

Marquis de Mores’ wife’s original art work is on display at Bismarck

Medora: Artist. Heiress. Bear Hunter. Namesake of a Wild West Town,” a free exhibition featuring 26 original artworks, opened to the public Wednesday, August 17 at the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum in Bismarck.

Artist Medora Manca (1856-1921) is best known as the namesake of the 1883 western North Dakota boomtown founded by her French husband, the Marquis de Morès. While here, the accomplished artist painted beautiful watercolors of the area’s Badlands. The paintings are accompanied by photographs and personal effects from her time in the Badlands, including her riding habit and portable outdoor painting studio. The couple’s hunting lodge is now Chateau de Morès State Historic Site.

“Medora: Artist. Heiress. Bear Hunter. Namesake of a Wild West Town” runs through

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DELMER D. REHLING, DECEASED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Kathy Stygles, Personal Representative of the estate, at P.O. Box 118, Nemo, South Dakota 57759, or filed with the Court.

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March 2026 in the Governors Gallery. The ND Heritage Center & State Museum is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free. Find upcoming events at history.nd.gov/events.

Alzheimer’s Assoc. offering free virtual presentation

The Alzheimer’s Association will offer a free virtual presentation, The Empowered Caregiver: Communicating Effectively. This presentation will take place on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. This presentation is free and open to the public; registration is required. This project is funded through the North Dakota Department of Health & Human Services, Adult & Aging Services Section.

To register for the class, <http://bit.ly/3UTwBcz>

The class is designed to increase caregiver confidence while reducing stress. It offers helpful ways to approach the responsibilities of caring for someone living with dementia using a person-centered approach. Communicating effectively teaches how dementia affects communication, including tips for communicating well with family, friends, and health-care professionals.

Our vision is a world without Alzheimer’s. Visit alz.org/mnnd or call the 24/7 Helpline 800.272.3900 for support.

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Return to The Elkhorn Ranch by Jack Dura

September 2, 2025 – On this date in 1890, Theodore Roosevelt returned to Medora for his last substantial visit to his Elkhorn Ranch. Arriving with his wife Edith, two sisters and three other companions, the party was met with heavy rain at the train station. Roosevelt’s ranch managers Sylvane Ferris and Bill Merrifield were there to meet them.

After a visit to Joe Ferris’s store, the group made its way at dawn to the ranch, 33 miles north across rugged badlands. This was Edith Roosevelt’s first and only visit to her husband’s ranch, built in 1884 along the Little Missouri River. With no road, the party had to cross the river 23 times.

By noon the ranch was in sight, and Edith’s initial attitude about the landscape improved with the better light. The ranch house was 60 feet long and 30 feet wide with two stories and a sloped roof. The house featured eight rooms, including Roosevelt’s master bedroom, containing a rubber bathtub and library.

Bill Merrifield’s wife provided lunch, and then Theodore gave a tour. They climbed the countryside and encountered rattlesnakes and prairie dogs. Theodore’s sister Corinne tried to wrangle a

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calf while Edith rode a horse named Wire Fence. They watched cowboys lasso heifers for branding, and explored the meadows and the scenic landscape.

Like her husband, Edith Roosevelt came to appreciate the badlands, though the area impacted the future president much more. Through living, ranching and hunting in North Dakota, Theodore Roosevelt gained a respect for the outdoors and conservation. The West’s landscape and people helped him recover following the twin deaths of his mother and first wife, and he later credited North

Dakota with enabling him to be president.

The Roosevelt party left the ranch one week later, heading west to Yellowstone Park. While Edith would never return, her husband came back for brief hunting trips.

In December 1897, as he was about to enter the Spanish-American War, he sold his ranch and remaining cattle to Sylvane Ferris. In 1901, the ranch house was dismantled by scavengers.

All told, Roosevelt lost over \$20,000 ranching in the badlands, but his experiences were a defining chapter of his life.



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