 photographs; and 40 feet of TV news video. The State Archives accepted 249 oral histories compiled by Valley City students between 1970–84, which cover pioneer life, wars, the Depression,

businesses, recreation, and family life. Ambrose, Columbus, Crosby, Dogden, Flasher, Hillsboro, Noonan, and Wildrose newspapers were digitized from microfilm and are now searchable online.

Left: Cord-impressed pottery sherd from the Sperry site, a Mandan village site occupied circa 1500s–1760s.

Center: This barbed fishing spear, made from animal bone, was recovered from a hunting camp near Devils Lake.

Courtesy US Fish and Wildlife Service
Right: Audience Engagement & Museum Division Director Kim Jondahl, left, and Registrar Len Thorson, right, receive a Chautauqua Industrial Art Desk from donor Alice Muggli.



National Register of Historic Places

The National Register of Historic Places is the official federal list of districts, sites, building, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture. The following sites were listed in 2018: Burke County World War Memorial Hall in Flaxton, Robinson Hall in Robinson, the Assyrian Muslim Cemetery near Ross, and the Remote Sprint Launch Site 3 (RSL-3) in Cavalier County.

Assyrian Muslim Cemetery



Site Improvements

The North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum renovated three meeting rooms that are often-used rental spaces: 235 renters used ND Heritage Center spaces for private events during 2018. At state historic sites, capital improvement projects included a new foundation for the Chateau de Morès stable, restoration of the auditor's office at Stutsman County Courthouse, a furnace installed in the Fort Totten Commanding Officers Quarters, porch repairs at the Former Governors' Mansion, and roof repairs for the Fort Buford Field Officers Quarters, Fort Abercrombie block house, and the 1880 Church of the Bread of Life at Camp Hancock.

Chateau de Morès State Historic Site interpreter Karen Nelson cleans stonework in De Morès Memorial Park.



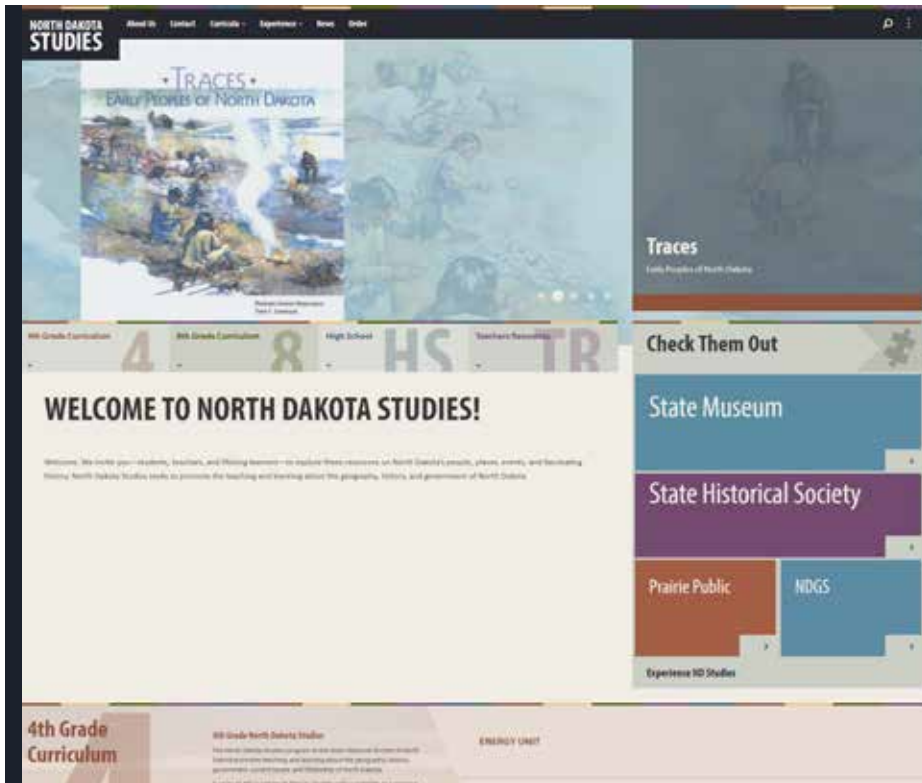
Volunteers

Heritage Volunteers donated almost 2,000 hours last year. Our volunteers serve roles from greeting visitors at museums and state historic sites to cataloging collections. Clockwise from top left: Heritage Volunteers Linda Larson, Ben Gjorven, Lenore Hopfauf, and Arlene Olson

Staff

The agency began a series of new professional development sessions for all staff. Curator of Collections Management Jenny Yearous received the 2018 Mountain-Plains Museums Association President's Award, and Curator of Education Erik Holland was named Environmental Educator of the Year by the North Dakota Forest Service and North Dakota State University.

Embrace Technology



NDstudies.gov

The North Dakota Studies program, produced by the State Historical Society, launched an updated website at ndstudies.gov, where visitors can find accessible and informative resources on the geography, history, and government of North Dakota. Teachers, students, and lifelong learners can access fourth and eighth grade curricula as well as additional resources and supplementary materials.

Re:discovery

The agency is implementing new Re:discovery software across all divisions to better manage collections data. The public portal of Re:discovery will provide better access for the public, historians, archaeologists, and other professionals to research agency holdings.

We plan to have an online portal available for public use by 2020.

Virtual Reality

During investigations at Molander Indian Village State Historic Site, a Hidatsa earthlodge village in Oliver County, Rory Becker from Eastern Oregon University captured virtual reality imagery that will eventually enable people to experience the site remotely and learn the process of archaeological research. PaleoCultural Research Group, Oklahoma State University, the University of Arkansas, and the State Historical Society conducted geophysical surveys and targeted test excavation at the site in August.

Preservica

The State Archives Digital Repository ingested more than 3.4 terabytes of state and local government records, manuscripts, and photographs using the software Preservica, including electronic records from Govs. John Hoeven and Jack Dalrymple.

Geographic Information System and Cultural Resources

State Historical Society staff continued incorporating recorded archaeological, historical, and architectural sites in North Dakota in a database and multi-layered mapping format, the Geographic Information System (GIS). These 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.

New sites: 1,111

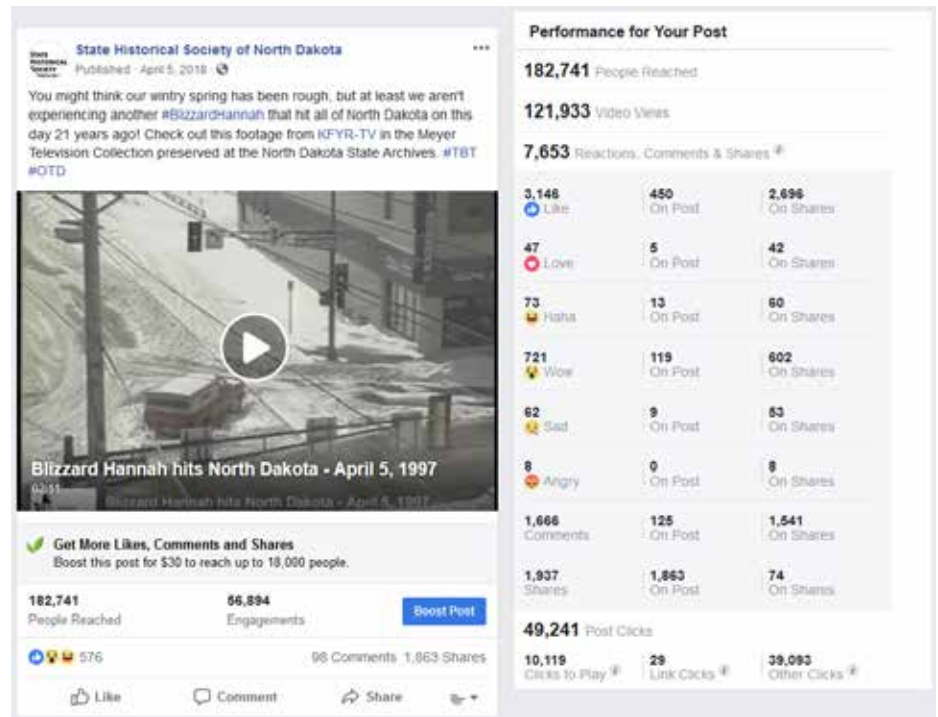
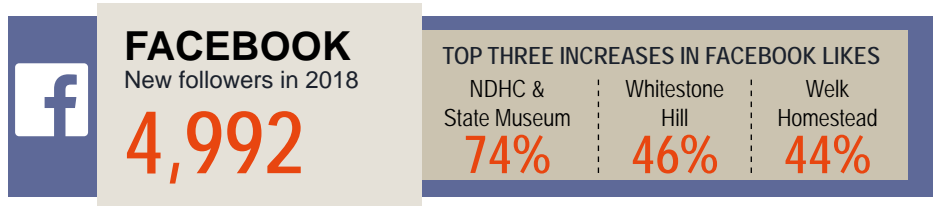
Sites updated: 550

Cultural resource reports: 502

Acres surveyed: 142,107

Cultural resource specialists, researchers, and planners using the files: 882

SOCIAL MEDIA



Drone Footage

Staff continue to use drone technology to record and manage archaeological resources. The footage is also used to enhance interpretive materials at state historic sites.

Left: Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site

State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation



In Memoriam

Virginia A. Nelsen, Executive Director of the Foundation for 17 years, passed away Nov. 16, 2018. Virginia had a strategic vision in everything she did. She developed the History's Trustees program to provide a network of support and funding for the Society and eventually the newly expanded ND Heritage Center. We honor her leadership, her tenacity, and her tireless efforts in spearheading countless projects for the Society and Foundation.



Sons Marv, Rod, Harvey, and Don Link celebrate their mother, Grace Link, seated.

Birthday Celebration for First Lady Grace Link

In August 2018, the State Historical Foundation joined the Link family in celebrating former North Dakota First Lady Grace Link's 100th birthday. Gov. Art and First Lady Grace Link were instrumental in forming a coalition of six governors to support of the ND Heritage Center expansion, completed in 2014. Grace Link was also instrumental in preserving the Former Governors' Mansion as a state historic site and continues to serve on the board of the Society for the Preservation of the Former Governors' Mansion.

2018 State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation Board

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Standing: Gov. Doug Burgum, Marlo Sveen, Robert Horne, Jon McMillan, Paul Olson.
Seated: First Lady Kathryn Burgum, George B. Sinner, Bill Guy, Gov. Allen Olson, former First Lady Grace Link.



Standing: Marlo Sveen, Gov. Allen Olson, Gov. Doug Burgum, State Historical Society Director Claudia Berg. Seated: Greg Bavendick, Don Clement, Paul Schliesman, Todd Steinwand, Bill Daniel, Brian Bjella.

Recognition Event Honorees

At the 2018 recognition event, the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation honored the Tom and Frances Leach Foundation for its \$500,000 donation and naming opportunity for the Tom and Frances Leach Great Plains Theater; the North Dakota Legislature; Gov. George Sinner for his leadership role; TJ Russell, Cloverdale Foods; Matthew Mohr, Dacotah Paper; and Lu Dunn, the first Trustee donor honoring her husband, Adrian. Gov. Doug and First Lady Kathryn Burgum along with the former governors, or their families, were presented personalized framed ledger art created by Standing Rock tribal member and Lakota/Dakota artist Butch Thunderhawk. Each member of the Leach Foundation board of directors received an event photo book signed by Gov. Burgum.



The Friends of the Chateau de Morès offered hay rides on Pie Day, a fundraiser in support of the state historic site near Medora.



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