AIA elevates 102 members to the College of Fellows

Janet Matheson Honored by AIA

AAHP board member, Janet Matheson, was recently elevated to Fellow by the American Institute of Architects for 2020.

She is the only Alaskan architect nominated for a fellowship in preservation design, and is the only woman Fellow in AIA Alaska.

AIA fellowship recognizes significant contributions to the profession of architecture and society.

Janet has been a member of AAHP since its early days clear back in 1981. She has served on the board at various times and has been the lead for legislative and educational issues for AAHP.

She operates her business, Janet M. Matheson FAIA, LEED-AP BD+C in Fairbanks and specializes in historic preservation.

Janet was awarded the AAHP Historic Preservation Award for 2019 for Lifetime Achievement for her work with AAHP and in historic preservation in Alaska.

The announcement was made in February by AIA. Continued on page 8

Longtime Historical Architect Robert Mitchell Passes

Longtime historical architect Robert Mitchell passed away on Thursday, March 4, 2021. He was 88 years old.

Bob was a longtime member of AAHP and a valued member of AAHP’s Advisory Board.

Bob was involved in various organizations and projects over the years. He was well respected by everyone.

While a member of AAHP he served at one time as the Liaison between AAHP and Friends of Nike Site Summit (FONSS). He served on AAHP’s Easement Program

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Oscar Anderson House Seeks Assistant Museum Manager

AAHP is sad to see our Museum Manager leave in a few months. We would love to clone her! However, that’s not possible so we are looking for the right person who loves history, loves talking to people, and enjoys sharing our history and the history of the Oscar Anderson House. Are you that person?

The position is part-time, 20 hours per week. There is also a requirement for computer skills. If you are interested, please send an email for the job description. AKPreservation@gmail.com

Looking Back...
May 1983 AAHP Newsletter
Vol 1 No 1

“In the works...”
The AAHP and Wometco-Lathrop Co. are co-hosting a reception and screening of a historical film on May 31st, commemorating the anniversary of the opening of the 4th Avenue Theater, and as a fundraiser for the AAHP. All proceeds of the reception-screening will go to AAHP, and we hope to locate a “fun” historical movie, so mark your calendars—May 31st, 5:00 o 8:00 p.m.

Historic Preservation Week
May 8-14

The theme for Historic Preservation Week this year is “use and Restore Alaska’s Past,” and there are a variety of activities to let people know about historical resources in Alaska, and to encourage and assist historic preservation activities.

Every night this week, KAKM will be showing scenes of Anchorage, from its earliest days to the present. The slide will be featured in the “Alaska Is...” program, which airs at midnight nightly on Channel 7, KAKM.

You may also want to look for a new date stamps on your mail that week, reading “Use and Restore Alaska’s Past.” The Alaska Division of Parks developed the date-stamp for use this week.

Advocacy

AAHP is involved in several local and statewide efforts designed to promote historic preservation in Alaska. We are working for the passage of two bills in the State legislature which we feel will be of great benefit to communities around the state. On a local level, AAHP has been helping to address several important preservation efforts in Anchorage.

Watch our Facebook page for more blasts from the past throughout the year! We’ll be looking back at the last 40 years!
New Staff Joins Office of History and Archaeology

We are pleased to welcome a new staff member to the Office of History and Archaeology. Maria Lewis has accepted the position of Architectural Historian and will start March 15th. She has a Master’s degree in historic preservation from Goucher College and an engineering degree from University of California - Davis.

COVID 19 Adjustments

OHA employees continue to work remotely. This means that correspondence, phone calls, and the processing of invoices/payments may be delayed.

While the Office of History and Archaeology staff are working remotely, we recommend people contact staff by email. **If you have a general inquiry, a project for review, or state cultural resources investigation permit application please use one of the following email addresses:**

General inquiry, geographic names, Alaska Historical Commission, etc.: [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov)
Review/compliance, Section 106, project review: [oha.revcomp@alaska.gov](mailto:oha.revcomp@alaska.gov)
State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits: [oha.permits@alaska.gov](mailto:oha.permits@alaska.gov)

Office of History and Archaeology Education Series to Start

Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) will host an education series through 2021 to provide a continuing education opportunity to Tribes, cultural resource management professionals, and our local, state, and federal agency partners to strengthen partnerships with the goal to preserve, protect, educate, and advocate for Alaska’s cultural resources. Each one to two hour long session will focus on a topic relevant to history, archaeology, historic preservation, and/or cultural resource management.

OHA's online Education Series launches April 22, 2021 with a presentation on **State Permitting and Survey Strategies** by State Archaeologist Richard Vanderhoek. This pilot session will be offered through Webex to accommodate social distancing. If you are interested in attending, please contact [katie.ringsmuth@alaska.gov](mailto:katie.ringsmuth@alaska.gov) to receive a meeting invite.

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Our office is interested in your feedback and requests your input on future topics. For more information go to: [http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/training.htm](http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/training.htm). Send suggestions and recommendations to [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov)

Section 106 COVID 19 guidance from the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer is available at the following link: [http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/shpo/shpocovid19.pdf](http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/shpo/shpocovid19.pdf)

The Alaska SHPO has invoked tolling effective March 19, 2020 regarding the timelines outlined in 36 CFR 800. With tolling, the 30-day regulatory clock that would allow agencies to proceed with their undertaking following non-response after 30 days does not apply. SHPO will be allowed to comment beyond the 30 days.

Apply via grants.gov for NPS grant opportunities

**Underrepresented Community Grant Program** – applications due March 31, 2021

The URC grant projects include surveys and inventories of historic properties associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register, as well as the development of nominations to the National Register for specific sites. For more information on the URC grant program go to: [www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/community-grants.html](http://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/community-grants.html)
In This Corner...

40 Years as an organization! AAHP continues to be a strong advocate for historic preservation in Alaska. Many of our members have been involved with AAHP almost as long as the organization has been around. I am proud that we have a dedicated volunteer board that hails from around the state who have a passion for history and historic preservation.

In addition, we are celebrating 30 Years of our Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties program! TWO milestones to be celebrated this year!

This month we have the opportunity to take our message to Washington, D.C. The week of March 8-11 is Advocacy Week planned by Preservation Action. PA is a non-profit that supports historic preservation in many ways. This year is my first year serving on the PA board and being the state coordinator for Advocacy Week. I am thankful that Janet Matheson has been on hand to help guide me.

This year is different in that the event is a virtual event. For us in Alaska, that works out great since D.C. is so far away. We have meetings set up with Congressman Don Young’s staff, Senator Dan Sullivan’s staff, and the staff with Senator Lisa Murkowski. While this is a busy time for them, they were willing to take time out to meet with us and listen to our 30-minute presentation about historic preservation funding needs across the country, but especially the needs we have here in Alaska. I hope to set up similar meetings with our Alaska State Legislators and make the same presentation.

Reaching a milestone of 40 years is not easy! It takes a dedicated board of directors to keep the train chugging along. It takes supporters like you! Many of our members contribute to our programs as well as support our endowment funds. We have several loyal supporters who pledge a percentage of their Permanent Fund Dividend check annually. I find that the pledge is an easy way to support an organization.

As an organization, we partner with other organizations or individuals to assist them with their historic preservation project as their 501c3 umbrella. The partnerships may be long-term or short-term. We provide administrative services, help with applying for grants and/or donations, manage grant funds, and submit reports. We charge a small fee for these services to cover our expenses.

Our Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties program is one of the ways that we can help preserve our history. Unfortunately, it is only ten properties that make the list each year, but we know that there are far more that need that recognition.

Some properties have been on the list for several years. Why do we keep them there? Because we feel it is vitally important that we acknowledge that they are important to our history and in danger of being lost forever. It brings attention to them. The 4th Avenue Theatre in Anchorage is one such case. The Jesse Lee Home for Children was another endangered property that we felt should remain on the list. The Ascension of Our Lord Chapel in Karluk is seriously endangered. There are more.

Those properties that are listed are eligible to apply for a small grant to assist them with their goals to save or protect the property. We try to provide at least one grant in the amount of $2,500 each year. We would like to have an endowment fund to be able to award more grants or make larger grants as needed.

Coming up in May is our Historic Preservation Month. This is my personal favorite event! We have a lot of plans to involve the public in various events around the state this year so stay tuned! They will be fun and hopefully remind everyone the importance of saving Alaska History.

In closing, we will miss our Advisory Board member, Robert Mitchell, who passed away on March 4th at the age of 88. Bob had a passion for history and historic preservation and contributed a great deal to the field and to AAHP. I cannot tell you how much I will miss his wisdom and his memory of events that helped keep us on the right track.

Trish
Trish Neal, AAHP President

Seven Ways to Support Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Inc. and Its Mission & Programs

Here’s a quick list of things to do from home to support preservation with AAHP:

• Become an AAHP Member! Join today!
https://tinyurl.com/vd4zo7jgc

• Learn About the 2020 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties in Alaska!
https://tinyurl.com/var7ael7

• Donate to our Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Program
https://tinyurl.com/y6u8mifs

Donations support Oscar Anderson House Museum. There is always maintenance to be done on the house as well as preservation of the collection.
https://tinyurl.com/vygch2jl

• Alaska Community Foundation:
Established in 1995, The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) cultivates, celebrates, and sustains all forms of philanthropy to strengthen Alaska’s communities forever. Please contact us on how to contribute to our endowment funds.

Advocate for AAHP and Historic Preservation! Contact your city council, your assemblies, and your mayor to promote the importance of Historic Preservation in your community.
Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Program

Celebrating 30 Years of the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Program!

In 2015, Bob received AAHP’s Historic Preservation Award for Lifetime Achievement, in honor of his outstanding service to the field over the years.

In acknowledging his Lifetime Achievement the following was read: “Bob is one of AAHP’s board members and a true advocate for Historic Preservation. Given annually since 2007, the AAHP Historic Preservation Award recognizes a project, organization, agency, or individual exemplifying the highest standards among Alaska preservation efforts.

With two university degrees, in 1961 Bob opened an architectural practice in Montana. In 1975, he became a Design Manager for the Alaska Department of Public Works, then transferred to the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

After that, Bob spent ten years working for the North Dakota SHPO. Since returning to Alaska, he has remained active in historic preservation.

Bob Mitchell receives the Historic Preservation Award for 2015 from AAHP President Anne Pollnow in 2015.

Friends of Nike Site Summit in 2007. Playing a major role in both organizations, Bob was always hands on with the restoration work at Nike Site Summit, and his knowledge, expertise, and enthusiasm made him an invaluable AAHP board member.

With his career spanning almost six decades, we salute his lifetime personal commitment and achievements in historic preservation.”

Bob was active on the AAHP board when he passed. We will miss Bob immensely! We offer our condolences to his wife, Mary Ellen, and his family.

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Left to right: Bob Mitchell, Sam Combs, Mary Ellen Mitchell. 2019. Frank Flavin Photography

Bob Mitchell working on a project for FONSS.
Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance

Tony Knowles takes Long Trail leadership post

Since the inception of the Alaska Long Trail, former Governor Tony Knowles has been a champion for the effort. He has lent his voice and pen to help publicize the Trail and has agreed to help plan the next steps for the Long Trail. That effort became more official in January when Alaska Trails named Tony Knowles as the chair of the Advisory Group for the Alaska Long Trail Project. To read more about the Alaska Long Trail see: www.alaska-trails.org/the-alaska-long-trail

Ideas for the 2021 trails conference needed

Alaska Trails is seeking proposals for presentations and workshops for the Annual Trails Conference that showcase best practices in trail construction, trail maintenance, economic development, volunteers, trail design, partnerships, trail benefits and trail-related policy. The Conference will be held on April 15 to 17. Send your ideas with “2021 Trails Conference Presentation” in the subject line to office@alaska-trails.org.

Trailbound Alaska Project

Max Romey is seeking donations for his project Trailbound Alaska, which highlights some of Alaska’s trails and the stories found along them. Much of the route of the Alaska Long Trail is included in this venture.

Read more about the project and how to support it: https://tinyurl.com/tfrdjjw2

From the past...

“Seattle Daily Times”
March 9, 1911

PROSPECTOR FOUND FROZEN ON HIS SLED

Setting on his sled and frozen stiff in death, John Olson was found on the trail near Disknket, about 60 miles from the Iditarod, in the latter part of January. This is the only casualty reported by Ross J. Kinney, an employee of the Alaska Road Commission, who traveled from Nome to Seward in a caravan drawn by forty-dogs and who reached Seattle today.

They surveyed the proposed wagon road from Nome to Seward which will go through the Kuskokwim and Iditarod diggings and for the building of which an appropriation of $50,000 was made at the session of Congress just closed.

The party consisted of eight men, under the supervision of Walter Goodwin. They were on the trail, living out in the open most of the time, in a temperature ranging as low as 60 degrees below zero, from November 15, 1910, until February 25, 1911.

The distance from the Iditarod to Seward, according to the survey, is 512 miles, and while a few small hills have to be crossed, a wagon road to the interior diggings, which greatly will facilitate winter travel, is regarded as being eminently practicable.

The members of the party are enthusiastic about the prospects recently uncovered in the Kuskokwim region. Hundreds of prospectors were going down the valley of the big stream and following its tributaries when the party passed through. Fairly good prospects have been discovered in several places, and in some cases preparations were being made to open up the ground next summer.

Food of certain kinds was plentiful in the Iditarod. There was an abundance of whiskey, beer and cigars on hand, more than sufficient to...
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 near Iditarod, the ARC blazed the trail the winter of 1910, giving the Nome gold fields and the Iditarod and Innoko mining districts overland access to the ice free deep water port of Seward.

The Alliance was founded in 1998.

Ross Kenney, one of the engineers with the party brought to Seattle the famous Mackenzie River husky dog “Tommy” who holds the record for traveling between Valdez and Nome. “Tommy” has traveled thousands of miles in mail teams and has made a great reputation in the North as a leader of racing teams, winning for his owners and backers many thousands of dollars. “Tommy’s” mushing days are ended and he is to be pensioned off with a good home in Seattle the rest of his life.

In place of the 2020-2021 iTREC training, a collection of webinars will be presented throughout the year.

Outdoor Classrooms: Come learn about some of Anchorage’s outdoor classrooms and explore ways to effectively use them, along with other green spaces, as an extension of your own classroom.

Teacher on the Trail
The Iditarod Trail Committee also has a yearly Teacher on the Trail program and provides resources on how you can incorporate the Iditarod Sled Dog Race into your classroom! More information is available at www.iditarod.com/edu/

Please see page 12 for more information on available classes and registration.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND REQUEST

“The preservation of this irreplaceable heritage is in the public interest so that its vital legacy of cultural, educational, esthetic, inspirational, economic, and energy benefits will be maintained and enriched for future generations of Americans.”

-1966 National Historic Preservation Act

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND
Fiscal Year 2022 REQUEST:
$60 million for State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) for heritage preservation and protection programs that create jobs, economic development, and community revitalization. (FY 2021 funding - $55.675 million)

In partnership with the federal government, SHPOs carry out the primary functions of the National Historic Preservation Act including – finding and documenting America’s historic places, making nominations to the National Register, providing assistance on rehabilitation tax credit projects, reviewing impacts of federal projects, working with local governments, and conducting preservation education and planning.

$24 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) (FY 2021 funding - $15 million)

In partnership with the federal government, THPOs carry out the primary functions of the National Historic Preservation Act including – finding and documenting America’s historic places, making nominations to the National Register, providing assistance on rehabilitation tax credit projects, reviewing impacts of federal projects, working with local governments, and conducting preservation education and planning.

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AIA Honors Matheson

WASHINGTON – Feb. 26, 2021 – The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is elevating 102 member-architects to its College of Fellows, an honor awarded to members who have made significant contributions to the architecture profession.

The fellowship program was developed to elevate architects who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession and made a significant contribution to architecture and society on a national level. Prospective candidates must have at least 10 years of AIA membership and demonstrated influence in at least one of the following areas:

• Elevated the aesthetic, scientific, and practical efficiency of the profession;
• Promoted the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of architectural education, training or practice;
• Coordinated the building industry and the profession of architecture through leadership in the AIA or other related professional organizations; or
• Advanced the living standards of people through an improved environment.

Fellows are selected by a seven-member Jury of Fellows. This year’s jury included Chair Nancy Rogo Trainer, FAIA, Drexel University; Mary Johnston, FAIA, Johnston Architects, LLC; Rebecca Lewis, FAIA, DSGW Architects; Steven Spurlock, FAIA, Quinn Evans Architects; RK Stewart, FAIA, RK Stewart Consultants; Allison Williams, FAIA, AGWms_studio and Anna Wu, FAIA, University of North Carolina.

The newly elevated members and candidates must have at least 10 years of AIA membership and demonstrated influence in at least one of the following areas:

Naknek Cannery History Project

By Katherine Ringsmuth, PhD
NN Cannery History Project

Dear friends,

On Monday, January 25) I start a new job as the Alaska State Historian. I am so honored to have been offered this position, and humbled by the responsibility that comes with it.

The new gig won’t be taking me from the classroom, however. Thanks to zoom, I will still be teaching three courses at UAA this semester: two US History classes and Alaska History. Additionally, I will continue to lead the community-driven NN Cannery History Project, and our collaboration with the Alaska State Museum, to convert our public history effort into the Mug Up exhibition by spring 2022.

Sadly, though, the combination of COVID-19 and my new focus, means that I am suspending the Tundra Vision Lecture Series until further notice. A BIG thank you to the many presenters, collaborators, student interns, and staff at the Anchorage Public Library for providing our participatory history program a public platform that, for over 5 years, helped to cultivate Tundra Vision’s belief, that when people better understand how they are represented in Alaska’s past, they will be more inclined to be apart of and contribute to Alaska’s future.

Before I begin this next chapter, I wanted to reach out and acknowledge the people who have helped get here. So many of you have supported me, encouraged me, and even disagreed with me. You may not know it, but each of you has—through your articles published, books written, archives managed, and exhibits designed, as well as the vast perspectives you’ve discussed, conversed, presented, and shared—shaped my always-evolving understanding of Alaska’s past and its mostly—but not always—extraordinary people. I just want to take a moment to say thank you.

I accepted the position with the state a few days before Terrence (Cole) died. The last text message I received from him read: “I’m so thrilled Katie and so proud of you!!!!!! All quiet by me till it’s announced.” I don’t think the news of the job was a secret, but the text was typical Terrence. Always considerate, always supportive, always believing in me more than I believe in myself.

So at a time when our community is so disconnected, I just wanted to reach out and say that I am thinking of you all today, and I greatly appreciate the work you all do to collect, preserve and share our Alaska story.

All the Best,
Katie

Trident Seafoods has generously donated retired wooden corks that were once used to float the linen nets used in the sailboat days of the Bristol Bay salmon fishery. Each cork is cleaned, engraved and will be included in the exhibit.

https://tinyurl.com/jfu3mfwe

National Preservation Institute news

NPI provides online training that complements their in-person seminar curriculum. NPI offers the option of online customized training with interested organizations. Look for training options at www.npi.org. On-demand modules available include GIS, Historic Wood Windows, Corridor Development, New Sources of Funding, Native America 101, Streetscapes, Cultural Landscapes, and Section 106 compliance. For further information contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director, NPI, 703.765.0100, info@npi.org
Call for 2021 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Nominations

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP), celebrating 40 years during 2021, announces the call for nominations to its annual Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties list for 2021. That program is celebrating 30 years during 2021.

The deadline for nominations to Alaska’s Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties for 2021 is April 10, 2021. The list is announced each year in early May as part of Historic Preservation Month. It 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.

The program calls attention to threatened properties that define our great state, the people that live here and the identity that we share. The nominations for this program are submitted by individuals and organizations from throughout Alaska. There is no limit to the number of years that a property may be listed on the annual list.

The Ten Most Endangered Grant Program funds hands-on preservation work on endangered properties and serves as seed money to leverage funding from other sources. Those properties listed on the 2021 list will be eligible to apply for a grant to assist with their project. Announcements of the grant winners is done during the organization’s annual meeting in November.

Founded in 1981 as a private, non-profit corporation, dedicated to the preservation of Alaska’s prehistoric and historic heritage as manifested in its built environment. AAHP aids in historic preservation projects across Alaska and monitors and supports legislation to promote historic preservation.

As a statewide organization, AAHP acts as an umbrella organization sponsoring a variety of history, rehabilitation, museum, archaeological, and preservation projects and entities acting as a 501 (c 3) for granting, administration, and fundraising. Additionally, AAHP publishes a quarterly newsletter and holds educational workshops.

To make a tax-deductible donation to this Grant Program or learn more about AAHP, please contact Trish Neal at (907-929-9870) at AAHP or visit our website www.AlaskaPreservation.org.

Do You Receive the Heritage Newsletter?

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Friends of Nike Site Summit

Greg Durocher
Director, FONSS

NORDIC SKI TOUR IS A HIT

Friends of Nike Site Summit and the Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage (NSAA) teamed up on Sunday, February 28th to offer a new and unique way to experience Cold War history: A ski tour of the former Nike-Hercules missile base at Site Point in Kincaid Park in Anchorage. 23 visitors joined FONSS volunteers on a 2.85 mile, 3-hour site tour.

NSAA provided special grooming to allow the tour to ski directly up to several historic structures. Four veterans—the most FONSS has had on a single tour—accompanied the group, offering guests a variety of perspectives on work and life at a Nike missile site: FONSS Director and former military policeman Greg Durocher; dog handler Tom Namtvedt; radar technician Phil Parks; and missile crewman Lance Morgan.

Emphasizing the theme of "swords into plowshares"—the repurposing of former military sites for peaceful uses—FONSS Founding Director Jim Renkert shared his memories of competing at the World Cup Ski Race held at the site in 1983. Special guest Jim "Burky" Burkholder, legendary Dimond High School and UAA Nordic Ski coach who developed many of the ski trails, shared his deep knowledge of the missile site's conversion into a park.

Jim Burkholder

Your Donations Support AAHP Programs

PayPal donations can be made as a one-time donation or a monthly recurring donation. It's easy to do and you can cancel the recurring donation whenever you wish. You don't need to have a PayPal account to contribute. Donations can be made to support AAHP or one of the established programs listed on our website. The direct link to our donation page is:  http://tinyurl.com/y2cm82bo

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https://smile.amazon.com

Your shopping at Fred Meyer benefits 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

Employer Gift Match Program Does your employer offer a matching gift program to allow you to double your donation to a nonprofit? Contact us for our tax information!
Office of History and Archaeology & Alaska Historical Commission

It is with great sadness that we recognize the recent passing of two former Alaska Historical Commission members, Beverly Beeton and Terrence Cole. They generously shared their enthusiasm and knowledge of Alaska history with the Commission and the public. They will be greatly missed.

Extension of the Muktuk Marston Trail at Arctic Valley Will Provide View of Summit

Contributed by Jim Renkert

Some good news about historic preservation from an unexpected location: The high alpine valleys of Chugach State Park. On February 8, the Chugach State Park Citizen Advisory Committee voted unanimously to approve the extension of the Muktuk Marston Trail at Arctic Valley. The trail extension will connect Arctic Valley to the South Fork of Eagle River via the Ship Creek Valley and Hunter Pass.

How does this benefit historic preservation? The planned trail will pass within visual distance of several Nike-Hercules rocket motor clusters, remnants of test-fires conducted from historic Nike Site Summit during the Cold War. Friends of Nike Site Summit, an AAHP program, played an active role in advocating for this trail. FONSS hopes to work with Alaska State Parks in designing and installing an interpretive panel explaining the historical context of these Cold War remnants, and to use the trail to expand the variety of Cold War heritage tours it offers.

Although the trail design is approved, funding for construction is needed and sponsors are raising the approximate $163,000 to build. Trail champions are in the process of setting up a Marston Trail/Hunter Pass project fund to receive grants and tax-deductible gifts to construct the trail. They expect to have the fund set up in March and have a goal of obtaining at least 50 individual gifts by May 1st to demonstrate widespread support and to help leverage larger grants. We’ll keep you apprised of the progress. Enthusiasts of hiking and Cold War history are encouraged to support this project!

Bureau of Indian Affairs Photographs Finding Aid

Search and explore more than 18,000 digitized historical photographs from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) records with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Photographs Finding Aid. https://tinyurl.com/yedliltx4

View of Bunker and tank. Contributed Photo: Stuart Lyle

The tour was enjoyed by everyone. Contributed Photo: Stuart Lyle

Pick.Click.Give. Alaska Association for Historic Preservation accepts donations through the Pick.Click.Give. program. Here’s the link with instructions on how to add or change your Pick.Click.Give. donations: http://tinyurl.com/yxmkdmlf

Past Excellence in Historic Preservation Award Winners

2020: Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance (IHTA) Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers
2019: Janet Matheson Katie Ringsmuth/<NN> Doris Thomas Lee Poleske Hugh & Iris Darling
2018: No award given
2017: Bob De Armond Bill De Armond
2016: No award given
2015: Bob Mitchell Thad Poulson Jim Renkert
2013: Sheri and Darrin Hamming
2012: No award given
2011: Mary Flaherty Steve Peterson
2010: FONSS Erin and Falene Reeve
2009: Don Corvin Steve Peterson
2008: No info available
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Take It Outside  A Virtual Learning Series for Educators

Please join the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and Anchorage Park Foundation for a series of virtual learning journeys designed to help you engage your students in outdoor learning. Learn about a variety of tools and resources to help you adapt to the challenges that this school year may bring.

Upcoming Webinars

Introduction to Place Based Service Learning
Jan. 14, 2021
Place Based Service Learning is the foundation of the Iditarod Trail to Every Classroom program (ITREC), building on research that shows that when authentic learning experiences are grounded in place, students learn better, teachers connect to their passions, and communities become stronger. Learn about this innovative approach and the ways it can help you achieve your teaching goals.

Outdoor Explorations: Creating Art with Nature
Jan. 21, 2021
There’s a world of free art materials right out your door! In this session you’ll learn a variety of ways to heighten your students’ sensory awareness by using natural materials to create works of art. You'll leave inspired to make nature art with your students.

Reflection
Jan 26, 2021
Despite the importance and appeal of reflection, we often struggle with implementing the process in a meaningful and practical way. Join us for a brief overview of the role of reflection and how to effectively incorporate it into your everyday teaching.

Outdoor Explorations: Exploring Nature With Your Senses
Feb. 8, 2021
Challenge your students to experience the world in whole new ways through engaging their senses. Learn and practice quick and fun activities that can enhance any subject area, spice up learning, and help your students slow down and connect to place.

Outdoor Classrooms
Feb. 16, 2021 or April 6, 2021
Come learn about some of Anchorage's outdoor classrooms and explore ways to effectively use them, along with other green spaces, as an extension of your own classroom.

Outdoor Explorations: Introduction to Nature Journaling
Feb. 23, 2021
Nature journals are a great tool to increase observation and math skills, develop writing proficiency, and practice reflection. Learn more about nature journaling and explore ways you can use nature journals to deepen student learning. You’ll also discover resources that can help you use nature journals in your classroom.

The Iditarod National Historic Trail
March 2, 2021
Do you really know the whole story of the Iditarod Trail? So much more than just a sled dog race, the Iditarod Trail is steeped in history and intrigue. Join us for this engaging webinar and see how much of the Iditarod National Historic Trail’s history you actually know.

The Iditarod National Historic Trail Educator’s Resource Guide
March 23, 2021
Wouldn’t it be great if someone compiled background information, activities, and other resources all into one guide in order to help you teach about the Iditarod National Historic Trail in your classroom? Great news—we did! Come learn about the guide and how to best use it in your classroom.

Outdoor Explorations: Introduction to Questing
March 30, 2021
Quests are playful and informative treasure hunts that use riddle-like clues and maps to teach about the natural and cultural history of parks and other special places. Through Questing, your students make exciting discoveries, build strong connections to their heritage, and become stewards in the process. This brief introduction will set you up to start making Quests with your students.

Teachers’ Lounge
March 31, 2021
Join teachers from the Appalachian Trail, which runs from Georgia to Maine, in an informal conversation about successes, challenges, and hot tips for incorporating the outdoors and place into your teaching. This fun hour of facilitated sharing and learning is sure to boost your spirits and send you off with some new ideas.

Registration Information
For 1 credit through UAA:
- Register online at uonline.alaska.edu (ED 846/CRN 37313) Online registration deadline is January 20th, 2021.
- Must participate in each webinar session to fulfill the contact hour requirements.

For non-credit:
- Please go to www.iditarod100.org/itrec-education-program to register for individual webinars.

Sessions are open to all educators, but some sessions do have a participant limit so register early.

All sessions are between 60 - 90 minutes long beginning at 4:00 p.m. AKT.

Questions?
Still have questions? Need more information? Email us at itrecalaska@gmail.com
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We pride ourselves on our membership. Our members come from all over the state as well as around the country to support Alaska’s diverse heritage. You’ve shown us you are concerned about Alaska’s history and culture through your words and actions. We strive to do all we can to represent your concerns. That is why we are still here after forty years! Members receive our quarterly newsletter and invitations to all AAHP events!

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- Unlimited free admission to the Oscar Anderson House Museum during operational hours.
- Opportunity to become a museum volunteer or a volunteer on AAHP projects.
- Invitations to “Members Only” events.
- AAHP Newsletter (Quarterly).
- **After hours and evening tours of Oscar Anderson House Museum by special arrangement.**
- **50% discount on one-year individual AAHP membership for all employees.**
- **2 Business Museum Entrance cards, providing free admission for card holders on an individual basis.**
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$19 million for African American Civil Rights Initiative Competitive Grants (FY 2021 funding - $16.75 million)
Preserves the sites and stories of the African American struggle to gain equal rights in America.

$7 million for the History of Equal Rights Grant Program (FY 2021 funding - $3.375 million)
Preserves sites related to the struggle of all people to achieve equal rights in America.

$10 million for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (FY 2021 funding - $10 million)
Funds grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to preserve and repair historic buildings on the campuses of HBCUs.

$20 million for Save America's Treasures Program (FY 2021 Funding - $25 million)
Helps preserve nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey our nation's rich heritage to future generations of Americans.

$1 million for Underrepresented Community Grants (FY 2021 Funding - $1 million)
Supports works towards diversifying the nominations submitted to the National Register of Historic Places.

$9 million for Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants (FY 2021 Funding - $7.5 million)
Supports the rehabilitation of historic properties and fosters economic development of rural communities through sub-grants.

Semiquincentennial Grants
We strongly support funding for the competitive grant program to preserve publicly owned historical sites commemorating the upcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

Total Historic Preservation Fund Request: FY 2022 $150 million (FY 2021 $144.3 million)

The HPF does not use tax-payer dollars - The HPF is uniquely structured, allocating a tiny percentage of revenue from federal offshore leases (non-tax dollars) towards locating, protecting, and utilizing historic resources. States are required to match at least 40 percent of the funding that they receive from the HPF. The combined funds allow states and tribes to carry out their federally mandated duty of identifying and protecting our historic places, as well as evaluating the impact of federal projects up-

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