challenge runs through the stories of Nebraska’s past, leaving an imprint on the present. Like the many-channeled Platte River, our history flows through the challenges of geography and climate, economics and politics, changing cultures and changing ways of life. We pride ourselves as being a people shaped, but not bowed, by challenge.

And the historical record is filled with examples: the inhabitants of Signal Butte, who faced Great Plains weather in skin houses and traversed our great distances on foot with dogs; the Pawnee, whose earth lodge villages were emptied by smallpox; Standing Bear, the Ponca chief who braved imprisonment and death to keep a promise to his son; Millie Freeman, the quick-witted “schoolmarm” who saved her charges in the Blizzard of ’88; the taxpayers of Nebraska, who in the middle of the Great Depression built a cash-on-the-barrelhead capitol inspiring the engraved motto, “Honour to citizens who build an house of state where men live well;” the farmers who survived recurrent cycles of hard times to feed their families and eventually the world; the immigrants who over millennia have come to a new place and made it their own.

This annual report offers a look at some of the challenges the Nebraska State Historical Society met in 2007–08. We stand ready to continue to record the challenges and achievements of our peoples in this place.
The Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) traces its history back 130 years to 1878. We didn’t survive and grow over that period without calling on our ability to change and correct course, to build relationships, and to respect and appreciate the assistance of all who are dedicated to this state. Perhaps this has never been as evident as in 2007–08. We were challenged to reaffirm the position of the NSHS as an agency of the State of Nebraska, so designated by statute in 1994. Through the leadership of our trustees, the hard work of staff, the dedication of the volunteers, and the support of members and friends, the NSHS succeeded. We thank each of you for your consideration, patience, faith, energy, and financial support. Without you we would not have had this success.

In June 2008, the board approved a multiyear strategic plan developed under the joint leadership of Board of Trustees Vice President Cheryl Clark and staff member Lynne Ireland. The plan addresses key issues: programming, facilities, staffing, volunteers, and of course, both state and private funding. With every dollar precious and the use of every hour vital in fulfilling the NSHS’s mission, strategic thinking and planning are essential. We are instilling this value in the minds of trustees and staff. We are confident we are growing in efficiency as we provide our broad range of historical services for Nebraska.

All history is not equal, of course, in its quality or its ability to raise questions, frame civic discussion, and be of use to the people. The NSHS remains committed, however, to the best in history whether it is work done by others using our collections or history that we ourselves produce and distribute. Saving Nebraska’s Treasures and Beef State, one-hour documentaries co-produced by the NSHS and NET (Nebraska Educational Telecommunications) and released in 2007–08, are examples of first-rate research and entrancing storytelling. The two partner entities have provided a fascinating look into the heart of Nebraska agribusiness and into preserving the things dear to our hearts. Be sure to tune in on NET or purchase DVDs through the NSHS’s Museum Store.

Also thrilling to see in 2007–08 was the continued success of the Nebraska Institute teacher training program in which the NSHS partners with Nebraska Wesleyan University and the Lincoln Public Schools. Few are born knowing how to engage young people in history. The Nebraska Institute, however, changes that. With training, participating teachers discover new ways of encouraging students to explore Nebraska’s history, resulting in astonishing improvements in student comprehension and skills.

Add new exhibits, expanding collections in both the Museum and the State Archives, an historic preservation program that contributes mightily to the economic well-being of Nebraska, the Ford Conservation Center, Office of the State Archeologist, and Nebraska History, one of the best designed journals around, and what do you have? The Nebraska State Historical Society. If you are not a member, now is the time to make that commitment. If you are a member, renew. You’ll not regret it. Thank you again.

Charles K. “Ken” Bunger  
President

Michael J. Smith  
Director/CEO
PROVING THAT THE PAST BENEFITS THE PRESENT is sometimes a challenge. But a new study shows historic preservation generates $170 million annually in Nebraska’s economy. *Preservation at Work for the Nebraska Economy* is a statement of fact as well as the title of the findings of Rutgers University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Bureau of Business Research investigators who looked at spending on historic buildings, jobs, and tourism from 2000 to 2007.

The largest chunk is the $100 million generated from tourism dollars at Nebraska’s historic sites and museums. Three million people visit Nebraska’s 200-plus historic sites and museums annually, and 38.5 percent of these visitors are from out of state. In 2005 alone, visitors racked up 546,000 overnight trips when traveling throughout the state and took 50 percent longer trips than other travelers. These same visitors tended to travel in larger groups and spent nearly two and a half times more than other travelers per overnight stay.

Restoration of historic buildings and properties is beneficial, too. From 2001 to 2005, $230 million was spent on historic buildings. Part of this sum was generated from the more than $160 million invested in 53 projects under a program of federal historic preservation tax incentives from 2000 to 2006. Because of these projects, 902 housing units were added in the state. That number included 253 units for low-to-moderate income residents.

 Entire towns have also benefited from historic preservation. The Nebraska Lied Main Street program, a comprehensive effort to revitalize downtowns through historic preservation, had a larger-than-national-average investment ratio of $35 for every one dollar in local program expenditures for the reporting year of 2006–07. Historic designation of neighborhoods and downtowns enhances and protects property values. Historic districts as a whole showed increases in property values.

Finally, historic preservation benefits individuals. Twenty-two jobs are created for every $1 million spent in preservation dollars, and Nebraska currently boasts a total of 3,689 historic preservation-related jobs.

*Preservation at Work for the Nebraska Economy* reveals some exciting statistics. Even more exciting than the current data is the proof that the challenge of preserving the past can contribute to the economic vitality of Nebraska’s future.
It’s called the Investigation Station. Its size: about that of a small shop at the mall. Its colors: brilliant green, red, blue, and yellow. Its location: in the heart of the Museum of Nebraska History. Its challenge: to excite young people about their past by letting them get their hands on history.

Since it opened in March, this facility has engaged 1,000 visitors a month, and exciting new additions will ensure that visitors return. “The Investigation Station is always changing,” Museum Educator Judy Keetle said.

Currently, a visitor can load a one-fourth-scale wagon with supplies to discover what travelers on the Overland Trail could take or had to leave behind; plan a frontier town to provide what people needed to live on Nebraska’s prairies; experience a tipi and understand the rich complexity of life for Plains Indians; explore a 1920s auto touring camp; or discover games, puzzles, and other diversions from a past devoid of electronic entertainment.

Combining creativity with authenticity and space constraints is a challenge for the Investigation Station’s designers. To deal with space limitations, the museum staff is creating more hands-on mobile carts that can be moved in and out of the room wherever they are needed. These carts are well received by visitors, but Keetle said that the greatest success is that visitors are using it the way it was intended to be used.

“People are interacting with the room the way we hoped,” Keetle said. Interestingly, adults seem to enjoy the room just as much as children.

“It is fun to see the different generations come in and hear the conversations they have,” Keetle said. “The room gets the adults talking about a different time.”

The ability of the room to teach multiple age groups made the challenges worth it, Keetle said. “When you get in an interactive room like this, adults like to play, too. And you learn through play, so it is a neat experience for everybody.”

Future additions will include more period clothing to allow young learners to place themselves among earlier generations, an archeology timeline and excavation exhibit to teach how the earth itself holds history lessons, and embellishments to the tipi area to expand visitors’ ability to discover the life and culture of American Indians. A support pillar will be transformed into the trunk of a cottonwood tree that will be a centerpiece exploring Nebraska state symbols.

2,215 students were bused to NSHS museums and Investigation Station carts were funded by a $9,900 grant from the Woods Charitable Fund, Inc.

To all, the histories we share.
COMMUNICATING THE PAST

Telling Nebraska’s Stories and preserving its past are core to the mission of the Nebraska State Historical Society.

Doing both in ways that reach across the state’s 77,000 square miles is an ongoing challenge. But partnership with (NET) Nebraska Educational Telecommunications broadcasts Nebraska history programming into every household in the state, and through the Internet, shares Nebraska’s stories with the world.

After Nebraska became a state in 1867, cattle replaced the buffalo (bison) that thrived for thousands of years on Nebraska’s lush grassland and in so doing became the base of our largest industry. That story was largely untold until now.

The NSHS joined with NET and other partners to produce Beef State, a major television documentary that first aired in June 2008 and was rebroadcast several times. Beef State is not just about the cattle; it is about people. It is about the challenges faced by Nebraska ranchers, farmers, packing plant workers, and cattle buyers caring for their cattle, riding out economic hardships and surviving raging blizzards, stifling heat, and the grime and stench that are part and parcel of the meat industry.

A complementary Web site (www.netnebraska.org/extras/beefstate/) lets visitors see the documentary, along with other stories not included in the final production. Another Web resource, www.NebraskaStudies.org, was dramatically expanded with documents, photographs, and stories combined with lesson plans to bring this important piece of Nebraska’s history to Nebraska students, both those in the classroom and life-long learners of all ages.

Saving Nebraska’s Treasures connects viewers with practical information they can use to save the objects they hold dear. In attics, underneath beds, on shelves, our heritage is slowly disintegrating. Most people, even those working in museums and libraries, don’t know what to do to outwit the ravages of time. Conservators from the NSHS Ford Conservation Center have spread the word about collections care three ways: a one-hour television show with behind-the-scenes looks at the art and science of conservation, plus doable steps viewers can take at home; distance learning workshops offering more extensive information; and a Web site, www.savingtreasures.org, with a myriad of resources, video demonstrations, and links people can use to improve the health of their heirlooms.

In addition to NET, partners include the Nebraska Library Commission, Nebraska Beef Council, Nebraska Cattlemen, Farm Bureau, Nebraska Corn Board, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Working with the private sector, state entities like NSHS provide important content to the people of Nebraska. History is intrinsically interesting and often entertaining; it can enlighten both the present and the future. And telecommunications provides the tools to open this history to all.
The Native American Collection of the Nebraska State Historical Society is leaving its old, worn-out lodgings and moving to first-class accommodations. The process is called re-housing, and the term is appropriate. The collection, which includes objects ranging from ceremonial headdresses to tipi poles, is currently housed on open trays that allow dust and other debris to settle on them. “It was in pretty dire need of re-housing,” Senior Museum Curator Deb Arenz said.

The project is funded by a major Save America’s Treasures grant and a generous gift by a private donor. The project has a budget of $460,000. The venture, which began in September 2007, is now half finished. “We’re doing great,” Arenz said. “Everything is going according to plan.”

In addition to preserving the artifacts, the project’s goal is to make the 3,334 objects’ information readily available to the public. Many of the items are now accessible from an online database. “The information is now available at a click of a mouse,” Arenz said. “The images can be sent to people across the country and across the world.”

Gathering that information is just one task collection technician Tina Koepe and conservation technician Jessica Waite perform for each of the 35 to 40 artifacts that pass through their gloved hands each week. The gloves the technicians wear are not to prevent them from damaging the objects, but rather to keep the artifacts from hurting them—with arsenic. “One of our challenges has been that the entire collection had to be checked for contamination,” Arenz said. That contamination comes from the pesticides artifacts were sprayed with decades ago to keep away bugs.

“We’ve been testing for arsenic frequently,” Arenz said. “And we are feeling comfortable about the protection of our employees and the collection.” To protect themselves, the conservators never handle the artifacts with their bare hands and wear protective coats and masks.

Once protective gear is donned, the technicians begin the multitiered re-housing process. First, they take the artifact out of its current storage. Next, they survey the artifact for damage which includes torn leather, broken feathers, loose beads, or residue left from adhesives once used to fix the object. The staff never tries to restore the artifact. Rather, they try to preserve it. “We leave the historic evidence,” Waite said. Objects requiring conservation are moved to the Ford Conservation Center in Omaha for treatment by NSHS conservators.

Once surveyed, the object is vacuumed to remove the topmost layer of dust and then photographed. The picture is uploaded to the database along with the artifact’s background information and, finally, the object is placed into its new container. The process may include building support systems to keep artifacts in their original shape. Waite and Koepe have made support for moccasins and built baby-shaped bundles to place inside cradle boards.

The technicians say they enjoy their job even when working fervently to meet their deadline, cataloging tipi poles, photographing upwards of 200 arrows one by one, or handling moccasins that retain the imprint of their original owners. “Who else gets to say, ‘I worked with 150-year-old objects today?’” Waite said.
The Nebraska State Historical Society annually recognizes individuals or organizations for their contributions to the preservation and interpretation of Nebraska history. The 2007 awards were presented October 26, 2007, during the NSHS annual meeting in Lincoln.

The Robert W. Furnas Award, which recognizes significant contributions to the Nebraska State Historical Society, went to Diane Oldfather of Lincoln. Oldfather is a major contributor to, and active supporter of, NSHS programs and events including the endowment for a paintings conservator at the Society’s Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center in Omaha.

The James L. Sellers Memorial Award goes to the author of the best article in the previous year’s volume of Nebraska History, as selected by a panel of judges. Tom White of Lincoln received the award for his article, “From McCook to Whispering Smith,” which appeared in the winter 2006 issue. The article focused on the McCook, Nebraska, years of author Frank Spearman. The Sellers Award is supported by a fund at the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation established by John and Catherine Sellers Angle.

The Nebraska Preservation Award signals significant achievement in the preservation of Nebraska’s historic places. Joint recipients were Mary Rose Pinkelman, Violet Pinkelman, Jeannette Pinkelman, Louise Guy, and Vicky Koch of St. James, Cedar County. They founded the St. James Marketplace, a community market and gathering place located in a historic former parochial school.

The Addison E. Sheldon Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to the preservation and interpretation of Nebraska history was presented to the Nebraska Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission. The commission organized and coordinated the state’s 2004–06 observance of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, including a national “signature” event.

The James C. Olson Memorial Award, presented for the first time in 2007, recognizes a Nebraska teacher who has engaged, inspired, and guided students to discover, enjoy, and learn from Nebraska history. Moni Hourt of Crawford received the inaugural Olson Award for her many years of mentoring students to achieve outstanding success in local, state, and National History Day competitions.
## REVENUES

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**Total Revenues** $6,524,987.55

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**Total Expenditures** $6,278,316.84

Michelle Furby, Chief Financial Officer
NSHS STAFF

Includes staff with partial year service.

ADMINISTRATION
Shawn Bachman, maintenance technician
Annie Bolender, custodian
Christina Bruce, security guard
Joan Clare, human resource services coordinator
Seth Doty, IT infrastructure support
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William Parminter, security guard
Vicki Pfeiffer, administrative assistant
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Kris Riggs, museum store manager
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Dick Yost, staff assistant

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Holly Counts, tourism aide/guide, Fort Robinson Museum
Bryce Darling, facilities maintenance specialist
Alice Filbert, artist
Donald Hall, tourism facilities operator, Senator George W. Norris State Historic Site
Del Johnson, custodian, Chimney Rock National Historic Site
Judy Keetle, museum educator
Sigi Kniss, tourism aide/guide, Chimney Rock National Historic Site
Curt Peacock, artist
Loren Pospisil, tourism facilities operator, Chimney Rock National Historic Site
Alva Roberts, tourism aide/guide, Neligh Mill State Historic Site
Laura Mooney, museum registrar
Don Ole, tourism facilities operator, Senator George W. Norris State Historic Site
Steve Ryan, designer
Steve Scoggan, facilities maintenance specialist
Curt Peacock, artist
Duane Tappe, tourism facilities operator, Senator George W. Norris State Historic Site
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John Carter, senior research folklorist
Donald Cunningham, associate director/editor
Pat Gaster, assistant editor
David Murphy, senior research architect
Jim Potter, associate editor/senior research historian
Pippi Van Slooten, student intern

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Dick Yost, staff assistant

Includes staff with partial year service.
Volunteers at the Nebraska State Historical Society come to us from many backgrounds and bring with them a wide range of talents and skills. But all of them, whether students, salaried workers using their spare time or retirees, bring a passion for Nebraska history, and the hours they donate are vital to the continued work of the NSHS.

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Dawna Bates, Norris House
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Marty Miller, Library/Archives
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The Unicameral appropriated and Governor Heineman approved $6.2 MILLION for environmental and fire/life safety improvements at NSHS headquarters.
teachers’ guides were downloaded from www.nebraskastudies.org.
Those who expect moments of change to be comfortable and free of conflict have not learned their history. —Joan Wallach Scott

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation continued to face the challenges of change this past year. At times it was uncomfortable, but there were also goals realized and great accomplishments that are worth sharing. And as usual, we have many, many people to whom we owe great thanks.

Allison Petersen, board member, trustee, and former president, has continued to spend countless hours in the foundation office assisting the new staff in going through all the paperwork and organizing files. Thank you to Allison for her commitment, hard work, and terrific results.

John Webster, Bruce Frazier, Andy Strotman, and Joanne Shepherd all left the board this year after providing many years of excellent leadership. To these four people I extend the deep gratitude of the foundation for dedicated service. Carol Zink, Nancy Davis, Rick Wallace, and Rod Walker were all added to the board last spring. They bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience and are welcome additions.

Beef State, a joint production of the Nebraska State Historical Society and NET (Nebraska Educational Telecommunications), was released in May in a whirlwind of premieres on two ends of the state. The foundation threw a premiere party at the Haythorn Ranch in Arthur County to introduce this documentary to its patrons in western Nebraska. It was a grand event with good company and even better prime rib!

The foundation also hosted two small gatherings, one at the Ford Conservation Center in Omaha and another at Maple Lodge in Lincoln, in support of the acquisition of an important photographic album. The pictorial history of the Omaha Tribe near Walthill and Macy during the winter of 1909–1910 provides extraordinary documentation of the lifestyle of the tribe during that time. I am pleased that the foundation was able to raise the money needed to acquire this historically rich and valuable album.

As always, the foundation’s board is extremely grateful to all who have contributed to our very worthy objective of supporting the Nebraska State Historical Society in its quest to gather, preserve, and present the wonderful history of Nebraska. To all contributors, great and small alike, “Thank you!”

Steven E. Guenzel, President
Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation
Perpetually recognizes individuals and organizations for generous gift leadership totaling $50,000 or more, including contributions of cash and property made during or after lifetime or a commitment for future support at this level.

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