

# PRESERVATION NOTES

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**The Alaska Association For Historic Preservation, Inc.**

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## Ascension of Our Lord Chapel at Karluk Moved to Safety

For almost 18 months a group of some 24 individuals representing organizations, agencies, and private businesses have worked together as a steering committee to save the historic Ascension of Our Lord Chapel located at Karluk from

at moving day. The biggest hurdle was funding the almost \$500,000 cost of the move. That was the monumental task facing the group

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Two small bobcats begin the move away from the edge of the cliff. (Shina duVall photo)

falling off the cliff into the Karluk River.

While it might seem like a simple operation to move the historic building, there were a lot of moving parts to this project that had to be achieved before we could even look



Church showing its original footprint to the right of photo. (Shina duVall photo)

## Call for Nominations Annual Historic Preservation Awards

*Preservation Alaska* (dba Alaska Association for Historic Preservation) seeks nominations for its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Preservation Award honoring excellence in historic preservation throughout Alaska.

This award honors excellence in historic preservation throughout Alaska by recognizing a project, organization, agency, or individual exemplifying the highest standards in Alaska preservation in different categories: Lifetime Achievement, Adaptive Use, Stabilization, Renovation, and Restoration Projects; and the Stewardship Award (Property Owners, Organizations, Firms and Governmental Agencies, and Individuals).

Two new categories have been added this year:

The *Robert Mitchell Historic Architect Award* was created in honor of the late Robert Mitchell who passed away this past Spring. Mitchell was a long-time member of Preservation Alaska and involved in various historic preservation pro-

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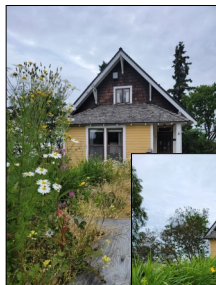
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Cliff Neal, Anchorage  
Highway between Anchorage and  
Valdez.

## Successful Summer Season at OAHM

The Summer season at Oscar Anderson House Museum got a slow start in June but it didn't take long for visitors to start reserving tour times. Our new Museum Manager, Amy Valentine was kept busy from her first day on the job.

#### Visitors RSVP

FareHarbor reservation software has been a great help this year in maintaining group sizes and providing advance notice of tours. We implemented the program last summer and found it to be very helpful.



Before



Walk ins were once again being welcomed this year.

After

#### Maintenance of the grounds

We are extremely thankful for the maintenance crew at MOA Parks and Rec department for the attention that they have been giving the grounds at the Oscar Anderson House Museum. Flower beds have been cleaned up, shrubs have been trimmed, and dead branches from the nearby trees have been removed. Thank you!



Before



After

#### Collection

#### Data Transfer Project Receives Grant

We were awarded a grant of over \$8,000 by Museums Alaska to allow us to transfer over 800 items in the collection of the Oscar Anderson



Museum Manager, Amy Valentine accepts the check from Museums Alaska Executive Director Dixie Clough for the Collections Management grant recently awarded to Preservation Alaska.

House Museum to *PastPerfect*, a database for organization museum collections. This entails locating the item at the museum and making note of that in the record. Items will be assessed for condition and if in need of repair, it will be noted for future grant possibilities. Museum Manager Amy Valentine will be working on this project.

#### Plein Air Artists Visit

A group of ten Plein Air artists visited Elderberry Park on September 10th with the Oscar Anderson House Museum as their subject.

Don Kolstad fended off the rain to capture the Oscar Anderson House with paint brush. (Amy Valentine photo)



#### Annual Swedish Christmas Open House in December

We are hopeful that we will be able to host our annual Swedish Christmas Open House the first two weekends in December.

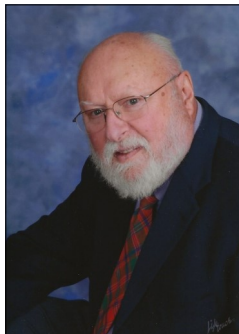
We have not determined whether it will be RSVP only or if we will make it a true open house and open the doors for walk ins. Watch our Facebook page for more information in November.



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jects. He worked as an architect for almost six decades. This award is specific to architects working on historic preservation projects.

*Historic Advocacy* has been added to the Stewardship Award which recognizes a person who advocated for funding and put the people together for a successful project but does not have historic preservation background.



Bob Mitchell

The honoree(s) will be announced at the organization's annual meeting on November 4, 2021.

Last year's recipients were the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance (IHTA) and the Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers (FOAST).

Instructions, eligibility criteria, and the forms to submit a nomination for the 2021 AAHP Historic Preservation Award can be found online at <https://alaskapreservation.org> or contact the organization via email for an electronic copy at [AKPreservation@gmail.com](mailto:AKPreservation@gmail.com). The deadline for all nominations is October 1, 2021.



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### 2021 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties

1. Ascension of Our Lord Chapel, Karluk
2. Wolf Creek Boatworks, Prince of Wales Island
3. U.S. Commissioner's Cabin, McCarthy
4. SS Nenana, Fairbanks
5. Pilgrim Hot Springs, Nome
6. Pioneer Hall, Ketchikan
7. Eldred Rock Lighthouse, Lynn Canal
8. Talkeetna One Room Schoolhouse, Talkeetna
9. Qiyhi Qelahi (Groundhog Mountain) Cultural Landscape, Northern Peninsula
10. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Theater, Anchorage

2021 Details: <https://tinyurl.com/4s825b5b>

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR BOARD MEMBERS!



### Call for Nominations!

Deadline for nominations is October 1, 2021  
*There are currently four vacancies to be filled.*

**WHO WE ARE:** AAHP is a private, **statewide**, 501 c 3 non-profit corporation dedicated to the preservation of Alaska's prehistoric and historic resources through education, promotion, and advocacy. To achieve this mission of historic preservation in Alaska, AAHP maintains several internal and external committees, programs, and partnerships overseen by a Board of Directors and managed by Corporation staff. AAHP adheres to the principle that preservation of the built environment provides a vital link and visible reminder of the past, emphasizing the continuity and diversity of Alaska.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR PROFILE:** Nominees should be at least eighteen years of age, live anywhere in Alaska, and have experience in one or more of these areas: Alaska history, Historic preservation, Public education, Media and public relations experience, Financial or organizational management of nonprofit organizations, or Parliamentary procedures/Legal expertise

Members should have an interest, knowledge, or professional qualifications in the areas of historic preservation, historic rehabilitation, archaeology, anthropology, or Alaska history, and the ability to work well in a group. The organization looks for members willing to commit time and energy to committee work and who exhibit sensitivity in making constructive critical judgments.

To help reflect the diversity of the state, the organization considers gender, geographic representation, and cultural background when appointing advisors.

The Secretary is not required to take minutes but there are other duties. We would like a treasurer with at least some financial background. We have a bookkeeper. Board meetings are held via Zoom on the first Thursday of each month.

Forms can be found on the "News" link on our website <https://alaskapreservation.org> Nomination forms are due **October 1, 2021**. Vote by mail. Positions announced at Annual Meeting on November 4, 2021 and have an effective date of January 1, 2022.

Questions? Please give us a call at (907) 929-9870 or send email to [AKPreservation@gmail.com](mailto:AKPreservation@gmail.com)

# In This Corner...

This issue of the Fall newsletter marks the end of the summer season. That means we are on the downhill slide to the end of the year. It has been a busy year so far with good outcomes.

And now, it gets even busier as we have put out the call for nominations for our 14th Annual Historic Preservation Award, a call for board nominations, and applications for our 2021 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant program are due shortly. Plus planning for our annual meeting.

We decided to cancel our annual Eat.Drink.Preserve.2021 fundraiser for our Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Program. Sadly, we are not the only ones having to postpone or cancel our important fundraiser events.

We look forward to our annual meeting on Thursday, November 4. We have decided to make this a virtual meeting again since things are so uncertain right now. Last year's virtual meeting was a success with people from all over attending. We'll post information on our Facebook page in mid-October. If you are not a member, send an email to us to be included in the email for the Zoom link.

We have been working with the **Ascension of Our Lord Chapel Steering Committee** for over a year now. The committee totals about 24 individuals representing organizations, agencies, and private businesses. The good news is that the church was moved 80 feet inland the first week of August so it is no longer in danger of falling into the Karluk River below. Now we work on securing a permanent location and funding for the complete restoration of the building. This project has been blessed to have so many people, organizations, and agencies involved in this project. Obtaining the funding for the move was a real blessing. The movers did a great job and took care to respect the area and make sure that the church made it to the temporary location.

**Congratulations are in order! The Naknek Cannery History Project** led by Katie Ringsmuth, attained a huge milestone in August! The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places in Washington DC added the Diamond NN Cannery at South Naknek to the nation's list of historic properties worthy of historic preservation on August 20, 2021. Katie and her team have accomplished a great deal in

the last five years. The *Mug Up Exhibit* opening at the Alaska State Museum on March 4, 2022 will provide a wonderful view of what it was like to work at a cannery in Bristol Bay. (See pages 8-9)

If you haven't taken a tour of the **Nike Site Summit**, you should make a point of adding that to your list of things to do in 2022. FONSS added tours in February (cross country skis) and hiking tours of Kincaid Park this year. This summer's tours were sold out. This organization has a passion for what they do and are always looking for new people to join their team.

I am pleased to be the **National Trust's PastForward Online 2021 conference** volunteer State Captain for Alaska. The purpose is to reach out to our congressional delegation regarding the Historic Preservation Fund, Historic Tax Credit, Public Lands, and other emerging issues. Board member Janet Matheson and I had a good response when we did a similar communication with our congressional leaders last Spring for Preservation Action. I'm looking forward to working with this group.

What we do is extremely important for Alaska and beyond. Our board advocates saving our state's heritage. Whether it is a building, a cultural site, totem poles, or ships, saving our history is important. Celebrating 40 years as a statewide organization is an accomplishment in itself.

We have achieved so much through our work with other organizations and agencies over the past 40 years. Plus, 30 years of the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties program has given recognition to what we may lose if these properties are not saved. We have sadly lost a few battles over those years. Our grant program is an important factor assisting those on the list. Sponsorships by businesses and individuals help support the grant program.

The Historic Preservation Awards is in its 14th year. We recognize the work that is done in this field. These historic places and the people, agencies, and businesses who work to save our history matters! Without question YOUR support of what we do matters to us! *Thank you!*

*Trish*  
Trish Neal  
AAHP President



## Seven Ways to Support Our 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/vd5o7jgc>

• **Learn About** the 2021 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties in Alaska!

<https://tinyurl.com/4s825b5b>

• **Support** our Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Program  
<https://tinyurl.com/v6u8mjfs>

• **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/v9gch2jl>

• **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.



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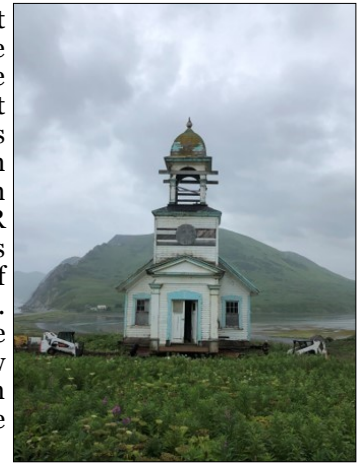
because the church needed to be moved fairly soon.

Small grants and donations trickled in to help keep the project moving forward. A great deal of work went into searching for grants and other funding and garnering pledges of funding. In the end, the project was blessed to receive the necessary funds from a generous benefactor to fully fund the moving of the church to its temporary location the first week of August.

The steering committee held its collective breath with each heavy rain, high winds, and earthquakes in the area. It was situated just a mere 10 feet from the edge. It is now located a safe 80 feet inland.

While the group has been able to breathe a little easier, there is still much work that needs to be done to move the church to its final site near the Karluk Village and begin restoration.

There are still many graves at the former location of the church that need to be identified and then a plan put in place to move those graves before they are lost if/when the cliff begins cave off even more. Thankfully GPR (ground penetrating radar) is available to aid in this part of preservation of the cemetery. Some of that work was done earlier this summer but now there are plans to begin in earnest to get the rest of the work completed.



Confirming the final location is still being worked out. It will be much nearer to the Karluk village but will still have the same overall view of the area that the original site afforded. Phase 2 will be moving the church to the final location. The structure was left on the beams that were used to move it so that it will take less time to move it to the new location.

The church was moved using two Bobcats and a lot of manpower. (Shina duVall photo)



## Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Program

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



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### Alaska's Russian Orthodox Churches

Alaska's Russian American history has a lasting impression with more than 30 churches throughout the state. Six churches are listed as National Historic Landmarks. Twenty-three are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. <https://rossialaska.org/churches/>

Once settled at the new location, it will require funds for restoration from top to bottom before the church can again be used for worship. There is still a ways to go to get to the finish line.



The church sat within 10 feet of the edge of the cliff above the Karluk River. (Shina duVall photo)

Listed as one of Alaska's Ten Most Endangered

Properties in 2020 and 2021 by Preservation Alaska; the National Trust for Historic Preservation published a story in a recent issue of *Preservation Magazine*, Summer 2021: <https://savingplaces.org/stories/behind-the-effort-to-save-an-imperiled-cliffside-church-in-alaska>. A short video of the move will be available soon on ROSSIA's website. The church move will be the featured presentation at the AAHP Annual meeting in November.

ROSSIA is dedicated to the preservation of Alaska's Russian Orthodox Churches and iconography Donations can be made on their website or by mail specifically for the church at Karluk. Be sure to designate the Karluk Church for your donation to support the project. <https://rossialaska.org/>



**2021 EVENTS**

**September 13-14 & 20-21 Museums Alaska Annual Meeting** #MA2021: Sustainability: Adaptation and Resilience of Alaska Museums. To learn more, go to <https://museumsalaska.org/Conference>

**September 14-15 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: Section 106 Essentials.** Session 12:30pm-4:30pm EST. Registration \$400. To register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom)

**September 16 Section 106 Agreements Seminar.** Session 12:30 – 4:30PM EST. Registration fee \$350. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom)

**September 22-25 AASLH 2021 Annual Meeting.** Little Rock, AR. *Doing History/Doing Justice.* For more information go to <https://aaslh.org>

**October 1, 2021** Nominations due for the annual Historic Preservation Awards deadline. Information at: <https://alaskapreservation.org>

**October 6-9 and 13-16 Alaska Historical Society Annual Conference** *Communities Remembered and Imagined.* To register, go to <https://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/about-ahs/conference/>.

**October 27-30** Western History Association 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference “*To the West and Beyond: The Global and the Local in Western History*”. Portland, OR. Conference will be on-site and will have online sessions and some livestream content. To register go to: <https://www.westernhistory.org/2021/Portland>

**October 28 OHA Education Series Section 106 Consultation Panel.** Session 1:30 – 3:00PM AKST. Free. <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/training.htm>.

**November 4, 2021** Preservation Alaska (AAHP) Annual Membership Meeting. Historic Preservation Awards, special presentation about moving the historic church at Karluk, and more! This will be a virtual meeting. Details on Facebook page. Send email to [AKPreservation@gmail.com](mailto:AKPreservation@gmail.com) to receive Zoom Link.

*Do you have events that to share? Please send your event information to [AKPreservation@gmail.com](mailto:AKPreservation@gmail.com) by Dec. 2, 2021.*

# Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance

## 911 Memorial Trail

A bill has been introduced in congress which would designate a 1,300 mile memorial trail for the 20th anniversary of the terror attacks that took place on September 11, 2001.



The September 11th National Memorial Trail is a 1,300-mile system of trails and roadways that symbolize resiliency and character while linking the National September 11 Memorial and Museum in New York City, the

National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, and the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The trail serves as a tribute to the fallen heroes who perished on September 11, 2001, and the many heroes who committed themselves to the response for their country.

The 9/11 Trail is also good for our health, local economies, and the environment. The Trail offers walkers, runners, and cyclists a safe, accessible opportunity to experience beautiful landscapes, discover new towns, and visit historic sites of American resilience along the way.

The nonprofit September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance works closely with local, state and federal governments, federal agencies,

and fellow trail organizations to make the 1,300-mile vision a reality.

For more information: <https://www.911trail.org/>



## USFS 10-Year Trail Shared Stewardship Challenge

The Forest Service is inviting agencies, employees, partners, and volunteers alike to share in the leadership of achieving sustainable National Forest System trails through implementation of the 10-Year Trail Shared Stewardship Challenge.

The Trail Challenge was officially launched in February last year by Forest Service chief Vicki Christiansen. The Trail Challenge focuses the energy of employees, partners and volunteers over the next decade to achieve a more sustainable trail system that is socially valued, economically viable and that supports ecological resiliency.

Main outcomes of the Trail Challenge include better trails that are easier to access, an adequate trail workforce and good trail information to inform decisions and communicate about trails. A big part of that work will be

## 2021 Trail Use Survey of First Mile of Iditarod National Historic Trail through Seward

The survey location is at about mile 0.5 on the Trail.

Adults, Teens and Children	June 21-27 4-4:30pm	June 28-July 4 5:30-6pm	July 5-11 2-2:30pm	July 12-18 11-11:30am	July 12-18 7-7:30pm	Total
Walking	176	333	171	258	329	1267
Biking	54	62	29	28	31	204
Running	3	9	13	7	7	39
On Scooters	4	4	8	10	5	31
On Unicycles				3	2	5
In Wheelchair					1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>1556</b>
Dogs being	10	17	30	15	7	79

The smallest number on the trail for any of surveyed times was 6 walkers on June 23 from 4-4:40 pm. It was overcast and raining that day. The most people on the trail for a surveyed time was 103 on July 3, from 5-5:50 pm, 93 walking, 5 running, 4 biking and 1 skateboarding. It was overcast that day, but no rain or wind and there were a lot of people in town for the 4th of July weekend.



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engaging and sharing leadership with local communities and stakeholders in trail priorities and institutionalizing equality, diversity and inclusion principles in all aspects of the collective work.

Visit the Forest Service Trail Challenge web page for more information: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/trails/10YTC>

## Portage Pass Trail

The Conservation Fund has announced the protection of roughly 250 acres of recreational land in Whittier, Alaska using funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. An inholding within the Chugach National Forest, which contains a portion of the historic Portage Pass Trail, including the trailhead and parking area, was transferred from the environmental nonprofit, the Conservation Fund, to the USDA Forest Service to secure permanent public access of the trail.

Dave Dickason, Mayor of Whittier said: "This is a huge gift for the City of Whittier. We have community members who use the Portage Pass Trail almost daily for exercise during the summer months. Some use it for berry picking and to access the beach at Portage Lake for picnics and recreation. It also brings more business in or our business owners."

## Alaska Long Trail Funding Vetoed

One of the budget items vetoed by Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy in early July was \$13.2 million for the Alaska Long Trail.

The Dunleavy administration had earlier supported funding for the trail, which has also had bipartisan support in the Alaska Legislature.

**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.

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

## Alaska History Book: Aunt Phil's Trunk

Early Alaska Native history up to Klondike Gold Rush  
By Laurel Downing Bill

Did you know that the last shot of the American Civil War happened in Alaska? Or that a Confederate conspiracy may have turned the tables on Alaska becoming part of the United States? Those stories and more can be

found in this treasure trove of historical goodness!

This first book in my Alaska history series, first printed in 2006, is filled with short stories and hundreds of historical photographs from Alaska's colorful past.

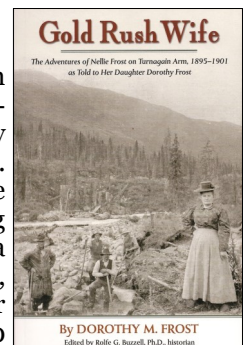
Newspaper and magazine reviews, along with television and radio interviews and customer comments, reveal that people love the Aunt Phil's Trunk Alaska history series. The short-story format, and more than 300 historical photographs PER BOOK, make it an easy-to-read adventure through Alaska's colorful past.

There are six volumes to enjoy!  
<https://auntphilstrunk.com>

## Gold Rush Wife: The Adventures of Nellie Frost on Turnagain Arm, 1895-1901 as Told to Her Daughter Dorothy Frost.

By Dorothy M. Frost  
Edited by Rolfe G. Buzzell, Ph.D. historian. 284 pages, numerous photographs,

Nellie mined gold in the summer and managed a Sunrise City store in the winter. Her memories include other gold mining women, the Dena'ina who visited her store, and giving birth to her son at camp. \$30 shipped from: Hope and Sunrise Historical Society, P.O. Box 88, Hope, AK 99605



## National Trust's 2021 Past Forward Conference Will Be Held Virtually

The National Trust for Historic Preservation's PastForward Conference will once again be entirely virtual and run from **Nov. 2-5, 2021**. The annual conference continues to be the nation's premier event for those who work to save, sustain, and interpret historic places. The virtual format and low registration rate will mean the conference is even more accessible. Through town hall meetings and happy hour events, the conference will provide ample opportunity to connect with others on topics that matter to you. Conference registration will open in July.



This year's theme is **Lead the Change**, encouraging us to discover our own role in leading the change as we're all grappling with overlapping issues from pandemic shutdowns and economic shock, racial injustice, and a changing climate. During the conference the National Trust will also present their National Impact Agenda which aims to articulate shared values of the preservation community and actions we can take. [Learn more and share your ideas.](#)

## Preservation Action Foundation's Annual Auction November 2

Planning for **Preservation Action Foundation's Annual Auction**, our largest fundraiser of the year, is officially underway and will coincide with the PastForward Conference. Save the date for the opening night of the conference on **Nov. 2, 2021** and stay tuned for more! If you are interested in assisting with planning for this year's auction, please email us at [mail@preservationaction.org](mailto:mail@preservationaction.org)

# Naknek Cannery History Project



**Katie Ringsmuth, PhD**  
**NN Cannery History Project**

## First Salmon Cannery in Bristol Bay Receives Recognition as Historic Place

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places in Washington DC added the Diamond NN Cannery at South Naknek to the nation's list of historic properties worthy of historic preservation on August 20, 2021.

After five long years and tremendous support from the local community and commercial fishing industry, the NN Cannery History Project team accomplished our mission. This is the first salmon cannery in Bristol Bay to receive such recognition. Considering Bristol Bay's rich history (much of which remains underrepresented) and the many buildings, structures, and sites that still hold that history, I imagine our success will be the first of many more nominations to come.

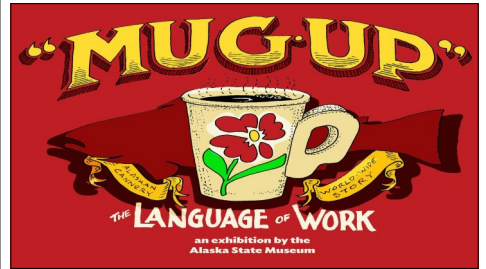
Finally, thank you to the AAHP Board and President Trish Neal for their continuing support over the years. For we accomplished our goal.

## It takes a village to create an exhibit! From Naknek to Juneau...

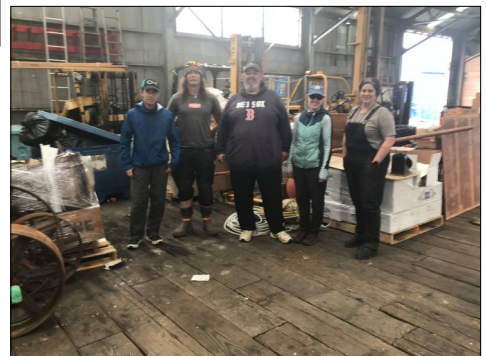
A BIG BIG BIG Thank you to Carvel Zimin and his crew, along with Trident's Tenderman, Crusher! We could not have accomplished this herculean feat without your support.

All cannery objects are heading to Juneau for the Mug Up exhibition. Kudos to my awesome NN Cannery Project team!

Mug Up opens at the Alaska State Museum on Friday March 4, 2022.



The NN Cannery Project Team from left to right: Katie Ringsmuth, director of the NN Cannery History Project and State Historian, Garth "Crusher" Leoin, engineer on Trident's tender Cape Calm, LaRece Egli, Naknek artist and the project's community curator, and Bob King, longtime Alaska journalist and political advisor.



The team poses for a photo in the closed warehouse after the first of three days packing objects. Ben Ringsmuth, Crusher, Orion Dunn, Katie Ringsmuth and LaRece Egli.



Trident Seafood granted the NN Cannery Project permission to collect cannery artifacts for display in the Mug Up exhibit. Trident also generously agreed to transport the objects to Juneau. The objects are wrapped and await placement in the 20-foot container for shipment to Juneau.



It took the talents of a forklift driver and a lot of math to ensure that the objects collected over a course of five years all fit.



Katie Ringsmuth's son Ben joined the team at South Naknek, where his grandfather, Gary Johnson, worked as superintendent for many years.



Commemorative corks for the Mug Up Exhibition opening March 4, 2022.



Assisting the project accomplish its goal was long time cannery manger and winterman, Carvel Zimin Jr. Pictured are Katie, Carvel, and Bob King celebrating their hard-earned success.

### Heritage Newsletter Briefs Staff News

Cory Glover, who has worked for OHA for eight years in the AHRS is moving on to the Division of Mining Land and Water. He will be working the Contracting Unit. We wish him well and are pleased he will still be working within the Department of Natural Resources.

### National Park Service

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## 2021 Annual Meeting Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Inc.

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Thursday, November 4  
6:00pm to 8:00pm  
Alaska Time**

### Annual Meeting Agenda

- AAHP Annual Report
- AAHP Program Partner Reports
- Historic Preservation Awards
- Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Program award
- Election of Board Members

**Program Presentation:**  
*Moving the Ascension of Our Lord  
Chapel Church at Karluk, Alaska*

Please RSVP with your contact information to 907.929.9870 or [AKPreservation@gmail.com](mailto:AKPreservation@gmail.com) by October 22, 2021

*The Zoom link and Program will be sent the week before the annual meeting. Zoom available via computer, cell phone, or landline*

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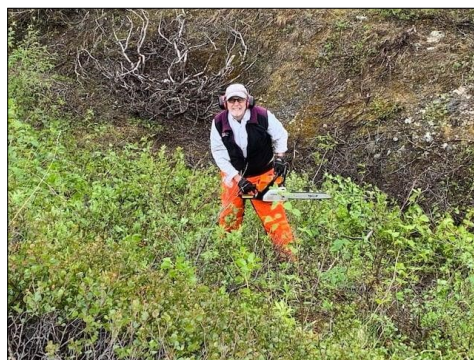
## Doris Thomas

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## 2021 FONSS Summer Season Work Party

### Electrical Crew:

During the 2021 Season, the Electrical crew (Rich Goughnour, Doug Ruhl, Joe Fleischer, Owen Momosor, Sam Funk, Erik Otness, Brianna Tittle and Rae Deley) installed 7 drop down ceiling fixture lights in Missile Bunker #1 over the east trolley missile bay, as well as installed a motion sensor light on the back wall of the missile bay. The team also upgraded the input power wiring to the circuit breaker panel from 12 ga. to 6 ga. (courtesy of the USAF) to accommodate future increased power



Jim Renkert, past director of FONSS, brought his brush slaying skills Saturday to the work party at Site Summit. (Evan Rowland photo)

requirements. Also, Doug and Rich repaired the cement by the roll-up door electrical conduit. Hopefully, in 2022, the remaining bay lights will be installed.

### Brushing and Painting Crew:

Evan Rowland, Ron Haney, Dan Winter, and Bill Klemme painted badly wind blasted parts of the Launch Control Building (LCB) and Dog Kennels, repaired deteriorated sections of the LCB water tank and opened up a new storage room in the LCB to store building supplies for

FONSS. Ron and Gordy repaired and reinforced the weathered and caved in (due to the huge snow berm) plywood covering to the old west roll-up door to Missile Bunker #1.

Furthermore, Evan contracted out of his own pocket, a Bobcat with a mulcher attachment to help take down most of the scrub brush around the lower site. Using a bucket attachment on the Bobcat, removed the huge dirt pile on the concrete pad Missile Bunker #1 and smoothed out the dirt covering the old power conduit in front of the concrete pad. What was extremely appreciated was Evan had the Bobcat driver remove the huge snow berm in front of the Roll-up door to the Bunker so that the electrical crew could get into the bunker with their supplies, tools and the scaffolding. The snow berm was the width of the whole bunker, 12 feet tall and about 8 feet in depth. It would have taken all day just to dig a path to the door.



The Bobcat from A-1 Construction Equipment Service clears brush near the Dog Kennels. (Evan Rowland photo)



FONSS volunteer Dan Winter attacks brush near a Site Summit road, June 19, 2021. (Evan Rowland photo)



FONSS Director Greg Durocher, center, and Nike vet Tom Namtvedt, left, talk to participants at the "Almost Solstice" hike in Arctic Valley, June 18, before they head up into Arctic Valley to discuss the Cold War in Alaska. (Doris Thomas photo)



Former Nike missile crewman Lance Morgan, in green, talks to visitors about missile launches.



Greg Durocher chats with a visitor to the 50/51 Fest at Arctic Valley, July 31. (Doris Thomas photo)

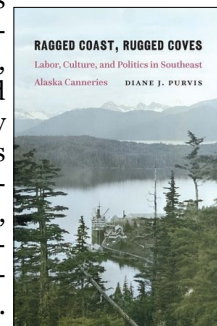
## Alaska Historical Commission to Meet in December

The next meeting of the **Alaska Historical Commission** will be by WebEx on **Wednesday, December 8, 2021**. The agenda includes review of grant applications for Development and Pre-development projects, geographic name proposals, and National Register nominations, and updates from the Office of History and Archaeology. The agenda and information about how to participate in the meeting will be posted on the website in October.

<https://tinyurl.com/2w4djwzf>

## Ragged Coast, Rugged Coves: Labor, Culture, and Politics in Southeast Alaska Canneries

*Ragged Coast, Rugged Coves* explores the untold story of cannery workers in Southeast Alaska from 1878, when the first cannery was erected on the Alexander Archipelago, through the Cold War. The cannery jobs brought waves of immigrants, starting with Chinese, followed by Japanese, and then Filipino nationals. Working alongside these men were Alaska Native women, trained from childhood in processing salmon. Because of their expertise, these women remained the mainstay of employment in these fish factories for decades while their husbands or brothers fished, often for the same company.



Canned salmon was territorial Alaska's most important industry. The tax revenue, though meager, kept the local government running, and as corporate wealth grew, it did not take long for a mix of socioeconomic factors and politics to affect every aspect of the lands, waters, and population.

*Ragged Coast, Rugged Coves* tells the powerful story of diverse peoples uniting to triumph over adversity.

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## Past Excellence in Historic Preservation Award Winners

- 2020: Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance (IHTA)  
Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers
- 2019: Janet Matheson  
Katie Ringsmuth/  
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
- 2014: Thad Poulson  
Jim Renkert
- 2013: Sheri and Darrin Hamming
- 2012: No award given
- 2011: Mary Flaherty
- 2010: FONSS  
Erin and Falene Reeve
- 2009: Don Corwin  
Steve Peterson
- 2008: No info available
- 2007: Edwin Crittenden, FAIA  
Katharine Crittenden  
Sam Combs, AIA  
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## ALASKA

# National Register listings

### Gould Cabin, Fairbanks, AK

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places added the Gould Cabin to the nation's list of historic properties worthy of preservation on August 12, 2021. The cabin, now surrounded by the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitor Center (MTCVC) grounds, is one of a few small log cabins still standing in the downtown area. Built in 1910, the cabin serves as a rare, significant example of early 20<sup>th</sup>-century vernacular log home architecture.

### High Ridge, Mchetanz Cabin, Matanuska-Susitna Borough

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places added High Ridge, Mchetanz Cabin, to the nation's list of historic properties worthy of preservation on August 19, 2021. High Ridge, otherwise called the Mchetanz Cabin, is located on a ridge in Matanuska Valley with views of Pioneer Peak and other "paintable" peaks. The historic cabin was built in 1950 by Fred Mchetanz, one of Alaska's most renowned artists, and his wife, Sara Mchetanz, a nationally published writer. The couple lived there seasonally until 1959. Because both Matanuska Valley residents and Alaskans across the state celebrate Fred and Sara for their influence on Alaskan art and literature, the High Ridge cabin is significant on both a local and statewide level.

### The Diamond NN Cannery, Bristol Bay Borough

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places listed the Alaska Packers Association's Diamond NN Cannery on August 20, 2021. The 132-year-old industrial complex, comprised mainly of vernacular wood and steel frame buildings, many on wood pilings, represents a self-contained community of industrial, support, administration, and housing resources built to serve the hundreds of cannery workers and fisherman employed during Alaska's relatively brief salmon canning season. The Diamond NN is the first salmon cannery in Bristol Bay to receive such recognition, joining only two other Alaska canneries listed on the National Register —Kake and Kukak. Its contributing 50 buildings, seven sites, two structures, and two objects provide an exceptional glimpse into the twentieth-century canning industry's inner workings and laborers.

### Qinuyang, Lake and Peninsula Borough

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places added Qinuyang, also known as Old Igiugig and Kashanak, to the nation's list of historic properties worthy of preservation on August 23, 2021. Located on the banks of the Kvichak River, Qinuyang is an ancestral Yup'ik illage site with multiple archaeological components of Arctic Small Tool tradition (4,800-3,300 years ago), Norton tradition (2,400-800 years ago), and historic Yup'ik. In addition to Criterion D, Qinuyang is also sig-

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**PreservationDirectory.com is the online resource for historic preservation, building restoration and cultural resource management in the United States & Canada.** Our goal is to foster the preservation of historic buildings, historic downtowns and neighborhoods, cultural resources and to promote heritage tourism by facilitating communication among historic preservation professionals and the general public.

If you have not listed your museum, historic site, etc. be sure to contact Preservation Directory. Join other Alaska museums online. This website is filled with resources! <https://tinyurl.com/5f746kjk>

### **HistoricFunding.com Has Launched!**

The site has over 7,000 funding sources (grants, loans, tax incentives, rebate programs, CLG funds, and easement programs), as well as work training and educational resources (apprenticeships, fellowships and internships, scholarships, and residency programs).

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## House Committees Begin Drafting \$3.5 Trillion Reconciliation Package. Urge Support for Historic Tax Credit Enhancements

This week, House committees began considering their portions of the \$3.5 trillion 'Build Back Better' reconciliation package. The House Ways and Means Committee began marking up portions of the bill with several hearings this week and more expected next week. House lawmakers have yet to release the legislative text covering tax provisions, some of that could be released this weekend. The House Natural Resources Committee also approved \$25.6 billion, it's piece of the budget reconciliation package. This includes \$3 billion to support the Civilian Climate Corp, which could benefit historic preservation projects on public lands. Committees were given a deadline of September 15th to wrap up their portions of the reconciliation package. **The goal of House leaders is to take up the bipartisan [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#) and the Democrat led \$3.5 trillion reconciliation package by **September 27th.****

**We have a strong opportunity to include provisions from the Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act (HTC-GO) that expand and enhance the HTC, in the reconciliation package, but we need your help!**

### Take Action!

If you haven't already, reach out to your [Representative](#) and [Senators](#) and urge them to support and cosponsor the Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act ([H.R. 2294](#), [S. 2266](#)). If your [Representative](#) or [Senators](#) have already cosponsored, thank them! Urge your lawmakers to include the provisions of the HTC-GO in the budget reconciliation bill.

Preservation Action has also made it easy for you to take action. Easily edit and send a sample letter to your [Representative](#) and [Senators](#) today! Share [Preservation Action's Alert](#) with your networks.

### Additional Resources

[House HTC-GO Fact Sheet](#) [Senate HTC-GO Fact Sheet](#) [HTC State Maps and Project Lists](#)  
[Historic Tax Credit Advocacy Week One Pager](#)



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nificant under Criteria A and B for its association with the 1918-1919 influenza epidemic and Anuska "Blind

Grandma" Kasylie, who courageously led the few surviving children of the pandemic to safety. Today, the site is a portal into at least 3,600 years, providing information on how people of the Kvichak River employed strategies to survive, face adversity, and culturally endure.

### The Iditarod Trail MPS Documentation and the Alaska Road Commission Shelter Cabin (Fritz's)

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places approved the **Iditarod Trail** Multiple Property Submission on August 20, 2021, a decade-long effort that included significant historical preparation and multi-agency collaboration. Traveled historically by Native people, Russian and American traders, and prospectors, the route was surveyed by the Alaska Road Commission in 1908. Today, the Iditarod National Historic Trail is an extensive system that includes over two thousand miles of trails between Seward, in southcentral Alaska, where there is an ice-free deep-water port, and Nome, on the southern side of the Seward Peninsula in northwest Alaska.

Additionally, the Keeper added the **Alaska Road Commission (ARC) Shelter Cabin (Fritz's Cabin)** August 20, 2021, located in the vicinity of Ophir, to the National Register of Historic Places. The standing cabin provides direct evidence of association with the development of the Iditarod Trail and its associated sub-trails. The historic cabin is a wayside stop outlined in the Iditarod Trail multiple property documentation and provides shelter for travelers today who often refer to it as Don's Cabin.

## Historic Preservation Grants

The **Office of History & Archaeology** is accepting grant applications for *historic preservation development* and *pre-development* projects in Alaska. The application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2021. The FFY21 HPF application package is available online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/index.htm> or by contacting the Office of History and Archaeology shown below. All projects would need to be completed by September 15, 2022.

The Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant program provides up to 50 percent matching assistance for the cost of a development or pre-development project. Development grants are for rehabilitation of Alaska buildings and structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places, individually or as contributing properties to a historic district. Pre-development grants are for Alaska buildings and structures on or eligible for the National Register.

The Office of History & Archaeology anticipates \$150,000 will be available to award to eligible projects. Pre-development requests are limited to \$3,500 minimum and \$10,000 maximum in matching assistance. Development requests have a \$10,000 minimum and \$27,000 maximum in matching assistance. If you have any questions, please contact OHA at [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov).

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**NPS and partner agencies announce \$15.5 million in Save America’s Treasures grants**

WASHINGTON – The National Park Service (NPS), in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute for Museum and Library Services today announced \$15.5 million in Save America’s Treasures grants to help fund 49 projects in 29 states. **Alaska Arts Southeast** received \$351,000 for the Rehabilitation of Whitmore Hall, Sheldon Jackson School at Sitka.



**Pioneers of Alaska Dedicate Kiosk at Historic McCarthy Cemetery**  
**By Joan Skilbred**

*Published Fairbanks Daily News-Miner Sunday, June 27, 2021 page D3 (Full article)*

A group of 43 people comprised of the Pioneers of Alaska, members of the Recreational Aviation Foundation, International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians, along with McCarthy community members and other visitors , gathered June 28 at the historic McCarthy Cemetery in McCarthy to dedicate a new historical l information kiosk recently installed by the Pioneers of Alaska.

The Pioneers of Alaska from the Anchorage, Fairbanks, Homer, Palmer, Cordova, Seward and Valdez igloos attended the June 19th dedication ceremony for the new informational kiosk of the McCarthy Cemetery. *Photo courtesy Joan Skilbred.*

*Article suggested by Patt Garrett, resident of McCarthy*



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