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Alaska's 10 Most Endangered—Call for Nominations

AAHP is accepting nominations for Alaska's Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties for 2014. Nominations are welcomed from individuals and organizations alike.

The list of properties is announced each May, in conjunction with National Historic Preservation Week. AAHP has been identifying Alaska's Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties annually since 1991.

This program is intended to bring public awareness of Alaska's threatened historic properties and sites that define our great state, the people that live here, and the identity that we share. Heightened awareness often leads to increased support for the conservation of endangered historic properties, which are assets important to tourism, economic development, and the cultural heritage of Alaska.

To nominate a property for the 2014 list, please visit the AAHP website at <http://www.aahp-online.net/10-most-endangered.html> to download a nomination form. If you would prefer a hard copy of the nomination form, please call AAHP at 907-929-9870 and we will send you one.

Deadline: April 30, 2014

Now You See It, Now You Don't

Things can disappear in the blink of an eye—especially older structures. One of the historic properties that was on AAHP's 2013 Ten Most Endangered Properties list was, indeed, so endangered that . . . it disappeared.

The Berg-Brown Cabin, located on 4th Avenue in downtown Anchorage, was built in 1916 and, until recently, was one of the oldest existing buildings in the city. The Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission and AAHP made repeated attempts to contact the property owners with an offer to move the cabin off the property and relocate it in order to preserve it, but no response was ever received. Instead, one day last fall, the building was simply no longer there . . .



Anchorage's Berg-Brown Cabin, built in 1916, is no more.

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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.

Message from the President

Dear AAHP Membership,



A belated Happy New Year, hope all your resolutions are working themselves into fruition. The AAHP board has been working diligently to put the goals of our 2014 Strategic Plan into action. We began working on this plan in November, reflecting upon our past successes to further build on them for 2014.

At our annual meeting in November, in addition to reviewing the many accomplishments of AAHP's 2013 corporate year, we announced the award of the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant to the Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites in Alaska (ROSSIA) and Archpriest Innocent Dresdow. This award will be used for much needed structural repairs to the Ascension of Our Lord Chapel in Karluk. The Ten Most Committee felt the use of these funds would not only contribute to the rehabilitation of this sacred historic community asset, but we also hope it will serve to inspire and invigorate parishioners in their restoration efforts. Thank you to Grant Crosby, Dorothy Gray, and ROSSIA for your great work protecting and preserving the sites of our Russian heritage.

We also presented the AAHP 2013 Historic Preservation award to Darrin and Sheri Hamming from Palmer, Alaska. We enjoyed a presentation describing their award-winning adaptive re-use of a 1935 Matanuska Colony home to the warm and comfortable bed and breakfast it is today.

Thank you to Steve Sego and Coreen Haydock of Waterman Mitigation Partners for braving the first winter storm in Anchorage to address our membership at November's annual meeting. Your progressive mitigation work will be of great benefit to Alaska, and AAHP looks forward to a partnership in these efforts by solidifying the Nevada Creek/Alaska Treasure Mine Historic District preservation easement agreement this year.

We also look forward to continuing the good stewardship of Alaska's cultural riches in 2014. If you would like to be a part of this positive and continually growing movement, we currently have open board seats. Please contact us for information on becoming an AAHP board member.

Please note it is that time of year where AAHP begins

soliciting nominations for our Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Program. Nomination forms can be found on our website at www.AAHP-online.net/10-most-endangered.html, or notify us and we'll send you one. The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2014. For twenty-three years AAHP's Ten Most Program has been supporting preservation projects throughout Alaska. Please consider supporting the Ten Most Program with your donation online at www.aaHP-online.net or using the form on page 7

All the best,

Anne

Swedish Holiday at the Oscar Anderson House

December welcomed the annual "Swedish Holiday" tours of the Oscar Anderson House with decidedly wintry weather during two week-ends. Despite the snow and ice, people came for the tours, learning about traditional Swedish Christmas customs, seeing century-old interior décor in Anchorage, and partaking of Swedish Christmas cookies and other holiday treats.

AAHP extends a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful volunteer tour guides, who make these tours possible.



The Oscar Anderson House Museum

Recruiting for AAHP Board Members

AAHP is currently recruiting individuals throughout Alaska to serve on our Board of Directors. We are looking for people who are energetic, positive-minded and enthusiastic about historic preservation throughout the state. Meetings are held via teleconference.

The Board of Directors meets once a month and participates in education, promotion and advocacy activities that support the preservation of Alaska's prehistoric and historic resources. If you are interested in participating in the Board, please contact AAHP at 907-929-9870 or akpreservation@gmail.com.

AAHP's 2013 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Award Goes to the Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites in Alaska for Rehabilitation Work at the Ascension of Our Lord Chapel in Karluk

AAHP's partnership with and admiration for the good work of ROSSIA continues to grow as ROSSIA's most recent grant from AAHP, combined with Rasmuson Foundation funding, will allow a team of engineers and other professionals to complete a condition assessment report for the Ascension of Our Lord Chapel in Karluk, which was constructed in 1888. This church is considered one of the oldest and most professionally designed churches in Alaska (Hoagland). Because the church has not been maintained for decades, Phase I of this restoration involves immediate triage stabilization measures.



Ascension of Our Lord Chapel in Karluk

From ROSSIA's Dorothy Gray:

The enduring importance of Alaska's Russian-American history is clearly seen in more than 30 historic Russian Orthodox churches in the state. With six churches listed as National Historic Landmarks, our nation's highest honor for historic buildings, and 23 others listed on the National Register of Historic Places, preservation efforts are critical. Various funding sources enable the Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites in Alaska (ROSSIA) organization to effectively spearhead these efforts, with several projects currently in progress.

St. Nicholas Church in Juneau

ROSSIA is pleased to report the completion of Phase I of its preservation work for St. Nicholas Church in Juneau, one of Juneau's most famous historic landmarks which is also on the National Register of Historic Places. By the recognition of being on AAHP's 10 Most Endangered Properties list, grant awards from Rasmuson, National Trust, and the State of Alaska were received. The church's foundation has been inspected and the bell tower has been rebuilt and returned to its perch atop the roof of the St. Nicholas church. The rectory roof was recently replaced with new cedar shake shingles, and now the Church is "shovel ready" for the next phase of work. Phase II will include repair of the foundation, installation of seismic upgrades, adequate drainage around the building, and designing and installing a fire suppression system.

Holy Assumption of the Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Church and National Historic Landmark in Kenai

With the help of a Save America's Treasures grant and AAHP holding our preservation easement, structural and design plans were completed for the construction of a new mechanical outbuilding next to the Holy Assumption of the Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Church and National Historic Landmark in Kenai. In addition to heating components for the church and state-of-the-art fire suppression misting system components designed to protect the historic icons and artifacts, this new building houses a restroom (something the church has lacked) and a gift shop. A legislative appropriation was secured for Phase II of the restoration process to construct the building, scheduled for completion in April 2014. Rasmuson will assist with the fire suppression system, sidewalks, and landscaping for the new construction. Phase III funding requests for this summer include the completion of the fire suppression system, replacing the 118-year-old roof, and painting the church's exterior.

About ROSSIA

ROSSIA Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the preservation of Alaska's Russian Orthodox Churches and iconography. Started in 2002 by preservation-minded Native corporation leaders, Orthodox clergy, government officials, architects, and historians, ROSSIA has helped initiate several restoration projects and also plans future projects.

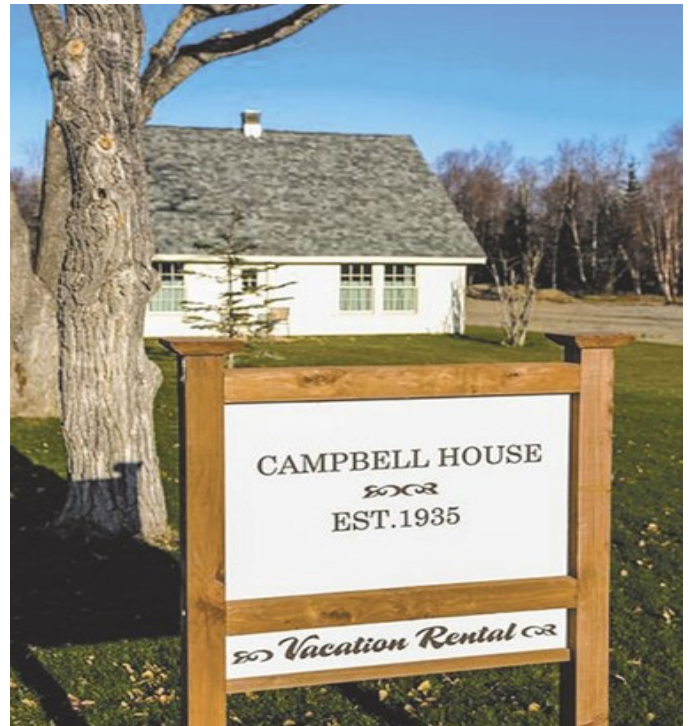
2013 AAHP Historic Preservation Award—Congratulations, Darrin and Sheri

On November 9, 2013, at the annual AAHP members' meeting, The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation presented its 2013 Historic Preservation Award to Darrin and Sheri Hamming. The Hammings were honored for their excellence in historic preservation in Alaska for their project "the adaptive re-use of the former Campbell House" in Palmer, Alaska. The 1935 Matanuska Colony home has been restored and now serves as a lovely bed and breakfast.

The AAHP Historic Preservation Award has been made annually since 2007 to recognize a project, organization, agency, or individual who exemplifies the highest standards among Alaska preservation efforts.



Darrin and Sheri Hamming, recipients of the 2013 Historic Preservation Award



The former Campbell House in Palmer, Alaska, a 1935 Matanuska Colony home, is now restored

2014 Alaska Cold War Conference and National Nike Veterans Reunion

Mark your Calendar! September 4-6

September 4-6 is a very special time: the 2014 Alaska Cold War Conference and National Nike Veterans Reunion. Part of the Anchorage Centennial observance, the three-day event will include a keynote address by Sergei Khrushchev, a history professor at Brown University and the son of Nikita Khrushchev, the former Soviet Union leader during the Cold War in the 1950s and 1960s. Other activities will include a "Commemorating Victory in the Cold War" lecture series at the Hotel Captain Cook and a public commemorative event at Kincaid Park, the location of A Battery. The veterans will be invited to a special dedication event and private tours of Nike Site Summit.

For more information, please visit <http://www.nikesitesummit.net/2014-cold-war-conference-and-national-nike-veterans-reunion.html>.

iTREC! for Alaska

March means it's time for the Iditarod Sled Dog Race®, which travels over much of the historic Iditarod gold rush and mail trail from Anchorage to Nome. In 1973, the modern long-distance race was organized for two reasons: to save the sled dog culture and Alaskan huskies, which were being phased out of existence due to the introduction of snowmobiles in Alaska; and to preserve the historic Iditarod Trail between Seward and Nome. The race is really a reconstruction of the freight route to Nome and commemorates the part that sled dogs played in the settlement of Alaska.

iTREC!, or the Iditarod Trail in Every Classroom, is one of the Iditarod National Historic Trail Centennial projects developed by AAHP partner, the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance. Now in its fourth year, iTREC! has trained 56 teachers in 9 communities from Seward to Nome to work with their students to develop their own place-based service-learning projects and has enabled them to reach more than 5,000 students in Alaska.

One classroom participating in the 2013-2014 school year is Janna Walker's sixth grade class at Rogers Park Elementary School in Anchorage. Janna described their project for the iTREC! Program like this:

For two days in November, my class was treated to lessons by Rod Perry, Iditarod trail historian and musher. He told them about the original trail and the kids learned about the important role tripods had in the early days. He brought in Birch logs and taught the kids how to strip the bark off using draw knives. Other kids designed and chiseled a mile post to be attached to the front of the tripod.

Then the kids used broken glass to smooth the knots on the logs, and drill holes using a hand auger. They smoothed and cut smaller branches to use as pegs to hold the tripod together.

We hope that our replica can be placed in front of Iditarod headquarters in Wasilla.



Rod Perry, Janna Walker's class, and the tripod they built for iTREC!

New Orthodox Bishop of Sitka and Alaska

On Sunday, February 23, David Mahaffey, Jr., was installed and consecrated as Bishop for the Diocese of Sitka and all of Alaska (except Old Heritage). Several orthodox hierarchies gathered for ceremonial services at two National Historic Landmarks: the Russian Bishop's House and Mission Orphanage, and St. Michael the Archangel Cathedral in downtown Sitka.



David Mahaffey, Jr., the Bishop for the Diocese of Sitka and all of Alaska, with Veniaminov's sacred staff



The consecration and installation ceremony of the Bishop

The Russian Bishop's House was a cultural and educational center in Alaska from the 1840s to the mid-20th century. The house was the residence of Father Ivan Veniaminov, who later attained sainthood as Saint Innocent, an extraordinary Russian religious leader and first Bishop of Alaska. It served as the administrative center for his and other Orthodox missionary efforts among the peoples native to Alaska. The great religious and moral influence exerted from this missionary center can be observed by the large numbers of Orthodox communicants living in the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands as well as other Alaskan coastal communities (AHRs 2014). During the ceremony, Father Mahaffey received Veniaminov's sacred staff and recognized the magnificent Russian Orthodox history in Sitka and Alaska in his address to the congregation.

The original St. Michael's Cathedral built in 1842 was destroyed by fire in 1966 but reconstructed from 1967 to 1977 from plans drawn by the Historic American Buildings Survey. During the fire, community members braved the flames to rescue icons, gold crosses, and religious items that have been restored for use in the orthodox services of today.

Preservation Notes

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

History Day in Alaska State Contest and Book Fair

The Alaska State Contest for National History Day in Alaska students from grades 6-12 will take place March 24-28, 2014. The top two entries in each contest category will be eligible to participate in the National Contest for all National History Day contestants at the University of Maryland in June. Good luck to all students entered in the State Contest.

The theme for projects this year is "Rights and Responsibilities in History," providing fertile ground for students to increase their skills in historical research methods and cognitive learning.

This year, the Barnes & Noble bookstore in Anchorage is hosting a Book Fair for National History Day in Alaska students on May 3. Students planning to go to the National Contest in June are invited to come to Barnes & Noble and present their projects to the public. This is the first time a Book Fair has been held for National History Day in Alaska. Not only will this event give the students a chance to "practice" for the upcoming contest, but also a portion of book sales during that timeframe will be donated to National History Day in Alaska to help students defray expenses associated with attending the National Contest.

Save the date!

May 3

Barnes & Noble in Anchorage

Come and support Alaska's students as they take another step towards becoming the leaders of tomorrow!

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AAHP Top Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties matching-grant account

(Donations to AAHP are tax deductible, as allowable under IRS regulations.)

Donation \$ _____

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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

Calendar of Upcoming Events

2014

March

24-28—Alaska History Day State Contest

April

30—Deadline to submit nominations for 2014's Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties

May

3—Barnes & Noble Book Fair for Alaska History Day Students

27—Oscar Anderson House Museum opens for tours for the season

TBD—10 Most Fundraising Reception

Watch for your invitation to the 10 Most Fundraising Reception, to be held in mid- to late May

June

15-19—National History Day's National Contest in Washington, DC

September

4-6—2014 Alaska Cold War Conference and National Nike Veterans Reunion

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