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## AAHP Announces the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties for 2013

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP) has announced the state's **Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties for 2013**. The list is announced each year and is intended to bring public awareness to Alaska's threatened historic properties. 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. AAHP has been identifying the Most Endangered Historic Properties since 1991.

### Kake Cannery National Historic Landmark, Kake

One of the 134 salmon canneries built in Southeast Alaska between 1878 and 1949, the Salmon Cannery, begun in 1906 by Kake Trading & Packing Company, was Kake's first industrial development.



### Yates Memorial Hospital, Ketchikan

One of downtown Ketchikan's oldest buildings, this two-story, wood frame Colonial-style residential building retains much of its historic character. Originally built as a clergy house, it was repurposed in 1909 as a hospital.



### Historic Old Bering Hill Chapel, Adak

Built in 1944 by the Army Engineers, it was moved to its present location by the Seabees and Navy Public Works Department civilians in 1953. When the new chapel was built, it was scheduled for demolition, but instead sat deteriorating until restoration efforts in the 1990s.



### Ladd Field, Fort Wainwright

This National Historic Landmark, built in 1940, is significant for its unique role in World War II history. Since 1984, five associated buildings have been lost and the future of Hangers 2 and 3 is currently unknown.



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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



Greetings AAHP Supporters

It was an action packed summer for AAHP and its members, with many of you taking advantage of the Nike Site Summit summer tours. All tours were at capacity and a success! Thank you! Besides the scheduled tours, a tremendous amount of rehabilitation work on this Cold War relic has taken place this summer. So too, did the Oscar Anderson House Museum have a great summer tour season. Thanks to all the volunteers and staff for this success. The

museum has a pronounced link to the roots of Anchorage, so please remember to stop by this quaint and treasured museum when enjoying Anchorage Centennial events.

This year, the Kake Cannery National Historic Landmark in Kake, Alaska not only made AAHP's Ten Most Endangered Properties list, but it also made the list on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Eleven Most Endangered Historic Properties. This salmon cannery began operations in 1906 by the Kake Trading and Packing Company and is one of one hundred and thirty-four salmon canneries built in Southeast Alaska between 1878 and 1949. The folks in Kake have been working diligently for years to bring attention to this Landmark gem and its continued deterioration. In recognition of all our endangered Alaskan resources, I respectfully ask for your monetary support for AAHP's Ten Most Endangered Properties grant program. With significantly less federal funding and cuts to historic preservation grant programs, this is one way to aid these culturally and economically important historic properties.

Upcoming events include **AAHP's Annual Meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>**, venue to be announced. We are very pleased to announce our guest speakers this year will be Steve Sego and Coreen Haydock of Nevada Creek Mitigation Partners. Steve has developed and constructed mitigation banks and consolidated mitigation projects for more than 10 years in Washington and Alaska. Coreen has been working with Steve for the last two years and holds over 35 years of experience in nonprofit administration. AAHP is honored to be working with Steve and Coreen to establish a conservation/preservation easement for the century old Nevada Creek/Alaska Treasure Mine Historic District located in the Juneau Gold Belt. Steve and Coreen will speak to

their work with easements and mitigation and future opportunities. AAHP also believes there is great opportunity to use easements as a mitigation tool to realize historic preservation goals.

Finally, gigantic congratulations to our very talented Alaskan students who won at the state level for the opportunity to travel to the National History Day Contest in Washington D.C.! It was insightful and a pleasure to be a judge this year. Involvement in this fine and fun program is highly recommended!

See you at the annual meeting!

Many thanks for your support,

Anne

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### Save the Date!

AAHP will be holding our 2013 Annual Meeting on **November 9<sup>th</sup>** in Anchorage. AAHP members are encouraged to attend. Guest Speakers this year will be Steve Sego and Coreen Haydock of Nevada Creek Mitigation Partners.

Steve and Coreen will present ideas for fund-raising for AAHP, including major donor and corporate fundraising plans, major event coordination and tiered memberships. Steve will also share some ideas and opportunities related to Conservation Easement partnerships for environmental mitigation projects which include historical components.

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### AAHP is Seeking Board Members and Officers

AAHP is currently recruiting individuals 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. 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. AAHP is also seeking to identify candidates for officer positions on the Board. Officer positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers will be elected at the Annual Meeting in November, 2013. If you are interested in participating in the Board, please contact AAHP at 907-929-9870 or [akpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:akpreservation@gmail.com).

## Summer Public Tours of Nike Site Summit a Success

This Summer, AAHP partner Friends of Nike Site Summit (FONSS) offered public tours of Nike Site Summit. The tours were held on June 21 (evening solstice), July 21, August 17 and added (due to demand) September 14. All tours were fully subscribed. Below are some photos from this summer's successful tour season. For more information on FONSS and to be added to the notification list for the 2014 tours, please contact [fonss2007@gmail.com](mailto:fonss2007@gmail.com).



At the dog kennels, Tom Namtvedt, center, a Site Summit veteran, tells visitors on the June 21 tour about the kennels and what it was like living and working at Site Summit. On Tom's left is Jan Olver, a FONSS volunteer who is moving to the Lower 48. FONSS will miss her enthusiasm and many contributions to our cause. (Photo by Wanda Long)



Prior to heading out for one of the June 21 tours, guests check out information displays at the tour staging area located at the lower parking lot of Arctic Valley Ski Area. (Photo by Doris Thomas)



Guests on the June 21 tour peer into one of the two bunkers that housed the Nike Hercules missiles. (Photo by Wanda Long)



Nike veteran Bruce Long, right, explains the functions of the launch mechanisms during the June 21 Site Summit tour. (Photo by Wanda Long)

## Alaska History Day Congratulates Students

By Gloria Collins

The big news from this past spring was the successful state contest in April 2013, the precursor to the national contest in June at the University of Maryland. As summer opened, approximately two-thirds of the state contest winners were able to attend the national contest. Although Alaska didn't win any prizes this year, the students participating were enriched by the experience. This year's winning students are listed at the end of this article

As summer is winding down, plans are already being made for the 2013-2014 school year's History Day in Alaska activities. This year's theme for students to explore is "Rights and Responsibilities in History." The state contest will be held next spring, and the national contest will take place June 15-19, 2014. We are continually updating our website at <http://www.alaskahistoryday.com/index.html> with information about the upcoming year's activities as it becomes available.

We salute the teachers who engaged the students in the National History Day program, and we congratulate the following students for their outstanding work as winners of the Alaska state contest:

**Junior Division:** William Troxel; Jordan Stigen; Kyle Winkler and Brian Britt; Paul Boutet, Sawyer Barta, Tristan Groom, and James Wayt; Mellisha Jones; Oriana Ziegler; Xiomara Sims, Mia Mendez, and DuPree Walker; Jenalyn May Saelee and Bianny Magarin; Foster Birnbaum; Emmalyn Dobler, Victoria Jacobs, Katherine Kirby, and Delana Wesen; Greyson Delzer, Noah Kegley, and Cheyn Larson; Hunter McDonald; Krishna Nautiyal; Lydia Porter, Grace Martin, and Eva Heinrichs; Olivia Wing and Bozhi Sebens; Everett Masterman; Jonathon Shaw.

**Senior Division:** Alyssa Hampton; Julie DuClos; Samuel Liebersbach, Caleb Huntington, and Alek Rentz; Ozair El-Omari, Adam Ripley, and Edgar Villasenor; Hannah Bouta; Allona Walker; Roslyn McCormack and Sara Ross; Robin Chalcraft and Jennifer Hannah; Elizabeth Randall; Bryce Davis; Jack Hoen and Joseph Jurasek; Caroline Requa and Ripple Sato; Jake Herrmann; Sierra Grimes.



*Alaska's National History Day students with our Congressional Delegation*

## AAHP Attend House Museum Workshop in Murfreesboro, TN

By Valerie Gomez

AAHP Board Member Valerie Gomez and AAHP Administrator Allegra Hamer had the opportunity to attend the American Association for State and Local History's (AASLH) Historic House Museum Issues and Operations two-day workshop in Murfreesboro, Tennessee in April. This opportunity was made possible by the Alaska Community Foundation. The timely workshop aided AAHP staff and board on the management of the Oscar Anderson House Museum in downtown Anchorage. Since 2012, AAHP has managed the program at the Oscar Anderson House Museum. Some of the topics discussed were: Why are historic houses necessary to their communities? How are historic house museums unique? There were lively group discussions and activities, participants will explore management, collection, and interpretation issues to answer these questions. Participants became familiar with interpretive themes, storylines, and plans. They also took part in an interpretive exercise focused on designing more exciting house tours. Other topics discussed included: marketing, volunteers, earned income, membership programs, and care of buildings and landscapes. The workshop was held at the Oaklands Historic House Museum and concluded with a guided tour of the historic house museum.



*Workshop Participants in front of Oaklands Historic House Museum (courtesy of AASLH)*



*Workshop Discussion (courtesy of AASLH)*



*The Oscar Anderson House Museum (courtesy of Municipality of Anchorage)*

## Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties—continued

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**Ascension of Our Lord Chapel, Karluk**

Finished on June 11, 1888, it is located on the far side of Kodiak Island and is the oldest extant Russian Orthodox Church in Alaska. The elaborate design may be attributed to the salmon cannery located on the Karluk River below.



**Berg-Brown Cabin, Anchorage**

Built by Cora Berg in 1916, and occupied by Jack and Nellie Brown from 1925-1930 and the Tuomi family after 1930, this cabin is one of the oldest buildings remaining in Anchorage. The cabin is currently slated for demolition.



**Saint Michael's Cathedral, Sitka**

The Cathedral sits on an octagonal island of land in the middle of Sitka's main Lincoln Street, while pedestrian and vehicular traffic is forced to go around it. The structure is one of the most frequently photographed in Alaska and preserves the historic heritage of Russian America.



**Pioneers of Alaska Igloo No. 19, Cordova**

Constructed in 1928 by the Pioneers of Alaska organization to serve as the brotherhood's headquarters and meeting hall, the Pioneer Igloo Building is in need of rehabilitation to stabilize the deteriorating structure.

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# Preservation Notes

Preservation news from around the state. To submit, email us at [akpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:akpreservation@gmail.com)

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## 4th Avenue Theatre, Anchorage

A prominent Deco style landmark located in the heart of downtown, this theater was completed in 1947. It is significant for its association with Austin “Cap” Lathrop and as the best example of Art Deco style in Alaska.

## Alaska's Historic Canneries, Throughout Coastal Alaska (photo is Port O'Brien Cannery, Uganik)

One of the most important 20th century industries on the West Coast was—and in some places still is—the canning of Pacific salmon. In 1878, fish packers opened the first canneries in southeastern Alaska, and by 1882, the first in Central Alaska. The canned salmon industry produced more revenue between 1880 and 1937 than all the minerals mined during the same period.



## AAHP 2014 MEMBERSHIP AND/OR TOP TEN ENDANGERED DONATION

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I/we wish to make a tax-deductible gift to the

**AAHP Top Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties matching-grant account**

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

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Fund Raising     Membership     Education     Legislation     Public Relations     Projects & Issues

## Trivia Corner

### Trivia Question:

The Sentinel Island Light Station was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2002. What makes the station significant? (hint: A & C)

Find out the answer in the Winter 2013 Newsletter!



### Spring 2013 Trivia Question Answer:

Name the Historic District listed in 1976, founded in 1898 and abandoned since 1953?

**Answer: Porcupine District, near Haines, Alaska**



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