Monday, May 22, 2006

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Heritage Center

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Reception and Dinner at the North Dakota Heritage Center

Transportation to the reception and dinner will depart from outside the main hotel lobby entrance. Please immediately board the bus upon your arrival at the hotel lobby at 5:00 p.m.

Our hosts, North Dakota’s WICHE commissioners – Dave Nething (WICHE’s chair), Richard Kunkel, and Robert Potts – have arranged for us to spend the evening at the North Dakota Heritage Center (see below), where you experience a unique menu with offerings only available from the great plains of North Dakota. Special thanks to Terry Meyer, assistant to Robert Potts, for the time and energy she devoted to preparing for this special evening for the benefit of the WICHE commissioners, WICHE staff, and guests.

The North Dakota Heritage Center

North Dakota’s uncommon history is on display at the North Dakota Heritage Center, home to the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota. The center’s many exhibits tell the story of life on the Northern plains: a story that includes the conflicts between Native Americans and Anglo-Americans for control of a vast prairie empire; the struggles and successes of homesteaders and pioneers; and the economic boom of the early 20th century and disillusioning bust of the 1930s. Visitors can crank a Model-T, listen to music from different eras, take a look at North Dakota “way back when” through films from 1916 to 1921, or learn more about the buffalo that once ruled the prairies.

The North Dakota Heritage Center boasts numerous resources, including the State Archives, a large collection of books, newspapers, maps, manuscripts, photographs, and more. There are also special collections dedicated to archeology, historic preservation, and artifact collections. Lastly, the Heritage Center Museum Store features original handcrafted items, a wide selection of books and videos about North Dakota history, and many items related to Heritage Center exhibits and programs.