



*Pencil sketch of Manchester by Harvey Dunn*

## **Manchester Monument Project**

103 Joliet Avenue, S.E., P.O. Box 29  
De Smet, South Dakota 57231

June 23, 2007

**Background information for stories dated June 23 or after related to the dedication. Feel free to use a few details as appropriate for further announcement of the upcoming event. Release includes content of monument stone items and bronze plaques. Dedication Program is Attached.**

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## **Manchester Monument to be Dedicated June 23... Rises from Ruins of Massive 2003 Tornado**

**Home Community for Harvey Dunn, Grace Ingalls Dow, and the 1961 Dakota Territory Centennial Celebration Commemorates Its People and History on the Eve of the Fourth Anniversary of a Destructive F-4 Tornado that Destroyed the Town's Buildings, but not Its Spirit.**

“Almost exactly a year ago, we announced plans to construct a Manchester Monument to honor our town, our entire community, and the people who have made this special place such an important part of our lives and our heritage. Now, a year later, we are happy to announce that you have made the miracle happen. The Manchester Monument will be dedicated on Saturday, June 23, 2007.”

That’s the opening line of a message from organizing members of a Manchester Monument Council of Advisors to friends, neighbors, and those who have contributed more than \$37,000 in funding during the past year to bring the project to life. By early June 2007, more than 110 people and organizations had donated funds, and others generously provided services that have made this historic monument possible. Those donations have come from numerous states, across the nation.

The town of Manchester, located eight miles west of De Smet, South Dakota, on U.S. Highway 14, and some surrounding farms, were destroyed by a massive F-4 tornado that struck the community in June of 2003. That storm, known worldwide as “The Manchester Tornado,” was featured by *National Geographic* on the cover of its magazine and in a special display at its headquarters in Washington, D.C. The event was also a subject of network television specials. In addition to the massive destruction, disruption of people’s lives, personal losses, and injuries, the storm made scientific history. Just north of town, the National Geographic Society recorded the most abrupt drop in air pressure ever measured on planet Earth. Tornado Researcher Tim Samaras, who was there when the storm struck, said, “it was like stepping into an elevator and hurtling up 4,000 feet in ten seconds.” The dedication is taking place on the eve of the fourth anniversary of that storm.

Nonetheless, the “Spirit of Manchester” is alive and well. “That devastating tornado could take away our buildings but it could not dampen the community spirit that has held us all together,”

members of the Council remarked in launching the project. “We are descended from sharing people who survived and thrived because they supported and helped each other. To them, giving to others was generally even more important than getting for themselves.”

People are expected to converge from many parts of the country for the June 23 dedication. They will gather along the town’s main street beginning at about 10 a.m. to get to know each other or renew acquaintances. The dedication program, scheduled from 11 a.m. until noon, will feature a flag-raising by a family that lost its farm in the tornado, ribbon cutting, description of the monument’s key elements, recognition of contributions, inspiring remarks by several people, including Lisa Scholten, Curator of Collections at the South Dakota Art Museum, and a community sing, just like the ones that were so much a part of community life at the Manchester Town Hall. Lunch will be available for purchase from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m., prepared and served by the Kingsbury County Cattlemen’s Association. Those who have special dietary needs should plan to bring their own snack. The afternoon, from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m., will be devoted to storytelling in a large tent that will be erected a short distance in front of the monument. In fact, the entire program will be interlaced with stories of growing up and living on the prairie. The late Noel Towberman, who lived nearly all of his life in Manchester, will be named Honorary Mayor for the Day. He and his wife, Kris, were also heavily impacted by the 2003 storm.

Those arriving can turn into town at the Manchester sign on Highway 14...or turn north a half mile east of town and then west at the first corner. Parking areas have been identified, but people are urged to arrive early as a way of improving traffic flow. The Council is asking all who attend to register at the site and get their commemorative program and name badge. In addition, the group is asking that no alcoholic beverages be brought to or consumed in the area of the dedication activities. Bottled water will be available for purchase during the day. Some small sales area will carry some mementos, such as books, calendars, and commemorative pins.

Manchester is noted for many reasons. It was the home of famed pioneer painter and illustrator Harvey Dunn, who was born just south of town. Many if not most of his paintings of prairie scenes, such as “The Prairie is My Garden,” reflect the local land, grass, crops, flowers, and sky. The works sometimes include glimpses of the nearby Redstone Creek and mirror the character of the area’s pioneers. Grace Ingalls Dow, known worldwide as “Baby Grace” in her sister, Laura Ingalls Wilder’s books, lived in Manchester most of her life with husband Nate Dow. Among other things, she taught, wrote occasional columns for the *Manchester Times*, and was deeply involved in community life. The monument is an addition to both the Laura Ingalls Wilder and Harvey Dunn Trails.

If that weren’t enough, Manchester was also gathering point for the Dakota Territory Centennial Celebration during August of 1961. That event, sometimes known as “The Gold Rush,” drew an estimated 150,000 people and was like a magnet for politicians and entertainers. Dakota native Lawrence Welk served as emcee for the event and was named “Honorary Governor of the Dakota Territory.” He was accompanied by the band’s tenor Joe Feeney and a young cowboy actor named Clint Eastwood, who had been playing Rowdy Yates on the television series, “Rawhide.”

The Manchester Monument is located at two places that brought people together, the Town Hall and the Town Pump. The hall, among buildings destroyed in the tornado, was the scene of elections, dances, shivarees, 4-H and farm group meetings, community celebrations, annual school carnivals and holiday programs, and a host of other activities. The pump, for many years, was the town’s main source of fresh water. If people needed water to drink, take a bath, or wash clothes, they

went to the middle of the main street, pumped a bucket or two of water from the artesian well, and carried it home.

The semicircular monument pad, 19 feet wide, as well as the restored Town Pump platform, are covered with Colorado Rose flagstone, reminiscent of the Redstone Creek. That semicircular design represents the fact that the Manchester community has traditionally been a circle of friends and neighbors, always open to others. Front and center on the pad is a 6-1/2 x 3-1/2 foot slab of polished South Dakota granite that carries the last names of more than 500 families who have lived in the community since homesteading. Among those will be names of former teachers and clergy who served Township schools and churches. The stone also acknowledges “those who came before us, whose names we may never know.” Names are not listed in alphabetical order so that more can be conveniently added, if necessary, in the years following the dedication. The monument has been constructed by Harold Yost, a longtime local farmer and master stonemason. He and his wife, Loretta, and family lost their farm in the devastating 2003 tornado.

Four pedestals, constructed of field stones, are topped with granite capstones and bronze plaques that address Manchester History, the Manchester Tornado, the Dakota Territory Centennial, and both Harvey Dunn and Grace Ingalls Dow. A granite bench is carved in honor of the Town Hall and Town Pump. The actual monument encompasses the entire inside of the surviving portion of the Town Hall foundation and is covered with river rock. The flagpole from the former Manchester Town School rises in the middle. The site has been recently landscaped. Native South Dakota grasses have been sown, and native trees and perennials are scheduled to be planted. The trees include Black Hills Spruce, Patmore Seedless Green Ash, and Accolade Hybrid American Elm.

Organizers remind all who attend that they should be cautious and patient both coming and going. They should also understand that the town was the scene of a major storm and that vacant lots still harbor sharp objects. While a great deal of work has been done to clear the area, all who attend should avoid any risks for themselves and others. The monument site will have electricity for the day. Cell phones generally work in the area, but no landline telephone service current exists in the town. This historic event will be captured in photographs and on sound and video recordings. All information and images from the event will be in the public domain and may be used in many and various forms of media.

In addition to many family homes, Manchester once had two grocery stores, two livery barns, a car repair shop (Hap’s Garage), a bank, a lumber yard, a restaurant, a pool hall, a hotel, a blacksmith shop, a post office, a large C&NW depot, two grain elevators and an adjoining coal shed, a cream station, and a newspaper. The town of Bancroft is named after L.W. Bancroft, who was publisher of *The Manchester Times*. The town hosted two churches, Presbyterian and Catholic. The town’s two-story school was home for students in grades one through eight as well as those who attended Manchester High School, part of the township school district, until it merged with De Smet and Iroquois. First known as Fairview when the post office opened in 1881, the town soon changed its name to Manchester in honor of Elverton and C.H. Manchester, two of the community’s earliest residents.

Attached to this news release is copy from the monument stones and a list of contributors to the project. Among them is the Wilkinson and Wilkinson Law Firm in De Smet, which has received all contributions and handled all expenditures as the monument grew from an idea into reality. “We are deeply grateful to Todd Wilkinson, Chari Sauze, and the entire staff, for their sound advice and

professional assistance,” the Council said. The firm helped establish a special Manchester Monument Trust Fund in collaboration with the Township. The Council emphasizes that any and all tax-deductible donations continue to be welcome.

The Council also expressed its deep appreciation to Thomas Tornow, director of the Harvey Dunn Grassland Preservation Project, headquartered in Madison, for all that organization did to grade and landscape the monument site and to Robert Biever and staff at Biever’s Bulk Sales Company in Iroquois, who helped with weed control.

Numerous current and former residents and descendants of residents freely shared information and memories that made this project possible. Many sat for extended interviews, pored over maps, recalled life experiences, and remembered their neighbors and friends from decades ago. Members of the Manchester Monument Organizing Advisory Council include: Jim and Janis Bowes, Harold and Loretta Yost, Loren Moore, Gail Marx Eberlein, and Gary Marx. Among others who agreed, generally on response forms, to serve as members of an extended Advisory Council were: Joyce Geyer; Lynn and Dianne Perry; Herman Blote, Jr.; Kenneth Wallenstein; Ellen Larson Halter; Gloria Blote Wienk; Bonnie, Felix, and Kim Recek; Vincent and Esther Effling; and Beverly Gehm.

As the project got underway nearly a year ago, members of the Advisory Council said, “We have an historic opportunity to make it possible for current and future generations to understand and appreciate their heritage and the shoulders on which we all stand. The Manchester Monument will provide a site where local citizens can remember, students and visitors from across the nation and world can learn, and where all can be inspired by a small community that served as a stage for historic events and as a launching pad for generations of people.”

**How to Contribute to the Manchester Monument Fund**

Contributions of any amount, which will support completion, upkeep, and possible enhancements to the monument, should be mailed to the Manchester Monument Trust Fund, c/o Wilkinson and Wilkinson Law Offices, 103 Joliet Avenue, S.E., P.O. Box 29, De Smet, South Dakota 57231. Please include name, full address, phone number, and an email address, if available. Those contributing \$500 or more will be recognized as Patrons of the project. One combination pedestal and plaque devoted to the 1961 Dakota Territory Centennial remains available for possible sponsorship.

**Manchester Monument**  
**Manchester, South Dakota**  
**Copy for Monument Granite Pieces and Stone Plaques**

**Manchester History Plaque**  
**Manchester**

Imagine a vast plain. Its fertile soil is covered with a blanket of grass and wildflowers swaying in rhythm to what seems like an eternal wind. The silence of this infinite wilderness gave way to early pioneers who formed a community that thrived in this valley carved by ancient glaciers and the meandering Redstone Creek. The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad blazed a trail westward into the Dakota Territory, and Manchester was born. Eventually, the Black and Yellow Trail, a precursor of Highway 14, went right down the main street.

After trying "Fairview" for a short time, the town finally took the name of its first postmaster, Chester H. Manchester. The post office opened on June 29, 1881. Manchester had numerous family homes, a Town Hall, grocery stores, livery barns, a lumber yard, two grain elevators, a depot, a mechanic, a restaurant, a cream station, a bank, a pool hall, a blacksmith shop, two churches, a system of township schools, including Manchester High School, a hotel, a newspaper, and a fabled Town Pump.

With improvements in transportation, people had the option of selling grain and buying supplies in bigger towns. The population declined, and the town of Manchester was destroyed by a devastating tornado on June 24, 2003.

The pioneering spirit of all who have lived in the Manchester Township community inspires us with its creativity, determination, and neighborliness. In the presence of the world's most magnificent sunrises and sunsets, those who work this fertile land and graze its green pastures keep the Spirit of Manchester alive for generations of people whose roots are firmly planted in this sacred soil.

In loving memory of Richard Geyer from Joyce,  
Ronald, Wayne, Jerry, Daniel, Bonnie, and Rex Geyer

**Copy for Tornado Plaque**  
**The Manchester Tornado**

Just past suppertime, at about 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2003, the sky virtually fell on Manchester. A devastating F-4 category tornado with winds of more than 200 miles an hour came thundering in from the south. It hovered over the town, destroying the artifacts of Manchester's 122-year history, then thundered north toward the township line, obliterating two farmsteads that stood in its path. Buildings, clothing, family photos, furniture, appliances, trees--nearly everything was mangled, shredded, and vacuumed into the sky, often dropped miles away. Some of the town's six remaining residents were seriously injured. Friends and neighbors did whatever they could to help. Nothing would ever be quite the same, but most everyone agreed on one thing--this massive storm could destroy our buildings, but it could not take away the Spirit of Manchester.

The National Geographic Society, which devoted a cover story, a television special, and an exhibit at its headquarters in Washington, D.C., to the Manchester Tornado, observed that, as the center of the tornado approached, air pressure dropped 100 millibars in twelve seconds. "That's the biggest drop ever recorded," said tornado researcher Tim Samaras, "like stepping into an elevator and hurtling up 4,000 feet in ten seconds."

A Gift of Gordon Rabenberg

**Copy for Granite Bench  
Town Hall and Town Pump**

The Manchester Town Hall and the Town Pump were two places where everyone gathered. This monument stands on the site of the Town Hall, which hosted spirited elections, meetings, dances, carnivals, and basketball games. The Town Pump, located in the middle of the main street, was for years the primary source of water. This semicircular monument pad represents Manchester's circle of friends and neighbors, always open to newcomers. Welcome home!

Dedicated to Tom, Bersha, Harvey and Roy Dunn, Carrie Dunn Reiland, and all Manchester Pioneers  
Sponsored by Sharon Schaller

**Copy for Dunn, Dow Plaque  
Harvey Dunn and Grace Ingalls Dow**

Famed painter and illustrator Harvey Dunn was born on his parents' homestead just south of Manchester on March 8, 1884. He devoted his first 17 years to farm work, schooling, and drawing. By the age of 20, the young Dunn had studied at South Dakota Agriculture College and the Chicago Art Institute. Then, he went east, where he learned with and from artists such as Howard Pyle and N.C. Wyeth, who was best man at the Dunn's 1908 wedding. Early on, Dunn illustrated books and magazines for *Scribner's*, *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Collier's Weekly*, and *Harper's* and was one of eight graphic reporters on the front lines of World War I. His paintings of South Dakota pioneers and landscapes, such as "The Prairie is My Garden," often reflect life in the Manchester area. Harv, as people here knew him, spent part of every year visiting his sister Carrie Reiland on the home place and chatting with friends and neighbors here in town. Prior to his death in 1952, Harv Dunn admitted that "my search for other horizons has led me around to my first."

Known worldwide as "Baby Grace" in her sister, Laura Ingalls Wilder's books, Grace Pearl Ingalls was born May 23, 1877, in Burr Oak, Iowa, the youngest child of Charles and Caroline Ingalls. After growing up with her family in De Smet, she became a teacher in Manchester. Grace met and married Nathan "Nate" Dow, on October 16, 1901. Their farmstead, about a mile from the town of Manchester, was near the Redstone Creek. Grace passed away in Manchester on November 10, 1941, and is buried in the De Smet Cemetery. However, Grace Ingalls Dow lives on in the imaginations of all who are enthralled by her sister's timeless books.

A Gift of Bill and Ruby (Palmlund) Maley

**Copy for Dakota Territory Centennial Plaque**  
**Manchester, South Dakota**  
**Population 150,000**

August 27, 1961. More than 150,000 people converged on a patch of land just south of Highway 14 for the Dakota Territory Centennial Goldrush. The event was reminiscent of a stampede caused by General George Custer when he announced that gold had been found in the Black Hills back in 1874. Hundreds of contestants, each armed with gold shovels, dug for prizes that went up in value to \$10,000. Manchester welcomed and rubbed shoulders with people from all over the country. Of course, the event was like a magnet for politicians and entertainers. Bandleader Lawrence Welk, a Dakotan who had traveled our roads many times, was emcee. He was joined by a young television cowboy actor named Clint Eastwood. A carnival and fireworks display lit up the sky. Festivities included an Amateur Talent Show, a Square Dance Festival, and a Boy Scout Camporee. "The Manchester Goldrush," as many remember it, was a promotional event sponsored by KELO and Television to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Dakota Territory. It ended up making history.

**Copy for Manchester Monument Central Stone  
List of Family Names**

**MANCHESTER**

**FAMILY NAMES OF SOME MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS**

**East Face.** ◇ Indicates Homesteader. List also includes teachers and clergy. ◇ Manchester • Towberman ◇ Ferguson ◇ Geyer • Yost • Timm • Bowes ◇ Moore • Perry • Marx • Schoenfelder • Strickler • Leckey • Pippert ◇ Anderson • Wade • Lewallen • Blote • Fitts • Palmlund • Fox • Wendel • Brown • Larson • Holland • Ritterbusch • Rowen • Brinkley • Rabenberg • Widman • Close • Fenner • Muilenburg • Pina • Sherman • Penner • Sawvell • Severin • Reiland ◇ Dunn • Montaney • Wallum • Shearer • Wallenstein • Woodall ◇ Still • Stump • Younger • Washburn ◇ Sheldon ◇ Paulson ◇ Nordlund • Rundell • Nonhof • Ingalls • Madison • Olson ◇ Bjornson • Gartland • Waters ◇ Dow • McQuirk ◇ Wright • Ranschau • Graham ◇ Noble • Rogers • Wubbena • Callahan • Schutt • Gehm • Grotta • Mulder • Gilbertson • Foreman • Rodenberg • Hammond ◇ Spear • Tilbury • Wulfe • Laberteaux • Geiman • Voigt ◇ Davis ◇ Sken • Gibler • Ortley ◇ Armstrong • McEachron ◇ Squires • McAllister • Laird • Paine • Hendricks • Valentine ◇ Bump • Naviaux • Burgeson • Fullmer • Tally • Aust • Krick • Button • Cook • Driver • Ryland • Bancroft ◇ Keller • Harmon • Knudson • Price ◇ Robinson • Howard • Bau • Timmons • Sutton ◇ Slivers ◇ Patchen ◇ Ludberg • Masters • Poage • Grogan • Penny • Belzer ◇ Porter • Wynn • Ehland ◇ Southworth • McMillen ◇ Caulfield • Brandow • Holsten • Dalzell • Strub • Gamble • Stanfield • Carter • Christiansen • Carmon • Potter • Moench • Reese • Bauer • Nelson • Stubbe ◇ White • Pinkerton • Seipp • Torine • Broderson • Imker ◇ Hutchinson • Curley • Loban • Van Dyke • Wostman ◇ Bennett • Gunderson • Barnes • Springer • Dannenbring • Harvey • Collison • Bronson ◇ Hersey • Murphy • Lendo • Beck • Lehtola • McGraw • Cummins • Kennedy • Ruskell ◇ Alexander • Enquest • Stoddard ◇ Waldrow • Eggena ◇ Aspinwall • Bogstad ◇ Lightfoot • Gunnison ◇ Rockwell • McLenahan ◇ Jenkins • Baird • Eppinger ◇ Townsend • Coulson ◇ Gilman • Bushee • Stanley ◇ Bradley • Foote • Hamen • Vincent • Gulbranson • Kelly • Rice • Franklin ◇ Quinn • Blood ◇ Snyder • Mills ◇ Gehring • Sanford • Kessell • Pike • Allen • Roush • Phillips ◇ Mulford • Van Ningen • Carmody • Blue ◇ Crossman • Chapin • Nuttbrock ◇ Maney • Kundert ◇ Wheeler ◇ Ritter • Ormsby ◇ Langdon • Gleason • Bartelson • Milks • Westrom • Chase • Dodd • Steichen • Jurgenson • Nichols • Moe • Ord • Bird • Meisner • Reueh • Frost ◇ Crater • Nesheim • Schultz ◇ Beede • Stevens • Clark ◇ Morss • Leach • Caldwell • Hackett ◇ Butler • Homes • Pfefferle ◇ Guldthwiti • Van Houte ◇ West • Smith ◇ Undern • Slosser • Vieth ◇ Huntley • Yergles • Rolfson • Gilchrist • Thornson • Maxwell ◇ Hall • Johnson • Best ◇ Kellogg ◇ Sturgeon ◇ Cox • Glossee • Mack • Sheets • Berg • Schroll ◇ Holcomb • McGarvie • McKinney • Stemple ◇ Arenz • Stubited ◇ Newhall ◇ Bouchi ◇ Dorchester • Rhodes ◇ Ellis ◇ Hanson • Decker ◇ Green • Schlenker ◇ Dubransen • Coughlin • Serfling ◇ Lelands • Caulkins • Stout • Myllembeck • Bliss • Hatfield • Wilson ◇ Groezinger • Owen • Yurdon ◇ Thompson ◇ Hartley ◇ Puttan • Kingsley • Katie • Denoson • Allison ◇ Mullen ◇ Boothe • Arb • Rowcliffe • Flathers • Devine • Sias ◇ Durkee • Doll • Thaden ◇ Phames • Hauck • Lambert • Theodorff (Continued on West Face)

**WE ALSO HONOR THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US, WHOSE NAMES WE MAY NEVER KNOW.**

**West Face.** Manchester Family Names ◇ Indicates Homesteader. • Archer • Kilpatrick ◇ Marcy • Barrows • Wilkins ◇ Babcock • Davison • LaValle • Cowell ◇ Scanlon • Emery • Burns • Lyngbye ◇ Chaleners • Hoey • Patterson • Engelhart • Ahlers ◇ Navy • Morrison • Strande ◇ McKee • Cavigelli • Bartels • Heaton ◇ Cokell • McCray • Hartl • Harms • Revel ◇ Henney • Sneesby • Henke ◇ Aerell ◇ Christianson • Waldren • Chambers • Heinz ◇ Burg • Muffet ◇ Heyman ◇ Carroll • Schuster • McTighe

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• Meeker • DeVore ◊ Conway • Pratt • Kellar • Meyer ◊ Lord • Hunt • Healy • Shoemaker ◊  
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Patrons of the Manchester Monument Project are also listed on this stone.  
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and the Extended Marx Family  
Monument Constructed by Harold Yost, Dedicated 2007

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Ruby McAllister  
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