

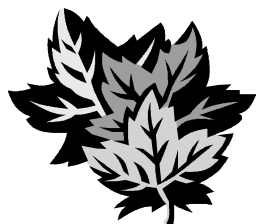
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Grand Forks County Historical Society, Grand Forks, ND Fall 2011

Craft Sale

The 35th Annual Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, November 5th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Craft Guild has many new items for sale for home and holiday decorating. Proceeds benefit our Historical Society. You don't want to miss it!



Raffle Fundraiser

GFCHS Board Members began selling tickets to win \$1000 this summer. 2nd Prize is an Amazon Kindle. The drawing will be held on Halloween night.

There is still time to get your raffle tickets, but hurry for a chance to win! Tickets can be purchased at the Myra Museum.

Lustron Grand Opening

The Lustron Home finally had its grand opening on Sunday September 25th. Hundreds came to see the progress that we've made restoring this historic home. The fifties furnishings brought back a lot of memories; attendees remarked on the kitchenette set, the bedroom furniture and the toys displayed in the childrens' rooms.

A lot of detailing work remains to be completed; the kitchen cabinets need to be returned to the home and the sliding doors for the bedroom closets have to be repaired in order to make them open and close more easily. Still, the house has come a long way since it was disassembled

at its original Lincoln Drive location following the 1997 Flood.

Artifacts are still being sought to complete the homes décor. Items topping the "wish list" include a good coffee table, and a dresser for the boy's room. If you can help, please call our office.

The Lustron will reopen for the Christmas season in December. Decorated for Christmas in the Fifties, it will stir many more happy memories - especially for the Boomers among us. Dates and times will be announced.

Ted Jelliff Honored by State Historical Society of North Dakota

Former Society Director and Board member, Ted Jelliff, was chosen as the recipient of this year's Heritage Profile Honor Award by the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Ted exemplified the spirit of this prestigious award by his service as a teacher, author and preservation advocate. Future generations will understand our state's

history better thanks to his dedication and persistence to preserving our history. The award will be given at the Governor's Conference on North Dakota History in Bismarck on Saturday, October 29th.

We extend our warmest congratulations to his wife Jan and children David and Sarah.

Quiet Room

Descendants of the Hagert-Sand Pioneer family donated funds to add an interactive video presentation to the Quiet Room in the Myra Museum.

Dorothy Hagert Crosby originally furnished the Quiet Room in honor of her parents, GF County pioneers Gust and Bertha (Sand) Hagert in 1977, using family albums, heirloom furniture and custom made mannequins. She passed away in 2006.

A customized computer desk is being built, to resemble the antique furnishings in the room. It will include a built-in computer and monitor that will have family photographs and historical information installed. Visitors may select which albums they want to view on a simple key pad. This is an excellent way to allow museum patrons to control which images they wish to view.



Mannequins in the Quiet Room

Legends of Terror

The third annual *Legends of Terror* haunted house event will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28 and 29.

Event organizers have planned a truly terrifying event for Halloween enthusiasts. Each of our museum buildings will have disturbing scenes played by local actors. There will be surprises along the pathways as well. *Legends of Terror* is not intended for the very young or the faint of heart, so beware...we will scare you. Admission is \$10. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Legends of Terror is supported, in part, by a grant from the North Valley Arts Council to fund stipends to pay the actors who will perform horrifying scenes throughout the evening. NoVAC grants are funded by the City of Grand Forks, supporting the work of local artists



and arts organizations. Thank you.

For those who prefer a less intense Halloween event, the **Half Pint Haunt** will be held on Sunday, Oct. 30th from 2-5 p.m. Families with young children may come and enjoy a fun Halloween Story inside the Myra Museum and Tricks and Treats throughout the Society grounds.

Admission for the Half Pint Haunt is \$3 per person, and \$10 per family.

Ancestry.com for Members Only

The Society has purchased a membership with Ancestry.com, the leading online subscription service for genealogists.

The membership allows full access to Ancestry for one computer user at a time. Society members may schedule time to use the service in the Myra Museum, as a benefit of their membership with our organization.

Since this is a new service, we'll work out a more regular schedule of available times to use Ancestry after about a month or so. By then we'll have a better idea how often members wish to use it and can work out a plan detailing hours of availability.

Genealogists may also search Ancestry at the public library for two hours per day at no charge.

Entertaining History

Our *Entertaining History Lecture* series will begin in January. All lectures are held on Sundays and begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Myra Museum. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Each presentation focuses on an historical topic, not necessarily specific to Grand Forks, but of interest to the general public. Members interested in giving a presentation are encouraged to contact our office.

Schedule:

Jan. 15 : Dr. Kimberly Porter,
"Practically Imperishable':
White Bronze Cemetery Monu-
ments in GF County."

Feb. 19, Dr. Gordon Iseminger,
"Patent Medicines in One North
Dakota Community: What can
we Learn from them?"

Mar. 18, Dr. George Schubert,
"Old Time Radio."

April – TBA

Summer Events

The Society's summer events were well attended this season. The Ice Cream Social increased attendance over last year. Attendees enjoyed musical performances by Jazz on Tap and the Summer Performing Arts Company (SPA). Children were given a scavenger hunt to complete, seeking members from the Society's new "Storytellers" historical actors' group. Those who completed their list were entered in a drawing to win a gift card from Space Aliens Bar and Grill.

History Rocks attracted a large audience as well. Eighty eight classic cars were on display, coming from as far away as Winnipeg and Devils Lake. Mayor Michael Brown selected a customized 2008 Corvette for the Mayor's Choice award; in addition trophies were given out for

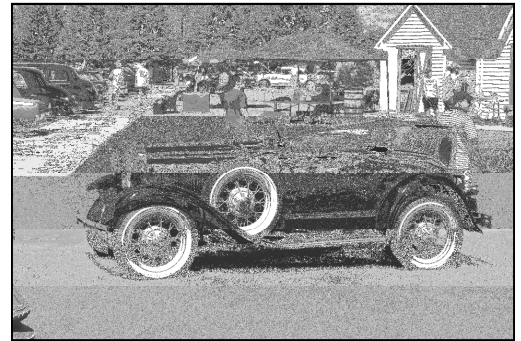
People's Choice, Participant's Choice, and the Rockin' Classic. Attendees enjoyed doo-wop music and classic rock and roll from the fifties and sixties, sloppy joes and root beer floats just like in the "good old days."

The school house was full of local children for this year's School House Days event. The children learned about law and order, the valuable services performed by law enforcement officers and the importance of good citizenship. They also learned about the Northfield, MN Robbery which was foiled, in part, thanks to the excellent marksmanship of early Grand Forks physician Dr. Henry Wheeler.

Thank you to Bonnie Cameron and Kathy Reid; our excellent School Days teachers!



Canadian Cars At History Rocks



Reg Urness' 1931 Model A



School House Days August 8th



School House Days August 15th



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Members receive free admission, our organizational newsletter, museum shop discounts and reduced rates on facility rentals.

Please make checks payable to the Grand Forks County Historical Society. Membership is fully deductible as allowed by law.

Membership runs for one year from receipt of dues.

The Grand Forks County Historical Society is a registered
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