

Historic Manfred Is Looking Great!

Being Its Down-Home Natural Self

2010 was yet another great year for improvements in historic Manfred, made possible by you as contributors and volunteers. The sounds of restoration resonated around Manfred – the sounds of hammers, ladders being moved, voices of workers, boom truck activity, table saws, and other equipment in operation. Several improvements were finished in time for a celebration held August 1st. Here's a peek at activity in 2010:

Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. (MHP, Inc.)

P.O. Box 321, Harvey ND 58341

Properties of MHP, Inc.:
Melby/Rogness House
First State Bank/Manfred Post Office

A spring storm had blown over an evergreen tree in the front yard of the Melby-Rogness House, headquarters of the Manfred Heritage Museum. Thankfully, the tree missed hitting the house but greatly damaged the front sidewalk. Cement contractor, Rodney Opdahl, was secured by MHP, Inc. to install new sidewalks for this property. The fallen tree and resulting tree removal left large gouges in the landscape, which Wesley Boese and Rodney Opdahl filled in and smooth over. Electrical connection for the two garages on the Melby/ Rogness property was installed by Fritz Wohl.

There was much to celebrate at an August 1st gathering for Manfred. Congratulations to the following entities:

*Fagerlund Sons of Norway Lodge
on its 90th Anniversary*

MHP, Inc. on its 10th Anniversary

*Manfred School building on 100 years
since it was constructed*

*Dedication of the Manfred School and
Hotel Johnson/Fagerlund Sons of Norway Hall
into the Manfred Heritage Museum*

Historian Audrey Solheim continues gathering the history of Manfred and finds it very interesting working with so many you. The year 2011 will see the installation of an exhibit on the farming history of Manfred. Also in 2011, MHP, Inc. plans to repaint the Melby/Rogness House and begin restoration work on the historic bank/post office building.



The Melby-Rogness House with its new sidewalk installed by Rodney Opdahl

*August 1,
2010*



*A time of
celebration*



↑ An enjoyable celebration for Manfred on August 1st included a program and lunch held in Festival Hall located at Fessenden. Attendees were also invited to visit the Wells County Museum and tour the Manfred Heritage Museum.

← It is exciting news that MHP, Inc. is planning to begin restoration of the First State Bank of Manfred/ Manfred Post Office in 2011.

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Melby Heritage Society

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Properties of Melby Heritage Society:

Hotel Johnson/Fagerlund Sons of Norway Hall
Olaf and Lena Anderson House
Cash Store

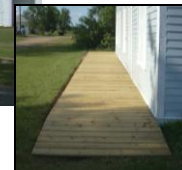
A dramatic restoration make-over this year was for the hotel building. Plans for 2011 include working on the exterior of the Anderson House.



Hotel Johnson/Fagerlund Sons of Norway Hall

← Before and after improvements ↑

Hotel Johnson/Fagerlund Sons of Norway Hall is looking great with its exterior restored and painted to its original appearance, including the lettering "Hotel Johnson" and a boardwalk.



A matching grant from Preservation North Dakota helped fund the boardwalk.

Rural Vestige Alliance (RVA)

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Properties of Rural Vestige Alliance:

Manfred School
Rogne/Soderback/Solheim House

Repairing the roof and shingling is the most important first step in restoration. We are delighted to say that, thanks to contributions from several of you friends of Manfred and grants awarded to RVA, the roofs of the Manfred School and the Solheim House have been repaired and shingled. Working on the windows is the next project planned.



Manfred School



Solheim House

New shingles for
← Manfred School and

↓ Rogne/Soderback/Solheim House

These roofing projects was made possible through matching grants from Preservation North Dakota and the State Historical Society of North Dakota, a grant from the North Dakota Telephone Company, and gifts from contributors like you

Johnson-Ostrem Preservation Fund

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Johnson-Jacobson-Ostrem House

The exterior of the Ostrem House has been wonderfully restored. The next step is to repair the interior, so this building can help tell the settlers' story through exhibits.

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Bill and Sam Ongstad's boom truck was used in 2010 to paint the steeple, and also to hoist materials for repairing and shingling the Manfred School and Solheim House. Through the years, the Ongstad's have graciously provided this truck to help with many Manfred restoration projects.

Vang Lutheran Church

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Vang Lutheran Church

In 2010, Vang Lutheran Church congregation contracted to have the church building repaired and painted. The roof needs attention, and so the congregation would like to have the roof repaired and shingled in 2011.