

☆ Seven Star-Studded Lucky Years ☆

2000 - 2007

Manfred, North Dakota shines brighter with the coming of each new year, made possible through the help of contributors and volunteers and the vision of MHP, Inc. guiding the way.

☆ 2000

- ☆ It all began with the founding of Manfred History and Preservation, Inc., with assistance by Preservation North Dakota (PND)
- ☆ The website 'manfrednd.org' established
- ☆ The first issue of *The New Manfred News* published December 2000

☆ 2001

- ☆ MHP, Inc. obtained the Melby-Rogness House and restoration work began
- ☆ Manfred Days celebrated July 14-15, 2001 which brought the Manfred history projects to the public's attention
- ☆ Vang Church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places June 21, 2001

☆ 2002

- ☆ Vang Church awarded a 'Grass Roots Preservation Grant' through PND for a drainage project
- ☆ MHP, Inc. named by PND, North Dakota's *Preservation Success Story for 2002*

☆ 2003

- ☆ The Manfred Heritage Museum dedicated July 25 with three buildings:
 - Melby/Rogness House as headquarters
 - Bank/Post Office as photo gallery
 - Vang Lutheran Church
- ☆ Johnson-Ostrem Preservation Fund, affiliate of PND, founded for the benefit of the Johnson-Jacobson-Ostrem property

Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.

A 501(c)(3) organization founded July 25, 2000

Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. (MHP, Inc.) is a non-profit volunteer organization that celebrates the legacy of rural America. Its mission is to compile and share the history of Manfred, North Dakota and its traditional trade area and to encourage community pride and restoration of its historic structures.



From left:

Friends of Manfred attending Founders' Day

Reiner Widiger, Donald Anderson, Ruth Widiger, Jeanne Melby, Kenneth Melby, Pam Norstedt, Lorraine Rau, Laverne Johnson, Shirley Opdahl, Leslie Johnson, Olga Johnson, Betty Melby, Gene Melby, Verna Bowers, Jeanne Flick, Herbert Ongstad, Edgar Flick, Wanda Melchert, Eileen Haugen, Rose Anderson, Richard Melchert, Hadley Haugen. (Not pictured - Peg Bell, Perry Anderson, Jacob Anderson)



A catered picnic dinner under the big top tent as part of Manfred Days festivities

Buildings dedicated in 2003 as part of the Manfred Heritage Museum. ↔



Melby/Rogness House



Bank/Post Office



Vang Church

Manfred Heritage Museum

Dedicated July 26, 2003

Manfred Heritage Museum is an educational entity of Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. and of the Manfred community. Its purpose is 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.

★ 2004

- ★MHP, Inc. elected a board of nine directors and established four divisions
- ★Cultural Heritage matching grant - State Historical Society of ND (SHSND) for cataloging system
- ★Roofing of the Johnson/Jacobson/Ostrem House, Cash Store and Solheim Station

★ 2005

- ★Road signs for museum installed on Highway 52, and staffing of museum began for May-September
- ★Endowment Fund for MHP, Inc. established through Edward Jones Investment Company
- ★Melby Heritage Society, affiliate of PND, founded to benefit Bank/PO, Cash Store, Hotel and Privy, and Olaf/Lena Anderson House which was roofed
- ★Rural Vestige Alliance, affiliate of PND, founded to facilitate historic properties in Manfred

★ 2006

- ★Celebration July 2, 2006 honoring the 100th year of the Vang Church building
- ★Dedication into Manfred Heritage Museum: Rogers Lumber/Solheim Service Station, and Johnson/Jacobson/Ostrem House
- ★The Manfred Heritage Museum's first exhibit, installed at Vang Church through a SHSND Cultural Heritage matching grant
- ★Rural Vestige Alliance acquired the Manfred School, Solheim House and lot south of hotel

★ 2007

- ★Renovation of the church basement walls and stabilization of the hotel
- ★A SHSND Cultural Heritage matching grant awarded for setting up the archives, after first finishing the upstairs of the Melby/Rogness House
- ★A SHSND Cultural Heritage matching grant awarded to install septic system in 2007, and also exhibit, porch spindles and storm windows to complete the Melby/Rogness House by May 2009



Gathered for Annual Meeting July 25, 2004



First elected board of MHP, Inc
From left back: Herbert Ongstad, Laverne Johnson, Esther Boese Middle: Ruth Widiger, Pete Anderson
Front: Audrey Solheim, Rose Anderson, Verna Bowers, Wanda Melchert

Road sign installed on Highway 52 →



Dedicated into the Manfred Heritage Museum on July 2, 2006 ↓→



Solheim Station



Johnson/Jacobson/Ostrem House

Curator Pam Norstedt in the process of organizing the archives



★ Celebrating Seven Stellar Years! ★