



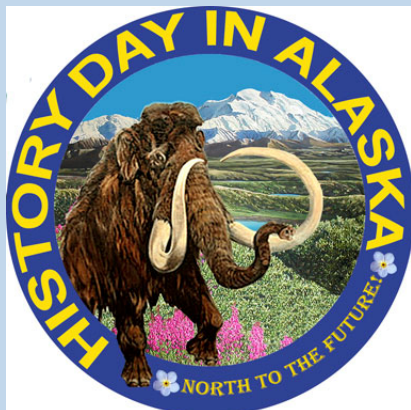
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## AAHP Welcomes National History Day in Alaska!

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## AAHP Annual Meeting

### Save the Date!

**November 17, 2012, 1-3pm**

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AAHP will be holding our Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 17th, 2012, from 1-3pm at the AAHP office (lower level of the Oscar Anderson House Museum, 420 M Street, Anchorage).

Please join us to celebrate this year's accomplishments and learn about our future goals. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Current members who attend will receive a voucher for half-off admission to the Oscar Anderson House Swedish Christmas Fundraisers the first two weekends in December.

For more information and to RSVP, call (907) 929-9870 or e-mail [akpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:akpreservation@gmail.com).

## 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



Hello Members!

Hope you are enjoying autumn! It's been unusually sunny for two weeks straight down here in Sitka, making up for our rainy summer. Moreover, when it's fall, it's time for AAHP's annual meeting. At this year's meeting, we will continue to celebrate our thirtieth anniversary of AAHP's incorporation. AAHP had an amazing 2012, growing the

organization tremendously.

A huge shout-out to Doug Gasek, our Executive Director in 2012, who has just resigned to take a full time position at the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota. Doug led the charge in developing several new programs and opportunities for AAHP, including the Oscar Andersen House Museum Program partnering with the Municipality of Anchorage. Doug also solidified a cooperative agreement for us with the Friends of Nike Site Summit wherein AAHP serves as an umbrella organization assisting FONSS in meeting their preservation goals for the site. We very much appreciate all your volunteer efforts, Doug, and wish you and your family the very best.

Many thanks as well to resigning board members Fran Seager-Boss and Rob Meinhardt. Fran spent over a decade with AAHP, contributing greatly on various programs through the years. And Rob initially brought the prospect of preservation easements to AAHP, wherein the board, at our October meeting, solidified an easement program.

Please do join us Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the many accomplishments of 2012 and toast AAHP's next thirty years of caring for Alaska's historic treasures.

Thank you for your support, Anne

## Call for Nominations!

### Preservationist of the Year Award!

AAHP is currently accepting nominations for Preservationist of the Year. Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond in the field of preservation? For more information or to nominate a preservationist, please contact us at [akpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:akpreservation@gmail.com) or 907-929-9870.

Deadline for nominations is Wednesday, November 14th.



## Save the Date!

The Oscar Anderson House Museum will be open December 1&2, 8&9, 2012 for the Swedish Christmas Fundraising Event

## AAHP Has a New Education Program!

By Darrell Lewis

At its October meeting the AAHP board voted to adopt History Day in Alaska (HDA) as AAHP's newest education program. History Day in Alaska is the Alaska affiliate of National History Day (NHD), the national non-profit education organization dedicated to the improvement of the teaching and learning of history in our nation's schools. AAHP joins 58 other affiliate organizations in 49 other states, Washington, D.C., American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, DoD Schools Europe, and International Schools in Shanghai, Jakarta, Singapore, and Seoul. Over 500,000 students across the nation and around the world participate in the National History Day program annually, including about 3,000 Alaska students.

The National History Day program is a theme based program aimed at students in grades 6 – 12. Each year National History Day selects a theme and asks students to research a topic related to that theme. This year's theme is *Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events*. Students may select a topic related to local, state, national, or world history. Research and analysis may be presented in the form of a traditional research paper, documentary, performance, exhibit, or website. These projects are entered in classroom, school, and local contests around the state each February, and winners of these contests advance to the state contest held in April. Winners of the state contest advance to the National History Day contest held at the University of Maryland in College Park each June.

History Day in Alaska was established by National Park Service Historian Sande McDermott in 1989. Since then, thousands of Alaska students and hundreds of teachers have participated in the National History Day program. Alaska has three district contests: one in Anchorage; one in Fairbanks; and one in Haines; and numerous classroom and

school contests. The state contest is held in April, with an average of 40 students advancing to the National History Day contest each year. Since 1990, more than 400 Alaska students have participated in the National History Day contest at the University of Maryland.

When the Alaska program was established in 1989 it was



Left to right: History Day in Alaska State Coordinator Darrell Lewis, 2012 Outstanding State Award Winners Hanna Hellen and Cory Johnson, and Assistant State Coordinator Ray DeTerra.

done so under the 501 (c)(3) umbrella of National History Day. History Day in Alaska became the fund raising arm of the state program, while a National Park Service Historian coordinated the program. This worked fine for History Day in Alaska and National History Day for many years but as both organizations have grown the need to separate from the each other has increased. Most affiliates are part of state historical societies and museums and a similar relationship seemed best for History Day in

Alaska. Discussions between former AAHP President Jessica Verges, AAHP Executive Director Doug Gasek, History Day in Alaska President Gloria Collins, and History Day in Alaska State Coordinator Darrell Lewis began in mid-2011 to explore the possibilities for such a relationship.

For AAHP, having History Day in Alaska as part of its education program provides an established, nationally known program to connect with and link the ideas of history and historic preservation among Alaska's youth. For History Day in Alaska the new relationship provides access to paid staff to manage its business matters, a 501 (c)(3) organization to support fundraising activities, and connection with a long established statewide organization with a record of partnering to get things done. The

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## Historic Preservation Happenings: Municipality of Anchorage

by Elizabeth Grover

The Municipality of Anchorage and its Historic Preservation Commission have been very busy over the last several months. The Muni recently published the public hearing draft of the *Historic Preservation Plan for Anchorage's Four Original Neighborhoods* (HPP, the neighborhoods include Government Hill, Downtown, South Addition, and Fairview). This HPP will be presented and discussed at public meetings through the end of the year. The HPP is available for download at <http://anchoragehpp.com/> or can be viewed at Anchorage public libraries or the Muni. Comments or questions can be directed to Kristine Bunnell at (907)343-7993 or [bunnellkr@muni.org](mailto:bunnellkr@muni.org).



The Berg-Brown Cabin (430 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.) was listed on AAHP's 2012 10 Most Endangered Properties list (photo courtesy of Elizabeth Grover)

The Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission recently learned that a historically significant log cabin in Anchorage's downtown was set to be demolished. While this historic building is not yet listed on the National Register of Historic Places, AAHP and the Historic Preservation Commission believe this cabin to have historic significance as it is the only remaining residence of Anchorage pioneers Jack and Nellie Brown and is representative of the earliest period of Anchorage's history. The cabin was listed on AAHP's 10

Most Endangered Properties for 2012. AAHP and the Historic Preservation Commission contacted the owners of the property to ask them to look for options other than demolition. The Historic Preservation Commission is currently collaborating with multiple non-profits to provide support for the relocation and stabilization of the Berg-Brown Cabin.



Don Corwin provides an overview of the tools of his trade (photo courtesy of Darrell Lewis).

The Muni recently held a historic window workshop for the public at the Pioneer Schoolhouse. The workshop was sponsored by the Muni, Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission and Anchorage Woman's Club. All proceeds from the workshop went to the Pioneer Schoolhouse Renovation Fund. The workshop was taught by Don Corwin, the owner of West Wind Woodworking in Skagway, Alaska. Don has done specialty restoration and woodworking projects across Alaska. The goal of the workshop was to teach participants techniques for restoring old wood-frame windows and best practices for maintaining and ensuring viability of historic buildings. Several of the Pioneer Schoolhouse's historic period windows were restored in association with this project.

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## FONSS First Public Tour a Success!



*With Anchorage basking in the sun below, tour participants begin making their way toward Missile Launch Pad and Control Building 1. They had disembarked from two 28-passenger Magic Buses and stopped briefly at Sentry Station 2 to hear Greg Durocher, who was an MP at the site in the early 1970s, talk about his experiences.*



*FONSS volunteer Bruce Long, a Nike veteran, speaks to a busload of visitors on the Nike Site Summit tour. Nearly 100 people participated in the tour.*



*During FONSS' first public tour at Site Summit, several volunteers, including Bob French, left, and Ron Matviyak, worked on hazardous material sampling and removal at the dog kennels.*

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program will continue to be coordinated by a National Park Service Historian based in the Alaska Regional Office, as it has been since it was established.

To promote the relationship within AAHP, HDA State Coordinator Darrell Lewis was elected to the AAHP Board at its October meeting.

Information about History Day in Alaska may be found <http://www.alaskahistoryday.com/> and information about National History Day may be found at <http://www.nhd.org>.

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*Don Corwin repairs a Pioneer Schoolhouse window by replacing a pane of glass (photo courtesy of John Crittenden)*

**LOST!**

We are saddened to report that a fire has destroyed the Matanuska Maid Block Building, commonly known at the “Colony Project Warehouse”. Built in ca. 1935, the warehouse was part of the former Mat-Maid Cooperating Association. It stood within the Colony Project Historic District. The building was used for the dairy industry and as a vegetable market, and later housed a hardware store.



*Colony Project Warehouse c. 2010 (photo courtesy of Fran Seager-Boss)*



*Don Corwin provides instruction on the mechanics and construction of historic windows (photo courtesy of Darrell Lewis)*

While the historic structure was a fixture in Palmer, the building had deteriorated in recent years. It was listed on AAHP’s 10 Most Endangered Historic Property List in 2012 and the three previous years.

## Preservation Notes

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

### Anchorage:

FONSS held their annual open house at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage on October 24th. More than 50 attendees celebrated FONSS' accomplishments for the year. At the event, Bob French was honored with FONSS Volunteer of the Year and an amazing Nike Site Summit cake! FONSS is actively recruiting volunteers. Contact FONSS at [fons2007@gmail.com](mailto:fons2007@gmail.com) for more details.



### Advertise in the AAHP Newsletter

Business Card	\$35
¼ Page	\$65
½ Page	\$125

Prices are for one issue of the AAHP Newsletter. AAHP has the right to refuse advertisements that they deem inappropriate for this venue.

*Invite your friends to join!*

## AAHP MEMBERSHIP 2013

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

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

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

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

- Fund Raising     Membership     Education     Legislation     Public Relations     Projects & Issues

## Queen Anne (1880-1920)

The Queen Anne style epitomizes the Victorian era. The style developed in England, however, it was quickly adopted in the United States with an American flair. American Queen Anne homes used three dimensional lumber or spindlework that was mass beginning to be produced and disseminated throughout the country by railroad.



## Name That Style

with Doug Gasek



Pattern books and *The American Architect and Building News* also helped popularize the style. Although Queen Anne buildings have a variety of forms and styles, they are easily identifiable. Many of the examples found in Alaska are not high style examples and can also be considered Folk Victorian.

Queen Anne style buildings usually have the following primary stylistic features: asymmetrical, steeply pitched roof, hipped roof with lower cross gables, patterned shingles, dominant porches, and decorative spindlework. Secondary features can include towers, finials, gable end and roof top ornamentation, projecting bay windows, and porch columns.

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