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The New MANFRED NEWS

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Manfred Heritage Museum

Celebrating Rural America

Purpose Statement

The Manfred Heritage Museum, which includes historical and artifact displays, physical sites, web site, and resource center, is dedicated to provide present and future generations the opportunity to learn about the important contributions rural places such as Manfred have given to North Dakota and to America.

Announcing

A NEW MUSEUM!

Given name: Manfred Heritage Museum

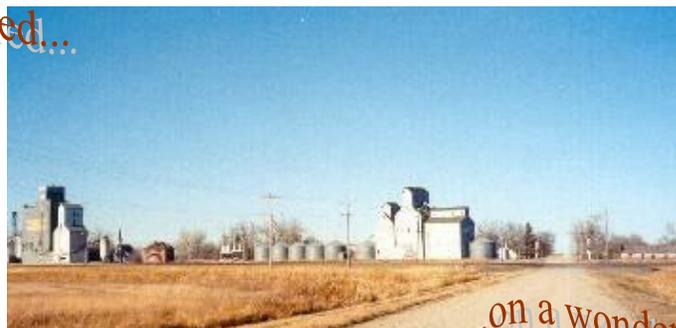
Date dedicated: July 26, 2003

Size: A tiny rural village and its traditional trade area.

Attending the celebration: 225 friends and family of Manfred coming from around America and Canada

What a happy and significant day for Manfred!

**Congratulations
Manfred!**



**...on a wonderful
new future!**

Ribbon cutting culminating the dedication ceremony

Representing:

Future generations –
Lloyd Norstedt

History of Manfred –
historian Audrey Solheim

Manfred History and Preser.,
Inc. (MHP, Inc.) –
president Wanda Melchert

Harvey Area Chamber of
Commerce - Oscar Clapper,
Sheila and Jerry Schroeder

Harvey Mayor's Office -
Linda Knudtson



Representing the three
buildings participating in the
dedication:

Vang Lutheran Church –
president Verna Bowers

Melby-Rogness Home –
former owner Myrtle Rogness

Bank-Post Office –
former owner and last
postmaster Edgar Flick

Representatives for the ribbon cutting ceremony:

From left: Lloyd Norstedt, Oscar Clapper, Linda Knudtson, Verna Bowers, Myrtle Rogness cutting the ribbon, Sheila Schroeder, Wanda Melchert, Edgar Flick, Audrey Solheim, Jerry Schroeder

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Visitors to the museum during August

Warren Nelson, Darlene Hoopes, Joelyn Bymoan Scriba, Sharon Ekrem Wallery, Jurene Wallery, Ray and Elaine Nelson Homan, Myron and Virginia Soiseth, Bob and Donna Foster, Butch and Darlene Boese, David Boese, Harley and Norma Kittelson, Dick and Vangie Tulp, Marlys Platz, Violet Seidlinger, Myrtle Rogness, Kathy Lawter, Elsie Martinson, Audery Solheim, Laverne Johnson, Maridel Sprenger, and Kevin, Tresa, Tanya, and Tyler Boese.

In Memory

Mrs. Bert (Gladys) Miller
September 15, 1911 - August 21, 2003

Mary Deede Naves
February 6, 1901 - August 21, 2003

Ervin Boese
August 16, 1920 - August 26, 2003

David Holwegner
December 17, 1951 - August 30, 2003

Arthur Treft
February 28, 1918 - September 2, 2003

Laverne's Manfred Song – 2003

- Composed and sung by Laverne Johnson for Museum Dedication on July 26, 2003.
- CDs and cassette tapes should be ready before Thanksgiving
- All profits will be donated to Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.
- \$10.00 for CD or cassette tape (mail orders please add \$2.00 for packaging & postage)
- Mail orders to: Laverne Johnson
2126 N. 7th St.
Bismarck, ND 58501

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The Manfred Newsletter will begin regular annual subscription in 2004, rather than volunteer contribution as has been done in the past.

For those who have made a contribution to MHP, Inc. at anytime in the past, your subscription is effective through December 2004. If you have not made a contribution, you can subscribe to the 2004 newsletter with a check of \$10.00 to MHP, Inc. (A notice for subscribing to the 2005 newsletter will be announced later in 2004.)

Contributions

Contributions to MHP, Inc.

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Kermit and Beverly Larson
Kathy Lawter
Ella Lenz
Eileen W. Mead in memory
of Edna Johnson Howie
Art and Florence Melby
Paul M. Miller
LeRoy and Ella Naves
George Nelson
Astrid Ongstad in memory
of Walter Ongstad
Dennis Opdahl
Doris and Donna Piercy
Lester and Lorraine Quie
Karen Ravnaas
James and Mildred Reising
Darlene Roble
Berger and Olive Rodne
Roger and Bobbi Rogelstad
In Memory of Richard Rogness:
Doris and Donna Piercy, Friends,
Elsie Martinson, Myrtle Rogness
Gordon and Betty Schimke

Ron and Janine Schmitz
Richard and Mary Schulz
Merlin and Laurie Schwartz
James and Helen Severud
Irene Sommer
Margaret E. Sprague in memory of
Delores Renden
James and Maridel Sprenger
Willys and Violet Springer
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Arlene Triebold
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Richard and Mary Schulz
Violet Seidlinger
James and Helen Severud
Willys and Violet Springer
Bryce and June Streibel
Jane Uggerud
Katherine Weber
Lucille Wiese

Historical Contributions

Some recent contributions of historical items

Pete Anderson-P.B. Anderson table, on longterm loan.

Harry Detling-Copy of family picture

Gene and Betty Melby-Burkum items

Wanda Melchert-Sewing box from Cash Store

Pam Norstedt-School books

Astrid Ongstad-WWI&II Military uniforms and other items, pictures, history

Marilyn Saint-Pictures, Assand Store silverware and trade token

Joelyn Bymoan Scriba-Pictures

Helen Severud-Skogmo pictures and history

Adolph Shirley-School desks, butter churn, woodworker planes, cupboard, kitchen table

Brenda Skalet-Pictures, Books in Norwegian

Alice Anderson Smith-Papers, pictures

Janice Steffen-Lindbo pictures and history

Lorraine Rau-A bowl of Myrtle Rogness

Ruth Widiger-Roll top desk of Sam Rogness

Welcome everyone... A new life has begun in Manfred!!

Welcome everyone to this very special issue sharing about the Dedication of the Manfred Heritage Museum and its wonderful future! Also featured on pages 9-11 is a lovely piece about Clarence Alvshere and his artistry in wood. Thank you to Clarence, his daughter Carol Moldenhauer, and son and wife Loren and Kathy Alvshere for helping with the photos and information. Be sure to see page 2 for ordering Laverne Johnson's song she wrote especially for the Dedication. This song, by Manfred's own troubadour, was a very big hit! You won't want to miss having a copy of this studio recording for a donation of \$10.00. Thank you Laverne for your gift of this song to Manfred, and for designating the proceeds to MHP, Inc. Please also see page 2 for important information regarding newsletter subscription. In honor of the opening of the Manfred Heritage Museum, it would be wonderful to install a Time Capsule. If you have a message or anything else you would like to put into a capsule for Manfred, please let us know.

Dedication Day

July 26, 2003, the 'birth' of the Manfred Heritage Museum!

A significant event for Manfred, for Wells County, for the state and the nation!

A museum dedicated in honor of America's rural places!

Dedication Day began with a tour in the morning of the Wells County Museum where visitors had the opportunity to view the Anderson Room, the Viking Ship replica, and other exhibits. The dedication ceremony at Manfred in the afternoon began with great honor at the bank-post office building where the American Legion Color Guard presented the colors. The American flag was then raised on the bank-post office flagpole by Edgar Flick the former owner of this building, and the National Anthem was played by the Harvey City Band.



American Legion Color Guard

Mark Schmitz, Commander of Fessenden Color Guard
Lynn Baltrusch, Fessenden
Art Melby, Harvey
Vern Pranke, Fessenden
Owen Wallace, Fessenden
Reiner Widiger, Fessenden

Harvey City Band

Peggy Lemer, Director
Delores Baltrusch
Ted Heitzmann
Tim Huseth
Bob Lilliquist
Bob Lorenz
Heather Melson
Brent Muscha
Amanda Prouty
Ted Sitz
Judy Titus



The dedication program continued at the south lawn of the Melby-Rogness Home, beginning with a prayer by Paul Gunderson, a story with the children by Wanda Melchert, recognizing the volunteers, messages given by state officials and local folks excerpts of which are found on pages 6 and 7, a song written and sung for the dedication by Laverne Johnson, and the ribbon cutting ceremony as shown on page 1. The three buildings included in the dedication were also participants in their own way: the bank-post office with the raising of the American flag on its flag pole, the Melby-Rogness Home with Myrtle Rogness pressing its door bell, and Vang Lutheran Church with Pete Anderson ringing its bell.

Concluding the dedication was a musical program by the Harvey City Band whose sounds were enjoyed throughout the village as people viewed the buildings or took a walking tour. Soft-serve ice cream was served in the Vang church basement, and handcrafted items were for sale there by Verna Bowers with one half the proceeds going to MHP, Inc. This remarkable and successful day for Manfred was perfectly wonderful, and much enjoyed by everyone.



Museum Displays

Bank-Post Office



Historic photo displays



Vang Lutheran Church



At left is original bank and post office teller cage. At right is the Manfred School Organ which is still in perfect playable condition.



Melby-Rogness Home



Historic home furnishings from the Manfred area



WW I & II Display

Dedication Day Acknowledgements

Thank you to everyone who attended the very successful Dedication Day of the Manfred Heritage Museum, some of whom are listed on page 8. This tiny village was blessed with your presence on this special historic day. Thank you to those who participated in the program as shown on Pages 1, 3, 6, and 7. Thank you for photographs by Rose Anderson, Jeanne Flick, Betty Melby, Richard Melchert, Merlin Schwartz, Laurie Schwartz, and Audrey Solheim.

Thank you to the volunteer workers and all who provided supplies and equipment: Bob Anderson, Pete and Rose Anderson, Rod Anderson, Wesley and Esther Boese, Verna Bowers, Edgar and Jeanne Flick, Laverne Johnson, Curtis Lamm, Wanda Melchert, Pam and Lloyd Norstedt, Herbert Ongstad, Merlin and Laurie Schwartz, Audrey Solheim, Reiner and Ruth Widiger. Plus special thanks to Perry Anderson for providing the sound system and his expertise, tents, and ice cream machine... to Dale and Shirley Opdahl for use of their flatbed trailer which served to haul chairs and also served as the platform stage for the program ... to the City of Harvey for use of the chairs.



New fixtures to shine their light in the museum buildings



Special gifts to the Manfred Heritage Museum upon the occasion of the dedication.

Light fixtures given by Audrey Solheim in memory of her mother, Annie Solheim—a chandelier for the dining room of the Melby-Rogness Home and the fan light for the bank-post office.

Vinyl lettering for the Manfred signs made and given by Marilyn Stanley.

American flags given by Edgar and Jeanne Flick for the bank-post office building, and by Wanda Melchert for the Melby-Rogness Home.

Chantilly lace curtains. Fabric given by Muriel Boyum, made by Kathy Alveshere, and installed by the Manfred Homemaker's Club.

Perry Anderson providing sound system for dedication program



Members of the Manfred Homemaker's Club Kathy Alveshere, Verna Bowers, Esther Boese



Samples of the attractive new signs in Manfred



Welcome sign installed by Pete Anderson, Herbert Ongstad, Wesley Boese

Special display items on loan for the day

Coin box for Manfred pay telephone: Pete Anderson

Early Manfred telephone: Astrid Ongstad

Photo displays of Rod Anderson and Edgar and Jeanne Flick



Chairs unloaded from Opdahl's flatbed trailer

Your Contributions and Volunteer Work are Making a Difference in Manfred!

The Manfred Heritage Museum is 'born!' Just so wonderful! This success is possible because of contributors some of whom are listed on page 2, and also the volunteer workers! To each of you, thank you for caring and giving of yourselves!! The projects have a wonderful start, with much more to come that will benefit Manfred with the help of everyone. You are all making a very positive difference for Manfred!!

With unswerving focus and good spirit, the workers continue making forward progress. There remains much to do, but we are delighted to have finished three rooms on the main level of the Melby-Rogness Home. In addition, workers helped with restoration work at the bank-post office and church buildings, in order that these buildings could also be ready in time for the dedication. These pictures help give a glimpse of the wonderful effort – folks busy preparing for the 'birth.' During 2003, the following helped make it possible for the museum to open....

*North wall of Melby-Rogness basement was built and midsection supports installed: volunteer contractor Paul Gunderson together with Pete Anderson, Wanda Melchert, and Wesley Boese, Harvey Ready Mix, and Mark Faul with his back hoe.

*Interior restoration of the Melby-Rogness Home headed by -
 Insulation: Pete Anderson, Wanda Melchert, and Wesley Boese
 Electrical: Fritz Wohl and Shawn Olson
 Sheet rock: Greg Seidel and his helpers
 Taping and mudding: Lefty Erickson
 Texturing: Paul Gunderson
 Refinishing floors: Wanda Melchert
 Molding and baseboards: Herbert Ongstad
 Historic materials contributed by Ervin & Evelina Boese and Shari Nyhus.

*Front door restoration: Perry Anderson, Verna Bowers, Darlene Brecht, Rod and Lori Brecht, Wanda Melchert, Herbert Ongstad.

*Carpentry work on one or both of the Melby-Rogness Home and the bank-post office: Perry Anderson, Greg Seidel with his helpers Dale Nerlien and Daryl Bergrud.

*Painting regarding one or both of the Melby-Rogness Home and the bank-post office: Verna Bowers, Wanda Melchert, Pam and Lloyd Norstedt, Crystal Roller, Reiner and Ruth Widiger, and Rita Seidel with her helpers KayDee Melby, Sara Muscha, and Ashley Weigelt.

*Photo display preparation for the bank-post office was done at the First Lutheran Church basement at Mandan, ND: Dianne Aull, Lowell and Muriel Boyum, Laverne Johnson, Wanda Melchert, Herbert Ongstad, Lyle Schulz, Audrey Solheim, Maridel Sprenger, Louise Wachter.

*Yard care and clean-up in Manfred: Jacob Anderson, Perry Anderson, Pete and Rose Anderson, Rod Anderson, Wesley Boese, Wanda Melchert, Herbert Ongstad, Joyce Ravnaas.

*Furniture and other display items installed: Jacob Anderson, Perry Anderson, Verna Bowers, Bruce Melby, Gene and Betty Melby, Richard & Wanda Melchert, Herbert Ongstad, Reiner & Ruth Widiger.

*Vang Lutheran Church carpeted by Tom's Home Furnishing, foundation sealer applied by Betty and Gene Melby and Brent Muscha.



1. Wesley Boese hauling debris from garage area.
2. Pete Anderson, Wanda Melchert, and Wesley Boese pouring footings for supports in basement.
3. Herbert Ongstad glazing a glass pane.
4. Electrical installation by Fritz Wohl and Shawn Olson.
5. Reiner Widiger and Verna Bowers priming south side of garage.
6. Gene, Marsha, and Betty Melby, Herbert Ongstad, Bruce and KayDee Melby help unload the Burkum piano.
7. Reiner Widiger, Herbert Ongstad, Jacob Anderson, Verna Bowers, Pete and Rose Anderson bring in the roll top desk. This desk was given to the museum by Ruth Widiger, she having inherited it from her father Perry Anderson. It was in the basement of the Rogness home in pieces. Sam Rogness gave the pieces to Perry Anderson who reconstructed the desk.
8. and 9. Greg Seidel and his helpers Dale Nerlien and Daryl Bergrud remove the partition in the bank-post office building.
10. Painters Ashley Weigelt and Crystal Roller in the P.O. supervised? by Rogy the dog, Manfred's town constable.
11. Painters Pam and Lloyd Norstedt in the P.O.
12. Painters KayDee Melby, Ashley Weigelt, Ruth Widiger, Sara Muscha, and Rita Seidel in the Melby-Rogness Home.
13. Muriel Boyum, Audrey Solheim, Lyle Schulz at a photo work session.
14. & 15. Audrey Solheim, Maridel Sprenger with her granddaughter, Louise Wachter with her daughter, and Laverne Johnson worked together on photos for the gallery in the bank-post office.



Dedication Messages

State and local folks sharing...

Dale Bentley, Executive Director of Preservation North Dakota

Dale assisted with the founding of MHP, Inc., and has served as a key guide for the Manfred projects



Dale Bentley

As I was driving into Manfred today, I thought Manfred is not just history anymore. Manfred continues to make history, and all of us here today are a part of that. Preservation North Dakota, of which I am the Executive Director, held our annual historic preservation conference in 2000 right here in Manfred. That conference showcased the spectacular Vang Lutheran Church. But during that conference, it was very evident to all those in attendance that the community of Manfred had such a strong sense of place and a strong sense of community. I think that is evident here again today. Vang Lutheran was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. I was pleased to be on the review board at that time. To my knowledge, Manfred had the largest ever contingent of people accepting a National Register nomination! Preservation North Dakota was pleased to award the Vang Lutheran Church a Grass Roots Preservation Grant in 2002. We helped them with some foundation work and some gutter work. Vang Lutheran Church is truly one of North Dakota's most inspiring Prairie Churches!

The community of Manfred has a great story to share, and a strong sense of place to convey. The efforts here to preserve and interpret Manfred's history won all of those involved 'The Preservation Success Story' award from Preservation North Dakota in 2002. The efforts here are unmatched in towns several hundreds or thousands the size of the community of Manfred and this is important! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for allowing me to share in the progress here in Manfred and this celebration today. I would like to offer you my heartfelt thank you for all of those involved in the projects. I urge you to continue to make history in Manfred and continue to celebrate your past.

Merle Paaverud, Director of the State Historical Society of North Dakota

Merle and his staff represent a wonderful support and guide for the Manfred projects



Merle Paaverud

It is great to be here! It's an honor and a privilege to come to Manfred on this special day. I'm from a place not too far away from here, Finley. But really, it's Sherbrooke and Pickard. Sherbrooke is gone! It's now only in memory. Sherbrooke is where I grew up. People left and didn't stay with it, and so it's a ghost town now. All there are, is memories... a few little buildings... a few little stones here and there. But, it's gone, except in my memory and in my heart. Things like that are happening all over North Dakota. It's hard to see it.

I think Manfred sets a great example for the local area, for our state, and for our great nation. Efforts like this are what we need in order to hold onto our past. We all need to know where we came from, where we're going. Places like this are called home base. You never forget them. We work with a lot of preservation programs and try to help where we can. I've got a great staff of people that have background and training, where they can help provide technical assistance. But, what makes me feel best, is when I see the people get involved... when the people say "We can do this, and let's get together and get it to work." It comes from the heart of both the people from my staff, and from the people that really work there. This is what is happening right here in Manfred. It's coming from you.

I would also like to point out what a great partner Preservation North Dakota is! They bridge that gap between state government operation and help on the grass-roots level. That's where our strength is. Volunteers are our strength, and people who jump in and try to make a difference. What a great example Manfred is! Congratulations to all the people who have worked on this wonderful, wonderful project! I see not only a past, but I see a great future. Thank you to you! Keep up the good work. Congratulations! Give us a call when you need some help.

Mary Kate Ryan, Architectural Historian for the State Historical Society of North Dakota

Mary Kate will help guide Manfred's upcoming National Register nominations



Mary Kate Ryan

Hi! I am Mary Kate Ryan, the brand new architectural historian for the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Yesterday, we held our state Historic Preservation Review Board meeting, of which I am the secretary. This is the board that reviews the National Register nominations. We had a discussion about one of the major problems in preservation- that people come into a town like Manfred and they see buildings that are dilapidated and falling down. What they lack is the vision to see what they could be like after preservation. And that is what the people of Manfred have.

We have the Vang Lutheran Church that was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. With that recognition, one of the main things that comes is that people start realizing that this is an important historic place in the history of this town, of this township, of this county, and therefore of the state. So this vision to see what things could be like after preservation, is what we need in this state. We need to preserve the historic resources that bring people to North Dakota, that tell the story of North Dakota. That is what has happened here! Manfred is a great example of what can happen when people have vision.

Dedication Messages (cont.)



Paul Gunderson

Paul Gunderson, Volunteer Contractor

Paul has led work on the foundation project and serves as mentor and guide.

It's great to see everyone here. I'm not from this community. I'm from the community to the north here, called Heimdal. But, that community would not exist if this one had not been here, because virtually all of the lumber and all of the building materials that were used to construct that community in 1903-1905 came from Manfred. Indeed, a good number of those materials were ordered I suspect from one of the desks in this home.

It's been a pleasure to work with the community here, and help move this project along. Everyone is special, and we've had some great times together. It's been fun.

Jerry Klein, Senator

Jerry is an energetic promoter of Wells County serving in the North Dakota Senate



Jerry Klein

In this last legislative session, we've been discussing a lot about out-migration and what we are going to do to keep the young people in North Dakota or even just bring people back. As we did research, we looked at everywhere from northern Ontario to Texas – rural America is going away. People are moving to the city.

I'm a farm boy from New Zealand that wound up in the grocery business in Fessenden. Talking about growing up, we would go to town Saturday night. Dad would be visiting with all the neighbors, mom would buy her groceries, and I'd wait at the cream station for the egg and cream check. Then, I'd run the check over to the grocery store so I could hang around with my friends. If you couldn't buy it in the local town, you didn't need it or you bought it in the catalog.

I've been in Fessenden 25 years. We celebrated our 25th year in the grocery business here, and Manfred is a part of the county and part of my community. It's great to be here! I really appreciate all the work these volunteers have done. Manfred should be proud of what's been accomplished.



Linda Knudtson

Linda Knudtson, Representative from the Harvey Mayor's Office

Linda conducted the ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating the Manfred Heritage Museum

I think this is such a great day! I commend the people of Manfred and all who have helped. I am envious because I wish we had this in Harvey, and we will work on something. This is definitely wonderful for the Manfred community. They've done a wonderful job.

Lorraine Rau, President of the Wells County Historical Society and curator of the Wells County

Lorraine has served as a mentor and friend of Manfred



Lorraine Rau

I was really thrilled this morning to see so many people come to the Wells County Museum, and visit the Anderson room there and all the other exhibits. It was just a joyful time.

I want to congratulate all the people working on this project. I think it is just great to live in a community where people are enjoying working together like we have at the Festival Hall since that was restored, and now for Manfred.

Wanda Melchert, President of Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.

Wanda is coordinator of the Manfred history and preservation projects

What a privilege and great blessing it is working together with the many friends of Manfred, both near and far, for the benefit of Manfred and its rich history. The inspiration for the Manfred projects came from the thoughts and dreams expressed by people in the area. The concepts were then presented to the Manfred Township Board at their March 2000 meeting, at which time the board gave its vote of confidence in support of the history and preservation projects. Sincere thanks goes to the Manfred Township Board for that initial encouragement, thereby setting the projects in motion.

Since that time, the projects have garnered much interest and success. The non-profit organization Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. (MHP, Inc.) was founded July 25, 2000, and then on June 21, 2001 Vang Lutheran Church was listed on the national register. In 2002, MHP, Inc. was named North Dakota's "Preservation Success Story for 2002" by Preservation North Dakota. The newsletter, 'The New Manfred News,' and the 'manfrednd.org' website are both receiving high praise. Audrey Solheim, Manfred's historian is busy gathering the history of Manfred, MHP, Inc. is currently overseeing restoration of the Melby-Rogness Home, and other National Register nominations are planned.

With the Manfred Heritage Museum now begun, we need to give thought toward ensuring its existence long into the future. We would not wish for our dedicated efforts to be all for naught. It would be wonderful to think that Manfred might still be sharing its story 100 or 200 years from now. We who care about Manfred and possess memories of this place are the ones who can ensure its future by remembering Manfred in our financial and estate planning. Manfred has a wonderful story to share of rural America with both the present and the future generations.



Wanda Melchert

Greeting Card

*Best wishes on the opening of the Manfred Heritage Museum from the members of the
Central North Dakota Genealogical Society of Harvey, ND.*

About 225 people attended the dedication

Rogene Aadnes, Towner, ND
 Ron Aadnes, Stanley, ND
 Ward Alveshere, York, ND
 Bob Anderson, Dickinson, ND
 Christine Anderson, Harvey, ND
 Don A. Anderson, Azle, TX
 Lowell and Amy Anderson, Heimdal, ND
 Orrin and Karen Anderson, Minot, ND
 Perry, Laurie, Jacob, Sam Anderson, Fessenden, ND
 Pete and Rose Anderson, Manfred, ND
 Rod Anderson, Goodyear, AZ
 Delores Baltrusch, Harvey, ND
 Lynn Baltrusch, Fessenden, ND
 Debra Barr, Meadview, AZ
 Albert Bauman, Golden Valley, ND
 Gerald and Darlene J. Bauman, Golden Valley, ND
 Loren and Darlene L. Bauman, Golden Valley, ND
 Dale Bentley, Buffalo, ND
 Lydia Boese, Harvey, ND
 Wesley and Esther Boese, Manfred, ND
 Joe and Ethel Bolyard, Kenosha, WI
 Verna Bowers, Harvey, ND
 Hazel Bowlinger, Harvey, ND
 Lowell and Muriel Boyum, Mandan, ND
 William and Lorraine Brye, Harvey, ND
 Alma Buchfink, Beulah, ND
 Tim Cook, Williston, ND
 Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Corneliusen, Wellsburg, ND
 Hildor and Nellie Deede, Fessenden, ND
 Wayne and LoAnn Dybing, LaMoure, ND
 Hugh and Gloria Edwards, Rugby, ND
 Larry and Carol Fisher, Las Vegas, NV
 Corey and JoAnn Flick, Minot, ND
 Edgar and Jeanne Flick, Manfred, ND
 Helen Fritchie, Hurdsfield, ND
 Lee Fry, Zap, ND
 Paul Gunderson, Heimdal, ND
 Dorothy Harris, Sidney, MT
 Steven Harris, Minot, ND
 Hadley and Eileen Haugen, Fessenden, ND
 Becky Heise, Valley City, ND
 Ted Heitzmann, Harvey, ND
 Gwyn Herman, Bismarck, ND
 Charlie and Ellanora Houtkooper, Fargo, ND
 Tim Huseth, Harvey, ND
 Ernest and Alma Isaak, Golden Valley, ND
 Ervin and Delma Jassmann, Golden Valley, ND
 Larry Johnson, Modesto, CA
 Laverne Johnson, Bismarck, ND
 Verna Johnson, Harvey, ND
 Gennevieve Keson, Harvey, ND
 Robert Kopseng, Harvey, ND
 Bill and Sandy Krebs, Oshkosh, WI
 Wilma Lang, Zap, ND
 Peggy Lemer, Harvey, ND
 Bob Lilliquist, Harvey, ND
 George Litke, Fessenden, ND
 Bob Lorenz, Harvey, ND
 Elsie Martinson, Harvey, ND
 Art and Florence Melby, Harvey, ND

Some of the folks present for this happy occasion are listed here...

Gene and Betty Melby, Manfred, ND
 Ken and Jeanne Melby, Fessenden, ND
 Richard and Wanda Melchert, Golden Valley, ND
 Heather and Shadyn Melson, Harvey, ND
 Dale and Darlene Miller, Harvey, ND
 Veronica Miller, Buffalo, ND
 Brent Muscha, Manfred, ND
 Curtis L. Nelson, Devils Lake, ND
 Melvin Newson, Bismarck, ND
 Pam and Lloyd Norstedt, Harvey, ND
 Doug and Lou Oglesby, Enderlin, ND
 Herbert Ongstad, Manfred, ND
 Arron, Carrie, Natalie, Levi Opdahl, Fessenden, ND
 Shirley Opdahl, Harvey, ND
 Arnt and Phyllis Ostrem, Gresham, OR
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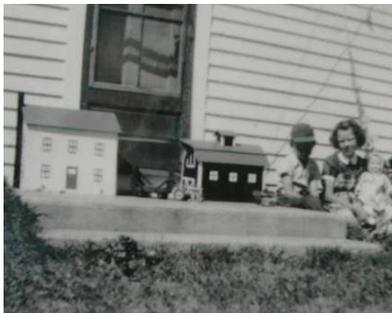
Clarence Alveshere

His Artistry in Wood



Clarence Alveshere

Clarence's love of life permeates throughout his wooden creations... love of family and home, love of farming, and love of God and His Creation. His first adventure in woodworking occurred in 1946 with the desire to build a dollhouse for his daughter Carol and a small barn for his son Loren. Then in 1974 when he retired from farming, he was able to begin in earnest to explore the craft of woodworking. His wide interest in working with many different woods spans from carving by hand to creating designs using power tools, large to small projects, the common down-to-earth themes of life to the humorous, and the intricate to the simple... all beautifully made and treasured by the many people blessed to receive these wooden creations. Members of his family have gladly joined Clarence in various aspects of his craft such as helping with scaling the patterns and painting on his creations. The photos here give us the opportunity to enjoy viewing some of his artistry.



The toy house and barn Clarence made for his children, Loren and Carol. Created in c.1946.



Floral design on glass clock door

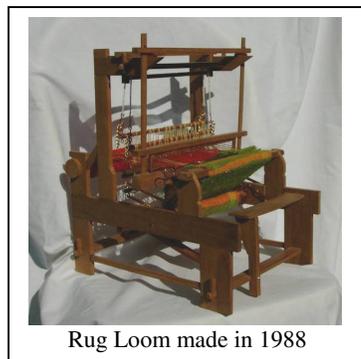


Clarence's parents purchased the clock above at left in 1868. One of the replicas Clarence made can be seen above on the right. Dora Heil, mother of Tami Heil Alveshere, beautifully painted the floral design on each replica precisely as it appears on the original.



Clarence made six mahogany replicas of the clock for members of his family in 2001-2002.

Heirloom Replicas



Rug Loom made in 1988

Replica of the loom Clarence's mother Mallen Gaasdal Alveshere made rugs on. Clarence's son Loren scaled it to 1/5 size of the original loom. This replica is made of walnut wood and has totally working parts just like the original full-scale loom.



Detail showing the rug Clarence & his wife Lena made on this replica loom.

1/10 size oak replica of the winder used to organize the loom threads in preparation for placing them on the loom as the warp of the rugs.



Rug Warp Winder made in 1988

Walnut wood replica of the spinning wheel of Clarence's mother. He and his daughter-in-law Kathy scaled this working replica to 1/3 the original size.



Spinning Wheel made in 1995

Home and School



Oak dining room table & pine chairs, 1998. Tea set was gift from Helen Kegerreis. Dolls gifts from Norway.



Oak school desks, 1997



Three rocking chairs



Functioning oak piano stools



Oak picnic table and benches, 2002



Norwegian kick sled (spark), 2001, and Basswood chair (kubastol), 1995

Novelty Items



Pine chain carved from one piece of wood



Oak butcher block and operating candy dispenser



Example of finished and unfinished Dalmatian dog. Painted by daughter-in-law Kathy.



When daughter Carol and granddaughter Lisa visited Norway, they obtained the pattern for this hand bellows from a cousin's son of Clarence. Clarence made this operating bellows in 1992 from basswood.



Clarence obtains his project ideas from his personal interests such as farming and horses, from ideas family and friends bring to him, and from things he comes upon himself. He enjoys trying new ideas and techniques.



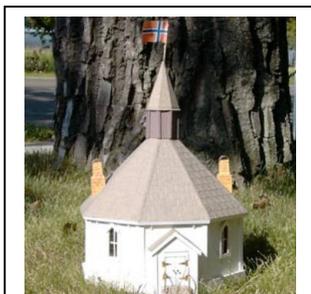
Many recipe/note-holder rabbits have been made and given away, many of them painted by Lena



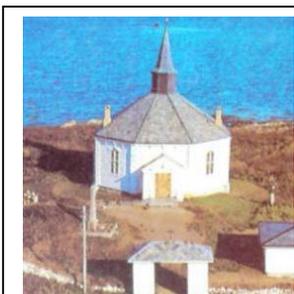
The pattern for the acrobat clown came from Lena's brother Oliver. With a flip the clown easily performs twirls the whole length of the parallel bars.



A few of the hand tools Clarence uses include: at top, a whittling knife he used to carve the dog, and below are two carving tools used on such things as the hand bellows pictured above.



Octagon-shaped church, 1998. Steeple alone has 48 pieces.



Dverberg Kirke on Andoya Island, Norway. Built 1843.

Clarence created the replica at far-left from Lena's encouragement, based on the postcard at near-left. Detail below shows individual sandpaper shingles and hand-painted chimney.



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This piece, made in 1996, was patterned after a ceramic church Lena purchased from Mabelle Wahlberg, a former Manfred schoolteacher.

Farming and Horses

Farming and horses have been lifelong interests for Clarence. He wrote about riding his horse in 'Driving Cattle to the Manfred Stockyards' found in the Sept 2002 Manfred Newsletter, page 11. In the wagon and horse photo below, Clarence made not only the flair wagon but also the special wheels with their individual spokes.



The weathervane tower is of pine odds & ends leftover from projects through the years. Clarence made the vane using a scroll saw. The horse was drawn by him and the arrow by his daughter-in-law Kathy.



The legs of the rocking horse shown above move when the horse is in rocking motion. The sleigh at left recalls the means of winter travel in the days of the early settlers.

Clarence's most recent project has been to create a replica of the City of Harvey's old water tower. He began work on it in January 2003 and finished in time to show at the Wells County Fair in June 2003, where he won a blue ribbon and also the Reserve Champion award ribbon in its category.



Replica of Harvey water tower



Water tower at Harvey, ND

The Family



Heart shaped letter holder created with a scroll saw.

Clarence and Lena together with their two children Carol and Loren farmed five miles northwest of Manfred, where their son Loren now farms with his sons Tom and Mike. After retiring, Clarence and Lena first lived in Heimdal and later moved to Harvey. Lena passed away in 1996. Now at age 92, Clarence continues to help with combining the crops, and creating new wooden creations.



Wedding of Mike and Tami Alveshere, 1994

Back: Mitchell & Lisa Moldenhauer, Jorge Pagan, Clyde & Carol Moldenhauer, Kathy and Loren Alveshere, Tom Alveshere, Tami and Mike Alveshere
Front: Lisa Pagan holding Andre, Lena and Clarence Alveshere, Sarah Alveshere
Additional members joining the family after this photo was taken:
Victor Meier-husband of Sarah Alveshere, Cale & Alexa-children of Lisa and Jorge Pagan, Andrew & McKenzie-children of Tami and Mike Alveshere



Lena & Clarence Alveshere, c.1990