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Kate Kennedy House Awarded 2016 Most Endangered Historic Property Grant



The Kate Kennedy House in McCarthy

The 2016 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties grant has been awarded by the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP) to the McCarthy-Kennicott Historical Museum for the Kate Kennedy House in McCarthy. The \$2,500 grant will help with stabilization of the early 20th-century wood framed dwelling, providing functional space for the museum as well as supporting the preservation of this cultural resource.

Kate's active role in the town's history—and thus the significance of her house — is seen in the following information provided by the museum:

"Kate Kennedy was the most successful business person in McCarthy in the early 1900's. She recognized the boom when copper was discovered in the Wrangell Mountains and set up shop to provide what weary freight haulers, adventurers, prospectors and miners needed and wanted. She made whiskey, had card rooms, provided good food and a clean place to sleep, and ran a brothel. With Sig Wold she provided taxi service between the Kennecott mill town and McCarthy that promised miners that they would be back from McCarthy in time for work. She knew what miners and freighters wanted because she had been a camp follower long before McCarthy....Kate's adventures [included] on the Chilkoot Trail and in Dawson City and Nome." *(For more information see Page 5)*

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Save These Dates!

December 3-4 and 10-11, 2016

January 15, 2017

Swedish Holidays Tours at Oscar Anderson House Museum *(See Page 2)*

Opening of Nominations for 2017 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties

About AAHP

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP) was founded in 1982 as a private, nonprofit corporation. AAHP is dedicated to the preservation of Alaska's prehistoric and historic heritage as manifested in its buildings and sites. AAHP aids in historic preservation projects across Alaska and monitors and supports legislation to promote historic preservation, serving as a liaison between local, statewide, and national historic preservation groups. Additionally, AAHP publishes a quarterly newsletter and holds educational workshops.



**WE WISH YOU
A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON
AND
A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR !
THE BOARD AND STAFF OF AAHP**

Swedish Holidays — December 3rd and 4th, and 10th and 11th, 2016



Dala horses and tomtens add to the traditional cards and candelabra decorations at Oscar Anderson House Museum during Swedish Holidays.

Please join AAHP volunteers, members, and board members for a Swedish-themed holiday the first two weekends of December.

The Oscar Anderson House Museum, located at 420 M Street (in Elderberry Park), will be decorated by longtime museum caretaker, Mary Flaherty, in the Swedish tradition. Visitors will “step back in time” to Christmas in early Anchorage with special volunteer-led 40 minute holiday tours running continuously from noon – 4 pm each day.

Special Swedish-themed seasonal treats and activities will also be shared with visitors.

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“This Place Matters”—And So Does Your Voice

You are cordially invited to help plan the next update to Alaska’s Statewide Historic Preservation Plan!

Every five years, the state Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) revises the plan. Currently in the early planning stages for the 2018-2023 update, OHA would like to hear from you to help guide the development of Goals and Objectives that will shape the direction of historic preservation in Alaska through 2023.

The completed plan will have several purposes:

- Promote the stewardship, protection, and re-use of Alaska’s historic properties;
- Empower local communities, organizations, and individuals to action; and
- Influence historic preservation policy in state and local governments.

OHA is reaching out to the public for input in the following areas:

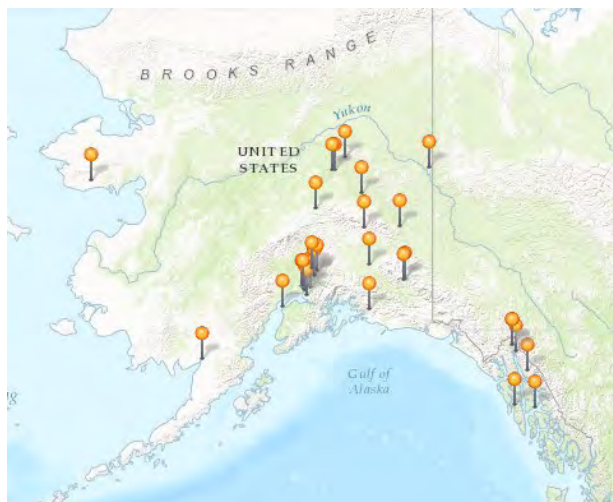
- The historic places that matter most to people throughout the state;
- The challenges we face in preserving our state’s historic resources;
- The potential opportunities and partnerships that might help address these challenges.

The more feedback OHA receives, the better for developing a plan that addresses the needs and concerns of all Alaskans. You can participate in this early planning phase through a survey and by submitting photos.

The online survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AKHPP> until December 31, 2016.

An online photo sharing campaign is located at [#ThisPlaceMatters Alaska](#). Photo submissions to the “This Place Matters Alaska” website can depict historic buildings and structures, residential neighborhoods, downtown streetscapes, historic and rural landscapes, and archaeological sites (the location of archaeological sites should be generalized for their protection). Photos can be submitted through bit.ly/AKThisPlaceMatters.

For more information on the planning process and to read the current historic preservation plan, *Saving our Past*, please visit the OHA website at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/planning/hpplanupdate>. You can be part of this planning activity that will shape the next few years of historic preservation efforts in Alaska. **Your voice matters.**



“This Place Matters” map from OHA’s “ThisPlaceMattersAlaska” webpage.

AAHP 2016 Annual Meeting Highlights

The 2016 annual members' meeting of the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation was held the evening of November 1 at the Pioneer School House in Anchorage.

The business meeting provided highlights of the 2016 activities of AAHP's committees and programs, elections for Board officers and members, by-laws revisions, and the announcement of the 2016 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties grant award. Following the business meeting, a presentation was given on a preservation project in Talkeetna.

Highlights of AAHP's 2016 activities included the Fall fundraiser for AAHP's Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Program, which raised nearly \$7,000 this year. We were most fortunate to have several representatives from AAHP's partner organizations in attendance, who described partner program activities. Judy Bittner of the State Historic Preservation Office described the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance partnership with AAHP. Allegra Hamer, AAHP's administrator, provided the 2016 report for the Oscar Anderson House Museum. Valerie Gomez, Alaska History Day State Coordinator with the National Park Service, gave a short PowerPoint presentation summarizing the History Day program, both nationally and statewide, then focusing on the History Day contests and student participants, including the Alaska group that placed second nationally for its website project this year. Ivan Hodes, Deputy Director of Friends of Nike Site Summit, gave a summary of the 2016 Site Summit tours and plans for continued preservation projects at the site; since 2009, approximately 1,500 visitors have toured the site, and the summer of 2016 saw the first tours where visitors were allowed into the newly stabilized launch control building. Reports on the Revitalize Sitka and Kennecott Ore Chute programs were also delivered.

During the discussion segment of the meeting, Judy Bittner explained the plans that the state Office of History and Archaeology has for updating Alaska's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan to cover 2018-2023, which includes a large public participation component for early planning. (See related story on page 3.)



Elizabeth Grover, AAHP Vice President, led the 2016 Annual Meeting. Members in attendance reviewed program reports and by-laws amendments.

AAHP Officers for 2017

President, Anne Pollnow

Vice President, Jobe Bernier

Treasurer, Bob Mitchell

Secretary, Paul Wackrow

Elections of AAHP Board members and officers were then held. Current Board members Anne Pollnow, Jobe Bernier, Paul Wackrow, and Mikhail Siskoff were granted new 3-year terms. 2017 will see some changes in the Board composition; Vice President Elizabeth Grover is leaving the Board and Secretary Gloria Collins did not run for re-election. Stepping into these two officer roles are Jobe Bernier as Vice President and Paul Wackrow as Secretary. Anne Pollnow was re-elected President, and Bob Mitchell was re-elected Treasurer. Congratulations to our new and returning officers and Board members!



Following elections, revisions to the AAHP by-laws was presented to the membership. Changes approved included clarifying wording, expanding means of communication, defining the number of Directors, clarifying Board voting procedures and Strategic Plan requirements, and adding requirements for Ad Hoc committees.

AAHP members consider changes proposed to the organization's by-laws before voting to approve.

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2016 Annual Meeting, cont'd

The final activity for the business meeting was announcing the grant award for the 2016 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties. A \$2,500 grant was awarded this year to the McCarthy-Kennicott Historical Museum for the Kate Kennedy House. Museum docent Patt Garrett provided a brief history of the house, which today is the only remaining original home in McCarthy that is still inhabitable but has not been extensively remodeled. The grant will help stabilize this 1920s home before it is moved to a space near the museum in McCarthy in the spring of 2017. In addition to many volunteer hours by the Museum docents and staff, a GoFundMe campaign has raised \$5,500 to date for the entire project. The Museum's ultimate goal is to create a Kate Kennedy House Museum in McCarthy.

Special Event

Following the business meeting was the special event for the evening. Sue Deyoe with the Talkeetna Historical Society gave a wonderful presentation on that organization's preservation efforts, focusing on the Ole Dahl Cabin #1, one of the two grant winners for the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties program in 2015. The cabin, which was built in 1916, was moved from its original location and had been in a state of disrepair and progressive deterioration. The Ten Most grant provided funding to have stabilization work completed, including the repair and replacement of rotten logs and the installation of a new foundation. By good fortune, because of the attention the project received—including the Ten Most grant from AAHP—new opportunities have opened up for additional funding in the future, which may help with the placement of interpretive displays and signs, as well as new chinking for the building.



Patt Garrett, docent at the McCarthy-Kennicott Historical Museum, describes plans for the Kate Kennedy House. Kate's House was awarded the 2016 AAHP Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties grant to help stabilize the structure before it is moved near the Museum.

Sue Deyoe, Manager of the Talkeetna Historical Society, brought AAHP members and Board members up to date on work on the Ole Dahl Cabin #1, recipient of a 2015 AAHP Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties grant. Work funded by this grant was completed in September.



Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Celebrates Successes



As 2016 winds down and AAHP looks back at the year marking the 25th anniversary of the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Program, the program's success heartens us as we contemplate the future.

This year, we are pleased to have raised nearly \$7,000 for 2016 and future grants. This allowed us to award a grant this year to the Kate Kennedy House in McCarthy and assures a 2017 grant. This follows last year's grants for preservation support to the Talkeetna Historical Society for the Ole Dahl Cabin #1 and to the Port Chilkoot Company for the Fort William H. Seward Barracks Building.

AAHP has managed the Ten Most program since 1991. Each spring, nominations to the Ten Most list are publicly solicited across the state, and the final list for the year's Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties is selected by summer. Those on the list are invited to apply for a grant, which is awarded in the fall. The program is intended to bring public awareness to Alaska's threatened historic properties. Heightened awareness and fundraising lead to increased support for the conservation of endangered historic properties, which are assets important to tourism, economic development, and the cultural heritage of Alaska. This year's list of Ten Most properties gained excellent media attention, including TV, radio, and newspaper coverage.

Ten Most Fundraiser 2016

The annual Ten Most fundraiser raises money to fund the Ten Most grants. The 2016 fundraiser took place on October 8th as a dinner-benefit and silent auction at the Pioneer School House in Anchorage. Sponsorships from Nvision Architecture, RSA Engineering Inc., Chugach Alaska Corporation, True North Sustainable Development Solutions, MLP & Associates, HZA Engineering, ECI Alaska Architects, DCI Structural Engineering, and Kuchar Construction helped make our event successful as well as fun. AAHP Board Member Kelly Owens managed the silent auction, which raised nearly half of the night's proceeds. Thank you, Kelly! And we give a special thanks to the Anchorage Woman's Club for providing the historic venue for the "Eat.Drink.Preserve." benefit.

The sold-out event enjoyed live music performed by Joe Craig on guitar and Alex Parsons on keyboard, who set a mellow note for the evening. A delightful meal was served by Sal's New York Grill and Catering. And a friendly "Lincoln log building" competition showcased the imagination of the several teams that formed, each sharing their architectural, engineering, and artistic talents, with the top prize going to the team that built an Alaskan village.

AAHP looks forward to 2017 with gratitude for the support given and with excitement for things to come!



Attendees at the October 8 dinner enjoy food, an architectural challenge, and a successful silent auction.



Update: Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grants from 2015

In 2015, AAHP awarded two matching grants to properties on the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties lists. Because no grant had been awarded in 2014, properties listed either in 2014 or 2015 were eligible to apply.

The first grant of \$2,500 was awarded to the Talkeetna Historical Society, where it was combined with other donated funds and donated labor to successfully stabilize the foundation of Ole Dahl Cabin #1 in summer 2016 by replacing rotten logs and installing a new foundation. This grant project is complete.

Phase II of the Ole Dahl Cabin #1 project, the chinking of the building itself, will be done in Spring 2017, using other donated funds. An update on this project was presented at the 2016 AAHP Annual Meeting (see Page 5.)

The second grant of \$2,500 was awarded to the Port Chilkoot Company for installation of flashing on the roof of the Barracks Building, Fort William H. Seward, in Haines. This will protect the roof and siding until major repairs can be done in the future. This grant project is complete.



Flashing was installed around the 480 foot perimeter of the roof at the Barracks Building, Fort William H. Seward, in summer 2016.

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I also wish to participate in AAHP activities in the following areas:

- Fund Raising Membership Education Legislation Public Relations Projects & Issues

Preservation Notes Preservation News from Around the State
To submit Preservation News items, email us at akpreservation@gmail.com

Calendar of Upcoming Events

2016

December

3-4, 10-11 Swedish Holidays at Oscar Anderson House Museum
420 M Street, Anchorage, Noon - 4pm

2017

January

15 Applications Available for 2017 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties List
Visit the AAHP website at <http://www.aahp-online.net/> or email akpreservation@gmail.com

March

31 Deadline to Submit Applications for 2017 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties List

Special request to our Alaskan members: As you file for your 2017 PFD starting January 1st, please consider making a Pick.Click.Give. donation to the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation. Thank you!

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