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Nominations Now Open 13th Annual Historic Preservation Award

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP) seeks nominations for its 13th Annual Historic Preservation Award honoring excellence in historic preservation throughout Alaska. The purpose of the Historic Preservation Award is to recognize a project, organization, agency, or individual who exemplify the highest standards among Alaska preservation.

demonstrated a lifetime commitment to historic preservation and whose vision and activities have significantly impacted preservation in Alaska.

2. Adaptive Use, Stabilization, Renovation, and Restoration Projects

Includes historic buildings and archaeological/historic sites that have been successfully stabilized, renovated, restored or adapted for a new use within the past five years. Residential, commercial, civic, cultural, and religious projects

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Past Excellence in Historic Preservation Award Winners

- 2018: No award given
- 2017: Bob De Armond
Bill De Armond
- 2016: No award given
- 2015: Bob Mitchell
- 2014: Thad Poulson
Jim Renkert
- 2013: Sheri and Darrin Hamming
- 2012: No award given
- 2011: Mary Flaherty
- 2010: No award given
- 2009: Don Corwin
Steve Peterson
- 2008: No info available
- 2007: Edwin Crittenden, FAIA
Katharine (Kit) Crittenden
Sam Combs, AIA
Elayne Janiak

Areas of Excellence Examples

1. Lifetime Achievement

Includes individuals who have

Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties – 2019

1. Eldred Rock Lighthouse (Haines)
2. Government Hill (Anchorage)
3. 4th Avenue Theater (Anchorage)
4. Jesse Lee Home (Seward)
5. Pioneer School House (Anchorage)
6. Leonhard Seppala House (Nome)
7. Steamer Nenana, AKA SS Nenana (Fairbanks)
8. Stevenson Hall, Sheldon Jackson School Campus (Sitka)
9. Coastal Archaeological Sites (Statewide)
10. Bristol Bay Wooden Fishing Boats (Naknek, King Salmon, &

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The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP) was founded in 1981 as a private, nonprofit corporation. AAHP is dedicated to the preservation of Alaska's pre-historic 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.

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Oscar Anderson House Museum

Rachel Baker was recently hired as the Museum Assistant Manager. She began providing guided tours at the Oscar Anderson House Museum shortly after the July 4th holiday. AAHP is please to have her join our staff.



Rachel Baker, Museum Manager. Photo by Frank Flavin

Rachel has a strong

background in small house museums having worked at Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village and the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site as well as other related facilities.

She brings her expertise in developing guided tours, visitor services, and exhibits to OAHM.

During the latter part of July we hosted two consultants who came to assess the museum's collection and the building as part of our CAP Grant we received this Spring. Janet Matheson, an architect from Fairbanks and Sarah Giffin, a collections expert from Southern California spent two days going through the house from top to bottom inspecting everything.

It was a busy two days as they also met with various people in Anchorage to ask questions about the house. The Oscar Anderson House is a National Trust for Historic Preservation "Distinctive Destination."

Both consultants will be writing up their reports along with recommendations for caring for the collection as well as what needs to be done at the house to make sure that the collection and the house are well cared for.

Part of their trip has been covered through a Alaska State Museum Grant-in-Aid program. Both grants are matched with in-kind and financial match.

The next phase once the reports are received in a few months will be to plan for phase 2.

Volunteers are always welcome to assist us during the summer months or during our annual Christmas open house.

Contact Rachel via email at OscarAndersonHouse@gmail.com or leave a message at 907-929-9870.

The museum is open June, July, and August Tuesday through Saturday from 12 noon to 4 pm.

Guided tours last about 45 minutes. We ask that large groups arrange for a tour in advance.

Admission: \$10 Adults; \$5 ages 12 and under; \$5 Senior Citizens; \$5 Alaska residents all ages. Free admission for AAHP members, Military Families, and Museums Alaska members.

Don't forget about our Annual Swedish Christmas Open House tours of the Oscar Anderson House Museum held the first two weekends in December. Come visit the holiday-decorated Oscar Anderson home. We'll be featuring some special activities during the Open House. You don't want to miss this annual event!



Shout out to the guys at Municipality of Anchorage who help keep the museum grounds looking beautiful! We also thank the volunteers who make sure our flowers are kept watered and looking great! We appreciate you!

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considered. Prior projects, up to 25 years old, may be considered at the discretion of the awards jury. Projects must be complete and still being used in order to be eligible.

3. Stewardship

- A. Property Owners
- B. Organizations
- C. Firms and Governmental Agencies
- D. Individuals

Nomination Details

The complete packet for nominations can be downloaded from our website at: <http://www.aahp-online.net> or contact AAHP for the form via email.

Completed submission must be postmarked no later than **October 18, 2019**. You may also email your submission to AKpreservation@gmail.com or mail to:

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Awards Presentation

The Historic Preservation Award recipient will be notified of their award by **October 31, 2019**. All nominees and their preservation contributions will be honored at AAHP's Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony and Annual Meeting to be held in Anchorage on November 7.

Trivia Quiz



Who am I? (Hint: I'm an old Russian who likes staring at the sea. I don't like to brag, but I'm also National Historic Landmark!) Answer located on page 11



Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

The Advisory Council has announced a "Summer of FREE-dom," for its e-learning courses. **Five classes are available free of charge until September 30, 2019.**

The courses include:

- Early Coordination with Indian Tribes for Infrastructure Projects (90 minutes);
- What is Section 106 (15 minutes);
- Successfully Navigating Section 106 Review (60 minutes);
- Basics of NEPA and Section 106 Integration (15 minutes);
- Coordinating NEPA and Section 106 (60-minutes).

Information about the classes and how to access them is available at

<https://www.achp.gov/training/elearning>

Heritage Documentation Programs

In 2008, the **Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) celebrated our 75th anniversary**. During that year, Heritage Documentation Programs, NPS marked the occasion with an exhibition held at the U.S. Department of the Interior Museum in Washington, District of Columbia and the exhibition catalog **AMERICAN PLACE**.

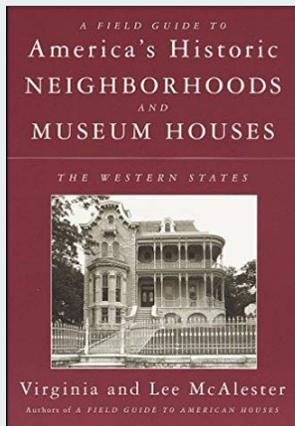
DOWNLOAD your FREE copy of "AMERICAN PLACE: The Historic American Buildings Survey at Seventy-Five Years" which tells the important story of how the architectural history of America has been recorded for (over) seventy-five years by HABS from our website at <https://tinyurl.com/y2xxer3n> (22.3 MB .PDF).

Preservation Resources Online - Free PDF Publication Updated

We are happy to announce that our free popular PDF publication "Preservation Resources on the Web: Online Resources for Historic and Cultural Resource Preservation" has just been revised, with many additional resources added. It contains many resources and information for the preservationist.

Interested in receiving a free copy via email? Please just send us a request with your email address and we will be happy to send one to you (please allow 1-2 weeks for receipt of the PDF; sorry no print publications are available.). Please send your request to info@preservationdirectory.com

Book Review



A tour of domestic architecture in the cities and towns of the American West. In this new, information-packed field guide, the authors of the perennially popular *A Field Guide to American Houses*--the book that taught us how to identify architectural styles--now show us houses well worth looking at and the neighborhoods in which we can find many of them, in 110 cities and towns in seventeen western states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The 172 historic neighborhoods covered contain hundreds of interesting dwellings that can be viewed, without ceremony, from the street--and almost 200 museum houses of particular architectural and/or artistic significance whose interiors can be visited. The book is organized alphabetically by state, and by cities and towns within each state. There are 701 illustrations--historic and current--to instruct and entice house-lovers. The 173 maps show the location of every neighborhood and every museum house included--and point the way to the most interesting districts.

In This Corner...

Demolition of a building is so easily accomplished. We see it all too often. Recently a historic home here in Anchorage that was destined for demolition was saved by moving it to another location. Fairbanks just saw 5 such structures in one area demolished in the interest of development. The 4th Avenue Theatre's future is in limbo. There isn't a city or town in Alaska that hasn't seen historic buildings demolished in the interest of development because it's less expensive than preserving them and/or repurposing the structure. And so, we grieve the loss of our history.

Despite the losses that we see, we refuse to accept the tired and negative refrains of "it's not worth saving" or "you could do more with the money it would take to save that building." AAHP finds that even with the naysayers out there, there's support across Alaska for preserving buildings and of course, our history.

AAHP's *Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties* Program promotes the need to save our historic buildings, vessels, land, etc. We seek nominations every year to this annual listing. While we only select ten properties each year, we acknowledge that there are more properties that fall into this "endangered" category.

Some properties have consistently been listed every year. Some of have fallen off the list because the building has been saved and we are thrilled beyond words for these successes. Unfortunately, there are those structures which fall off the list because they have become too unstable to be preserved or deemed too expensive to save.

AAHP was founded in 1981 and incorporated in 1982 as a private, nonprofit corporation with a dedication to the preservation of Alaska's prehistoric and historic resources through education, promotion and advocacy.

Our organization aids in an assortment of 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.

As a statewide organization, with a home office in Anchorage, AAHP also acts as an umbrella organization sponsoring a variety of history, rehabilitation, museums, archaeological, and preservation projects and entities acting as a 501c3 for granting, administration, and fundraising.

Your membership in AAHP is an important part in helping us carry out our goals of preserving historic properties, educating the public about the importance of preservation and acting as an advocate for those properties who need help.

We appreciate our partner programs for what they are doing to preserve Alaska's history: Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance (IHTA), Friends of the Nike Summit Site (FONSS), and the Naknek Cannery History Project (NN). AAHP manages the Oscar Anderson House through an agreement with the Municipality of Anchorage. We are always open to working with more partners.

While it is easy to demolish a building, rather than focusing on the negative aspect AAHP chooses to focus on the positive side of historic restoration. We believe that preserving history is alive and well in communities across Alaska. Your continued support of Alaska Association for Historic Preservation is helping us to continue to help preserve history in our state.

Your membership is a great help to AAHP. Donating to support the programs of AAHP is another way to support what we do. The third way to support AAHP is to become a board member.

May we count on your continued support of AAHP and our programs?

Trish Neal
AAHP President

BUILDING HEIGHT



Attic/Half story The uppermost story of a building, if not intended for use as habitable space. If it is intended for habitable space, it is called a half story. Usually not a full story in height and contained within the roof.

Full Story A story that is more than six feet in height and extends more than half the width of the primary elevation.

First Story The first full story above ground level. The primary entry typically denotes the first story.

Raised Basement A basement level that is visible above ground, but no more than six feet in height. Usually have windows or an entry that denotes usable space inside.

Walkout/Daylight Basement A basement found in a house situated on a slope, so that part of the level is above ground, with a doorway to the outside.

Information and photo from: Alaska Historic Buildings Survey Manual & Style Guide 2016. Summer Rickman, Architectural Historian. Office of History and Archaeology Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation Department of Natural Resources State of Alaska Office of History and Archaeology Report Number 162

PRESERVATION Action

Bill Introduced in Senate Would Remove National Historic Preservation Act Protections from Federal Projects in Rural Areas

Contributed By: **Preservation Action**
Website: <http://preservationaction.org>

Before departing for the August recess, Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Sen. David Perdue (R-GA), and Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS) introduced the ***Paving the Way for Rural Communities of 2019 Act, S. 2430***. The bill would **remove federal requirements** in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and the **National Historic Preservation Act from federally funded projects** or activities in any area of the country that's not part of a metropolitan statistical area.

This bill threatens historic resources in rural communities by undermining the protections of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), including Section 106. Section 106 of the NHPA requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties, provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) with a reasonable opportunity to comment, and consult with State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices. This process allows for local input from states and local communities on the potential impact of federal projects. Side stepping this consultation would allow federal agencies to make unilateral decisions that could negatively impact a state, its residents and their historic resources.

S. 2430 was referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

Preservation Action opposes this harmful and unnecessary legislation. Stay tuned to Preservation Action for more information as we continue to monitor this bill.

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

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Preservation Shorts

The Inclusive Historian's Handbook: *The Inclusive Historian's Handbook* is a free and open digital resource co-sponsored by AASLH and NCPH and will debut at #AASLH2019 in Philadelphia. The editors and advisory committee members will be on hand to discuss the project and offer tips on how public historians, museum professionals, and other history practitioners might utilize it in their work.

<https://bit.ly/2YoBjjW>

Preservation Maryland Launches National Campaign for Historic Trades --

07-02-2019 by Preservation Maryland After months of planning and coordination with the National Historic Preservation Training Center, a unit of the National Park Service, Preservation Maryland is pleased to officially announce a new partnership and program: *The Campaign for Historic Trades*. The Campaign for Historic Trades will support the diverse needs of the National Historic Preservation Training Center, with a central focus on the Center's work to train skilled preservation tradespeople through its Traditional Trades Apprenticeship Program (TTAP).

<https://tinyurl.com/y67hz522>

Interested in Donating Alaska Historical Items?

If you have objects, artifacts, photographs, or papers relating to Alaska history that you would like to donate, we suggest you contact one of the following museums or archives:

<https://tinyurl.com/y3kb7qyl>



Did you know that Anchorage, Juneau, Ketchikan, Seward, Sitka, and St.

George Island were designated as **Preserve American Communities?**

<https://tinyurl.com/y56frsgo>

We Do This Work Because We Believe in Something!

Our AAHP board members are passionate about our mission! We are looking for like-minded people. Are you a good communicator? Do you have leadership skills? Can you motivate people? Are you a visionary? Are you bridge builder?

We are looking for board members with a variety of skills besides having a passion for history. What are your job skills?

- Administration/Management
- Accounting, Financial mgmnt
- Entrepreneurship
- Communications
- Marketing
- PR
- Strategic planning
- Governance (*board leadership/operations*)
- IT
- Fundraising
- Government
- Law
- Mission-related
- Other: What's your expertise?

No matter where you live in Alaska, you are invited to send us your resume to be considered for our board of directors.

Nominees must be current paid members of AAHP and members are welcome to nominate themselves to run for positions.

We meet the First Thursday of the month at our office in Anchorage via teleconference or Zoom. There is no requirement to attend the meetings in person.

It's time to elect the 2019-2020 Executive Committee of the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP), and we are calling for

nominations to the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- At-Large Seats (5-7)

The Board of Directors supports the preservation of Alaska's prehistoric and historic resources through its education, promotion, and advocacy activities.

Board terms are 3 years. If you join the Board, you agree that you can provide at least 2-4 hours a month in attendance to Board and Committee meetings, and that you do not have any conflict-of-interest in participating on the Board.

If you are not selected as a member of the Board, or if you decide not to join, would you like to be a volunteer to assist our organization in various ways that match your skills and interests?

AAHP has several partner programs that we work with. Information on those programs can be found on our website. AAHP also operates the Oscar Anderson House museum through an agreement with the Municipality of Anchorage which owns the house. We're always looking for volunteers to provide summer tours as well as our annual Swedish Christmas Open House.

Board member duties and nomination form are located at:

<https://tinyurl.com/yyo9wsrc>

Contact AAHP at: 907-929-9870 or
AKPreservation@gmail.com

www.aahp-online.net

All Nominations must
be received by 11/1/2019.



PreserveNet is designed to provide preservationists with a comprehensive database of regularly updated internet resources and current professional opportunities. <http://www.preservenet.cornell.edu> Note some links are outdated but for the most part great resources are available here that also lead to other resources.

Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance

Iditarod Trail Committee names new CEO

The Iditarod Trail Committee has announced the appointment of Rob Urbach as its new CEO, replacing Stan Hooley, who retired last year after about 25 years on the job. As the race



organization's CEO, Urbach will direct and oversee all operations of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, including business operations, human resources

management, information technology, fundraising, and public relations. He began work on July 29, 2019.

First mile of Iditarod Trail

On the 4th of July a survey taken from 2-2:30 p. m. at the mid-point of the Iditarod Trail through Seward, counted 98 walking, 8 biking, 5 on scooters and 2 on skateboards, for a total of 113 people going over the Trail in that half-hour.

National Trails Day® celebration in Seward

The Seward Iditarod Trail Blazers had a National Trails Day® celebration at the Branson Pavilion in Seward on June 2. There were hot dogs, special decorated cookies and other goodies, door prizes and information on the Iditarod Trail, Seward Trail Blazers and the Alliance. www.alaska-trails.org/



National Trails System Webmapping Application

A Geographic Information System is a powerful tool that allows users to view a variety of geographic data, perform spatial analysis and conduct locational based research in both a desktop and online environment. Over the past year, the National Trails System has made tremendous strides in utilizing this technology to enhance its capabilities at a national, systems-wide scale.

With the development of the National Trails System Webmapping Application, users now have the ability to view, download and analyze authoritative centerline data for all the national scenic and historic trails.

Simply being able to see the whole National Trails System overlaid on one map is an astounding way to see the extent of the system, but the Webmapping Application offers much more than that. View the National Trails System Webmapping Application at:

<https://tinyurl.com/vyumzp5k>

National Public Lands Day To Be Held on September 28

National Public Lands Day, a signature event of the National Environmental Education Foundation is the largest single-day volunteer effort for America's public lands. Each year, hundreds of thousands of volunteers come together on the fourth Saturday in September, this year September 28, to assist with various projects designed to restore and enhance public parks, forests, waterways and more. From trail maintenance to tree planting—volunteers of all ages and abilities roll up their sleeves and work side-by-side to care for public lands. The day also features a variety of hikes, bike rides, community festivals, paddling excursions, and other fun outdoor activities—all set on the backdrop of the country's public lands and waterways.

Volunteering on NPLD is a great opportunity to spend time with family and friends and enjoy the many benefits that come from connecting with nature.

In celebration of the annual National Public Lands Day celebration, September 28, 2019 has been designed as a Free Entrance Day for most National Parks, Monuments, Recreation Areas and other participating federal sites.

For more information on National Public Lands Day and scheduled events go to:

<https://www.neefusa.org/npld>

The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance promotes awareness of the Iditarod Trail and its gold rush and Alaska Native Heritage by encouraging education programs and historical research, assisting in the protection, improvement, maintenance and marking of the Trail and developing partnerships that foster stewardship, commitments and support.

While the Iditarod Trail is well known nationally and internationally due to the contemporary sled dog race, many Alaskans and most Americans are unaware of the basic history of the Trail. While parts of the Trail go back thousands of years to trade routes used by Alaska's native people, today's Iditarod Trail began with an Alaska Road Commission scouting expedition in mid-winter 1908. With the strike of gold in Iditarod, the ARC blazed the trail the winter of 1910, giving the Iditarod and Innoko mining districts overland access to the deep water port of Seward, and eventually, the Alaska Railroad.

The Alliance was founded in 1998.

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The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.

Upcoming Events

September 25-28 Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska, annual meetings and conference at Kodiak.

www.ahsmaconference.org

September 26, 2019 The Historic Preservation Commission meets at 5:30 p.m., usually on the fourth Thursday of the month. Meeting location is in Room 170 of the Planning and Development Center, 4700 Elmore Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507.

<https://tinyurl.com/y4g3cdw9>

October 8-10 — Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news. The Advisory Council is offering two classes in Anchorage: Section 106 Practitioner Workshop on **October 8 and 9**, and Section 106 Agreements Seminar on **October 10**. At the Lake Front Hotel in Anchorage. More information about these classes and more available at:

www.achp.gov/training

October 10-12 at Denver, CO. National Trust for Historic Preservation. This year at PastForward we celebrate women's history through key programming.

<https://tinyurl.com/yxuhbuw>

October 18 — 11th Annual Historic Preservation Award deadline. See page 1 of AAHP News Fall 2019 newsletter.

October 25-27 — Yukon Historical and Museums Association and Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center: Kohklux Map: 150 Years Conference, Whitehorse, YT (Lianne Maitland, 867.667.4704 info@heritageyukon.ca)

November 7, 2019 — Annual AAHP Membership Meeting and Program. At The Megan Room, 6591 A St, Anchorage. Live outside of the Anchorage area? Stay tuned on how you can attend virtually!

Naknek Cannery History Project

The NN Cannery History Project Produces A Short Film



This summer, the NN Cannery History Project and Jensen Hall Creative teamed up to produce a short documentary called Cannery

Caretakers, which will be part of the Mug Up exhibition at the Alaska State Museum.



Katie Ringsmuth interviews Brad Angasan in front of his grandmother's home in South Naknek. Scott Jensen and Carolyn Hall are filming.

The short film will tell the story of cannery life through the perspective of the South Naknek resident workers—the descendants of Katmai, who migrated downriver and established South Naknek after Novarupta volcano destroyed Savonoski village and created the Valley of 10,000 Smokes in 1912.

Settlement at New Savonoski, however, was brief, as the Spanish Flu pandemic and red salmon crash of 1919 drove the Native residents to seek work at the NN Cannery at South Naknek. Despite a cultural lifeway lost to cannery work, Native people became integral contributors to and caretakers of the cannery operation. Historically, they supplied salmon to the cannery, constituted the "spring/fall" crew that readied and winterized the operation, and served as winter watchmen who protected the collective structures and stored boats throughout the offseason.

Joining the NN Cannery Project team at the NN Cannery this summer were cultural resource practitioners with the National Park Service, who have provided critical support to our efforts in nominating the cannery to the National Register of Historic Places. In addition to the property designation, Park Service is interested in how the NN Cannery's history intersects with Katmai National Park and Preserve and how the cannery's cultural story might enhance the park's interpretive scope to include the lower reaches of the Naknek River.

Fishhistorian Bob King conducted most that interviews, which included the current winterman, Carvel Zimin Jr, and his wife Shirley Zimin, as well as his mother, Annie Zimin. Additional interviews included representatives from the spring fall crew, the laundry, and mess hall.

Brad Angasan, whose family is from South Naknek, was also interviewed. "The cannery is part of my cultural identity," explained Angasan, who worked on beach gang on the spring/fall crew and is now the VP of



Bob King Interviews Freddy Kraun, Annie Zimin and Carvel Zimin Jr. in the winterman's house at South Naknek.

Corporate Affairs for the Alaska Peninsula Corporation. "Working at the NN Cannery was an educational experience because work exposed me to so many different ways of life."

In addition to the film work, the NN Cannery Project team gave two

presentation, on at the Bristol Bay Historical Society Museum in Naknek and other at the South Naknek Village Library. Both events served as important ways to inform and include the local community in our project activities.

Support for the film comes from generous grants from the Alaska Humanities Forum and the Rasmuson Foundation.



Bob King interviews Bruce Anderson in the NN Cannery Carpenter Shop about the important role of the spring fall crew.

For more information about the *Cannery Caretakers* film, contact NN Cannery History Project Director Katherine Ringsmuth at 907-830-2251 or visit our website at nncanneryproject.com. Learn how you can help us make history!

**The Art of Work
When it comes to preserving
history, being “CORKED”
is a good thing!**

Coveted relics of Bristol Bay’s historic salmon fishery, wooden corks represent the hard work and unique talent the industry demanded.

For over one hundred years, skilled net hangers tied the web to a corkline and leadline, creating gillnets that caught millions of sockeye salmon.



Skilled net hangers tied the web to a corkline and



leadline. Not only was a fine-tuned net critical to the success in catching fish, but is considered today a work of art.

Lifelong Naknek net hanger, Marcia Dale, will construct the commemorate salmon fishing net, which will be displayed in *Mug Up*, a museum exhibition dedicated to preserving this rich, yet little-known history.

To support the exhibition and ensure those who contributed to one of world’s great fisheries are recognized, please consider purchasing a cork for \$100. Each cork will feature the name of the sponsor or one of the oft’ forgotten individuals who plied the waters, processed salmon, and created a unique Alaskan lifeway in Bristol Bay.

Check out the website for more information about this great project!

<https://nncanneryproject.com/>



It was an honor to update the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Jon Parrish Peede, today about how the NN Cannery Project is ‘creating a humanities community’ here in Bristol Bay. A big thank you to the Alaska Humanities Forum for the invitation and to my cannery team. Your passion for this endeavor is literally making history. *Contributed photo.*



Here’s a great site for all kinds of information including historic photos from around the United States.

Welcome to the USGS Library! Authorized by Congress in 1879, the U.S Geological Survey Library is recognized as one of the world’s largest Earth and natural science libraries, providing services, collections, and expertise that are essential to the USGS mission and the global geoscience community.

Each library location has expert reference librarians available to assist with research and provide answers to reference questions received by phone, fax, or in person. To ask for reference assistance by E-mail, Ask a Librarian at library@usgs.gov

You can search the online catalog here:
<https://library.usgs.gov/photo/#/>

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AAHP! Once you are set up to contribute to AAHP, the information is connected to your rewards number. Our organization number is MR726. <http://tinyurl.com/mtzjqol>

Friends of Nike Site Summit

Summertime...and Friends of Nike Site Summit volunteers have been busy with site improvements and tours.

FONSS hosted its annual dinner fundraiser and tour on June 20 at the Alpenglow Chalet. Peter's Creek Catering provided a sumptuous meal for about 60 people, 40 of whom joined us for the two-and-one-half hour tour of Site Summit. Our guest speaker, Canadian Brig. Gen. Scott Clancy, offered insights into U.S. foreign policy in relation to the Arctic. The silent



Guests at the June 20 FONSS fundraiser listen to Brig. Gen. Scott Clancy, deputy commander, Alaskan NORAD Region. (Frank Flavin photo)

auction raised just over \$1,000 and FONSS thanks all those who either bought items or donated so generously to the auction.

Hiking Tour

On July 20, 16 of the 20 hikers who had signed up for our annual hiking tour met with FONSS volunteers Ivan Hodes, Brian Edington, Adryan Glasgow and Stephen Schell at the Arctic Valley parking lot. After a hike to the lower site and a tour of the facilities there, the hikers were transported with volunteers' vehicles to the upper site for lunch and a tour of the Integrated Fire Control building and the barracks footprint. Other volunteers included Doris Thomas and Chip Derrick as key control/advance party; Nike vets Tom Namtvedt and Phil Parks talking about sentry dogs and missile tracking systems,

respectively; and Allegra Hamer at the Arctic Valley base camp.

The hiking tour took an unfortunate turn due to heavy fog (low clouds). In light of 13 guests and their guides getting lost in the fog for several hours, FONSS is reexamining its hiking tour protocols. FONSS, in concert with Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, will develop an enhanced safety plan for



Ivan Hodes describes the Nike Hercules missile to participants in the July 20 hiking tour, (Doris Thomas photo)

future tours that will include GPS and/or compasses for the guides, maps for all involved and marked trails.

Nearly 100 guests participated in the final two public tours of the summer on Aug. 17. BAC Transportation helped us take 49 guests on the 9:30 a.m. tour and 50 on the 1:30 p.m. tour. The weather was outstanding, though quite windy, and the view of Anchorage was a bit hazy due to smoke drifting in from the Kenai Peninsula forest fires. Participants were enthusiastic and one couple emailed us the following comment: "Thank you for doing this! We had a great time. The guides were well informed and seemed to enjoy sharing their knowledge."

Next up are tours for students at Ursa Major and Orion elementary schools on JBER in early September. Two local veteran organizations have chipped in to help fund those tours. Once we determine how many donors we have, we'll give them credit via our Facebook page, Web site and this newsletter's next edition.

FONSS Work Parties

Work parties so far this summer have

accomplished some vital maintenance and improvements.

The first work party on June 27 had volunteers scraping and priming the window frames of the Launch Control Building. A couple days later, those windows were painted. The drive-through bay and the walls and wood wainscoting of the Launch Control Building were painted during our July 24 work session. With heavy rainfall outside, it was a good day for indoor work.

Doug Ruhl and Rich Goughnour have been leading a group of six electricians in rewiring Launch Bunker #1 so there will



Samuel Funk installs entry and bay lighting wiring in missile Launch Bunker #1. Funk is one of seven volunteer electrical workers bringing much-needed illumination to the bunker. (Doris Thomas photo)

be light in the missile bay and the entry hallway and the adjacent room. This involved reinstalling the conduit from the power pole to the bunker and new wiring in the bunker. The conduit and wiring had been installed in 2017, but had to be removed last year for the military's environmental cleanup project in front of the launch pad. While most of the rewiring will be accomplished this summer, it is likely it will be next year before the overhead fixtures can be reinstalled.

Other maintenance included repainting of the dog kennel building and mowing



Ron Haney poses atop the dog kennel while painting on Aug. 12. The kennel's paint had been sandblasted down to a thin layer by the Arctic Valley winds. (Evan Rowland photo)

the vegetation around it and other facilities on Aug. 12. Additional work before the snow flies will include brushing (which can only be done after Aug. 1 due to regulations on disturbing nesting birds), painting of the sentry station windows and exterior, repairing the dog kennel fence, and miscellaneous painting and caulking projects.

Potential volunteers can contact FONSS at fonss2007@gmail.com to find out about volunteer opportunities. The FONSS website is located at www.nikesitesummit.net

We are on Facebook at "Friends of Nike Site Summit" and on Twitter, [@_FONSS](https://twitter.com/_FONSS).

Trivia Answer

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