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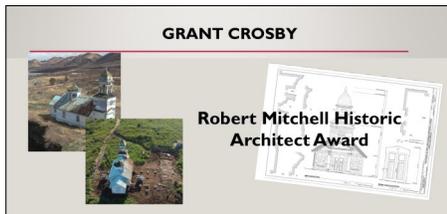
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## Historic Preservation Awards Presented

Preservation Alaska announced the awarding of their Historic Preservation Award to two organizations at their recent Annual Meeting held virtually on November 4. This is an annual award presented to individuals, agencies, or organizations that are recognized for their work in historic preservation in Alaska. The statewide organization is celebrating 40 years as an organization.

Four awards were presented this year; two were new categories implemented this year.



**Grant Crosby**, of Anchorage, was presented the *Robert Mitchell Historic Architect Award* for his efforts in the associated project, the Relocation of the Ascension of Our Lord Russian Orthodox Church at Village of Karluk, on Kodiak Island.

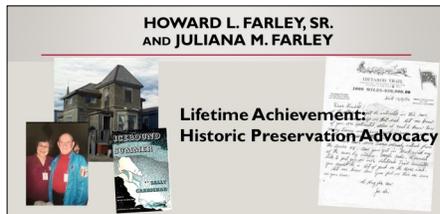
Grant is the Senior Historic Architect at the Alaska Regional Office, of the National Park Service. He has spent his career dedicated to preserving numerous Alaska historic properties, one of the most recent being this Russian Orthodox Church project.

The award was implemented this year in honor of member Robert

Mitchell who passed away earlier this year. Mitchell worked in historic preservation for over three decades as an architect and an advocate for historic preservation.



**Treadwell Historic Preservation and Restoration Society, Juneau**, was awarded Organization: Adaptive Use for the restoration of the Treadwell Office Building of the Treadwell Gold Mining Company. The project was completed in late 2018 and now serves as a public open-air interpretive shelter.



**Howard and Juliana Farley, Nome**, received the other new category award for Historic Preservation Advocacy. The Farleys were awarded Lifetime Achievement for their involvement in the early years of the formation of the Iditarod Race along with Joe Reddington, Sr. and their



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# Celebrating a Swedish Christmas

Both Oscar and Elizabeth had come to this country from Sweden with their families and they brought their Swedish Christmas customs with them to Alaska. In Sweden Christmas is the



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tion of St.  
Lucia Day.

There are many legends about the origin of this celebration. According to one, Lucia was a medieval saint who carried food and drink to hungry folk in the province of Varmland during a famine. Lucia stands for the symbol of light and hope.

On December 13th in Sweden the oldest girl in the family wears a long white dress with a red sash and crown of candles. The younger girls wear long white dresses and the boys wear long white shirts and cone shaped hats. The children sing the "Santa Lucia" song and serve their parents a special



breakfast in bed of coffee, Lucia saffron buns (lussekatter) and spicy gingerbread cookies (pepparkakor). The children remain in costume for school where a pageant is held. This is also the day that people start decorating their homes for Christmas, after the children have helped with a thorough house cleaning.



The table centerpiece on the dining table is a lovely Swedish hand-carved candelabra which belonged to the family and was donated by Ruth Anderson Burgess, Oscar Anderson's daughter.



The annual open house has been hosted for over 30 years. It is a family event with special gifts for the children, recipes from the Anderson family, and a free drawing for visitors to win a gnome



-themed LovePop card. Christmas ornaments featuring the historic house museum and other items were available for sale to benefit the museum.

## 2021 Annual Meeting Executive Committee Report

This past year has been productive even with the issues of Covid creating bumps in the road. I believe that we successfully rolled with the punches, and we will end 2021 standing stronger!

We started the year with a full board. We added a new board member and a new advisory board member this year. As the year flew by, we had three resignations due to *life catches up with you*.

One sad note was that we lost Robert Mitchell in April. His dedication to historic preservation and his institutional memory was a blessing to us. His knowledge of what has been done helped the president over the past two years.

The president joined *Preservation Action* this year as the Alaska state representative, taking over for Janet Matheson. That has been an interesting group. This summer we joined *Partners Network* which is another advocacy group for historic preservation.

Meetings of the board have been conducted via Zoom. This has worked well for the organization since there are board members who do not live in Anchorage. Those living in Anchorage have found the virtual meetings to work well, especially after Covid19 created a concern about gathering in close quarters. Travel by board members also allows to still attend meetings by Zoom wherever they are.

The bylaws were to be amended this year to include providing for electronic meetings as well as voting by email or other electronic means so that the organization is hosting "legal" meetings as required by State of Alaska and our bylaws.

The president has attended training on fundraising, marketing, and historic preservation throughout the year.

### 2022 Goals

Building a larger board and an advisory board is a goal to be worked on in 2022. Bylaws need to be reviewed and updated to allow this.

Reviewing the bylaws for additional changes or additions.

AAHP program criteria (Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties, etc.) need to be reviewed and updated where necessary.

The Strategic Plan will also be reviewed and updated as needed.

## 2021 ANNUAL MEETING FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We started 2021 in a good financial situation due to several things:

The MOA grant we were awarded to assist in paying for the salary of the Museum Manager saved us as we typically pay about two thirds of the wages for the manager. We had limited visitation this year due to not being able to have the museum open with no restrictions.

We continue to operate without an administrative assistant. This has been a cost savings to us the past two years due to limited fundraising. The president has been authorized by the board to handle both the admin and president duties. This was approved a year ago by the board of directors.

Hours were tracked for the time spent on each position this year. The time spent on administrative duties was less than what we had been paying the administrative assistant in the past. When we have needed extra help, the Museum Manager has stepped up and helped out.

AK Lean Virtual was hired to act as our secretary. Megan Sawtelle is the owner. She also takes the minutes for IHTA as that is a duty that Preservation Alaska covers for the organization.

The president reviewed our insurance policies for both AAHP and FONSS with a new insurance agent. After asking for a quote and answering questions about the type of work conducted, the quote came back saving a sizeable amount of money for both organizations. We were able to reduce our insurance costs.

Sponsorships secured for our Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties grant program was an important funding need that was met by business owners last Fall. We were unable to host our annual fundraiser due to Covid, so the sponsorships saved the grant program. (They again saved the program this year since we were again not able to host the annual fundraiser.)

Memberships and donations rolled in from our supporters but we must make a stronger effort to increase our membership.

Our fund statement for our Easement Program funds with Alaska Community Foundation had increased by a little over \$2,000 the first quarter and has continued to increase each quarter. The same has occurred for the Oscar Anderson House Museum Endowment fund that we manage.

A surprise donation from the Evalyn O. Flory Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 was greatly appreciated. This foundation selects recipients based on their own criterion. We are honored to receive the funds this year.

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# In This Corner...

Our Winter edition is devoted to publishing our reports that were presented at our annual meeting per our bylaws. The purpose is to make sure that all members are informed about our activities over the past year.

The presentation on the *Ascension of Our Lord Chapel* at Karluk and the work that has been done, to date, to save the historic structure was a perfect ending to our annual meeting. We thank Shina Duvall, Grant Crosby, and Dorothy Gray for the chance to watch the moving of the church in August.

We celebrated the 40th Anniversary of our organization and 30th Anniversary of our Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties

program. As advocates of historic preservation in Alaska, we have been involved in national organizations that advocate for historic preservation which helps our efforts here in Alaska.

We depend on our supporters and members for the continued operation of our organization. The last couple of years have been stressful but I am pleased to report that we are doing great. We chose to do some cost cutting to make sure that we would survive. Preservation Alaska will live on for many more years!

*Trish*

Trish Neal

Preservation Alaska 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/yd5o7jgc>

• **Learn About** the 2020 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties in Alaska!

<https://tinyurl.com/yar7ael7>

• **Donate** to our Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Program <https://tinyurl.com/y6u8mjfs>

**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/yogch2jl>

• **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.



**ELDRED ROCK LIGHTHOUSE**  
**LYNN CANAL – SE ALASKA**

**\$2,500 matching grant**

ERLPA will hire a contractor for 3 weeks of work, (18 days,) in the summer of 2022 to complete continued hazardous material remediation of the Keepers Quarters on the second floor of the lighthouse. This remediation job will be focused on two rooms and will include demo of asbestos drywall and drywall mud, removal or repair of asbestos floor tile and mastic, and a third-party inspection to include air clearance sampling upon completion. This will be the second season of hazardous material remediation to living and workspaces within the lighthouse in order to stop migration of asbestos and lead paint dust and materials.

## 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

### TEN MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC PROPERTIES PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2021 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties was announced on Facebook on May 2nd. A PowerPoint was created and recorded on Zoom to appear on Facebook on that date. It was also added to our website.

This year the committee again rated the properties according to most endangered.

The criteria for nominating/applying for the annual list will be reviewed during the first part of the year. There may be some things that need to be changed, clarified, and/or added. This is priority as the call for nominations needs to go out in February to allow an earlier deadline.

The same will be done for the grant application. Those on the 2022 list will be notified that they are eligible for the grant program by the end of May with the applications due by the end of September.

There are a few properties that could be eligible for the national 11 Most Endangered Historic Properties list. We will work on nominating at least one property.

There is a need for an endowment fund that can grow and provide funding for the grant program more than one property each year if needed. This year, donations to the grant program have been made in memory of Robert Mitchell.

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preservation of the Jacob Berger/Sally Carrighar house. The Farleys bought the Victorian home in the late 1960s. It is one of the last buildings reflecting the gold rush era in Nome and is listed on the National Register for Historic Places.



**Trish Neal, Anchorage**, was presented the Lifetime Achievement in Historic Preservation award for her involvement in historic preservation for over thirty years. Neal was instrumental in the legislative funding of the Wrangell Totem Poles Replication and Shakes Island Tribal House restoration in the early 1990s.

She has been involved in other historic restoration projects. She has authored three books about Wrangell, Alaska history including almost 40 years for research on the Minnesota women who owned the garnet mine north of Wrangell on the mainland. She is currently the president of Preservation Alaska.

The nomination information and photos will soon be available online at : <https://alaskapreservation.org/>



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## 2022 EVENTS

### February 15, 2022

•Call for Nominations for the 2022 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties list.

### March 2022

•*Preservation Action Advocacy Week* March 7– 10. Virtual meetings with congressional leaders.

•Deadline for Nominations for the 2022 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties list March 31.

### May 2022

•Historic Preservation Month begins with the public announcement of the 2022 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties List.

•Historic Preservation Month activities throughout the May.

•Oscar Anderson House Museum opens mid-May.

•Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant available for 2022 listed properties.

### August 2022

•Call for nominations for Historic Preservation Award nominees.

### October 2022

•Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties grant application closes October 1.

•Nominations for Historic Preservation Award due Oct. 1

### November 2022

•Annual Meeting Nov. 3.

### December 2022

•Swedish Christmas Open House at Oscar Anderson House Museum first two weekends in December.

*Do you have events that to share? Please send your event information to [AKPreservation@gmail.com](mailto:AKPreservation@gmail.com) by March 1, 2022.*

## IDITAROD HISTORIC TRAIL ALLIANCE



## 2021 Annual Meeting IHTA Report

### Judith Bittner, IHTA President

The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance has an agreement with Preservation Alaska for administrative support. And we are very thankful for that. That helps us with taking minutes of our meetings and some of our mailings and to have our newsletter sent out, and our membership as well in helping with our annual meetings.

The Alliance is part of the National Trail System act as a nonprofit partner to the federal trail administrator, which is the Bureau of Land Management. We play that role as the kind of the primary support for that federal agency. Using the comprehensive management plan is the common guide to the work that we do with that with a trail administrator, other federal, state, local and private land managers to promote the preservation enjoyment, use and appreciation of the historic route of the Iditarod trail.

Our programs fall out into three areas, which we refer to as trail story and stewardship. In the area of trail, and trail work and the safety of travel on the trail. We work with the Iditarod trail committee with providing some financial assistance for some of the trail maintenance on in brushing and marking of the of the historic trail.

We also work with communities and trail organizations for shelter cabins, and in the middle there (see graphic above) that turquoise building tis the Topkok cabin which was in great disrepair. It's about 60 miles from Nome in a very blustery area for which shelter is needed when the weather gets bad. We provided a grant for materials and logistics support. The Nome Kennel Club did the volunteer work to make it into a nice snug shelter cabin for those that travel both on dog sled and snowmachine as the primary transportation route and can be used by the race as well as they go by there but it's really for the day-to-day use in the winter primarily.

Further down the trail towards White Mountain we are trying out a pilot program working with a local community that had identified the need for a new shelter cabin. The other shelter cabin which is also called the Topkok Cabin near White Mountain was in very bad shape because of glaciation and the location and damage by the snow and weather conditions there. And so we are working with the White Mountain Native Corporation providing materials for a new cabin and logistic support and they are going to place a new shelter cabin on White Mountain Native Corporation land because it would be a better safer place for new cabin and so this will be building it this winter.



This falls into not only our trail program, but also our stewardship program and it will provide some safe travel for that stretch of trail which can be kind of a the blow hole in that area which can be very dangerous with blizzard conditions. This shelter cabin sometimes is just a life safety haven for those traveling in that area.

In the McGrath and Seward areas, the Trailblazer organizations work with a shelter cabin. At McGrath, there's a Carlson Crossing Shelter cabin that they maintain. We work through the city of McGrath and the McGrath Trailblazers and work with the Seward Trailblazers as they continue to promote the use of the Mile Zero area of the trail in the interpretation through their various programs and statutes in that area. The Knik Trail Blazers are also very active in the Knik area, keeping those trails open for the many dog mushers in the valley.

On the education and outreach side, our premiere program is the Iditarod Trail to every classroom which is referred to as iTrec. It is a place based service learning program for profit for educators. We're in our 11th year now and up until COVID it was a three-workshop year long program. And then at the end of 2020 we had to do our last workshop online and then that fall into the winter of 2020 to 2021 we did a webinar series. We successfully broke up our topics and provided webinar series and we have another one going now in 2021-2022 session and we have 15 webinars that are available. If you know any teachers, send them to our website and they can sign up for that. The areas of webinars are using outdoor

classrooms, outdoor explorations, power of placing questing and the history of the National Historic Trail.

The partners in this program are the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service and Anchorage Parks Foundation. We also contracted for and did run National Historic Trail Education Resource Guide, which is a guide to planning and leading place-based service learning experiences on the Iditarod National Historic Trail and that guide is available on our website.



We've contracted with the Division of Parks Interp section to do a video of the Crow Pass Trail which is a segment of the Iditarod National Historic Trail. We're also working with them to update our interpretive materials.

There is a Junior Trailblazer Adventure booklet that we are working with a contractor to develop, and we are getting close to finishing this 16-page booklet geared toward younger folks and history of the history of the trail.

We also are working with the University of Alaska Fairbanks oral history project. We are doing a jukebox project with some oral histories and archival materials about the 1978 congressional designation of the Iditarod National Historic Trail. Those oral histories are started. Karen Brewster, some of you may know, is conducting those interviews. And just this week, she interviewed some congressional staff with Senator Gravelle staff that was working on the designation of the Iditarod as a National Historic Trail in 1978. Also interviewed have been Dan Seavey and Lee Poleski. And this is just the beginning of some of those interviews.

Those are just some of the things that we're doing, trying to promote the use of the trail, the history of the trail, and trying to get some materials out there that

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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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people can understand that the trail is, has its history, as well as the importance of the race itself.

## Hike the Hill® 2022

Hike the Hill® 2022 will be held February 14-18. Pre-Briefings will occur the week of January 24th. Registration and a tentative schedule will be available in early December.

Celebrating its 25th year Hike the Hill® is a joint effort between American Hiking Society and Partnership for the National Trails System to bring together trail



organizations and partners to advance shared trail priorities with congressional and federal agency leaders including: trail funding, public lands management and conservation, equitable access and other top priority issues that sustain trails and improve access to public lands.

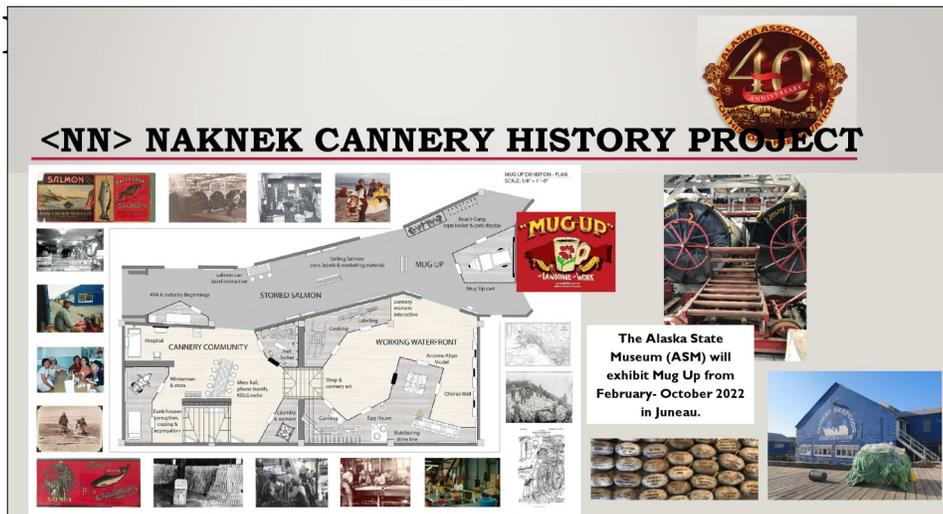
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## May is Historic Preservation Month

Preservation Alaska is seeking owners of historic homes or commercial buildings who would be interested in providing a video tour of their home or building to be presented during Historic Preservation Month.

If you are a videographer who would be interested in working on this project, we'd like to chat with you.

Please contact Trish Neal at 907-717-8117 or via email at [AKPreservation@gmail.com](mailto:AKPreservation@gmail.com)



## 2021 Annual Meeting NN Cannery History Project Report

Over the course of six years, the NN Cannery History Project has fulfilled its mission and achieved our established goals.

Achievements:

- 1) The Diamond NN Cannery was listed on the National Register in August 2021
- 2) The Mug Up exhibition opens at the Alaska State Museum in spring 2022

Attached is the report from this summer when the NN Cannery Team traveled to South Naknek to collect objects from the cannery for the Mug Up exhibition.

Notable: Due to severe budget cuts that impacted design staff, the Alaska State Museum is still short \$30,000. If folks would like to support the NN

Cannery Project they can make a donation to the NN Cannery Project website at [nncanneryproject.com](http://nncanneryproject.com).

Finally, I want to extend my deepest thanks to Trish Neal and the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation Board. Our success is your success. The entire NN Cannery Project team, the communities of Bristol Bay, and the Alaska commercial salmon industry thank you.

Respectfully,

Katherine Ringsmuth, Director  
NN Cannery History Project



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ment system, which will include object photographs and updated collections records. Thank you again Museums Alaska!

That nearly wraps up OAHM's

2021 season. With any luck, we hope

to reopen in December for our Annual Swedish Christmas program – fingers crossed!

Until next time, thank you to everyone who has so generously supported us in any number of ways; we couldn't do this without you.

For those interested in learning how to further support us, please feel free to reach out to [oscarandersonhouse@gmail.com](mailto:oscarandersonhouse@gmail.com)

See you next season!  
Amy Valentine  
Museum Manager



## OSCAR ANDERSON HOUSE MUSEUM



### 2021 Annual Meeting OAHM Report

This year the Oscar Anderson House Museum opened its doors on June 15<sup>th</sup> for its 2021 Summer Season. This was due to Rachel Baker leaving us to return home with her husband as he left the military. It took some time to find the right person to take on the responsibility for OAHM. We were very fortunate to find that person in Amy Valentine.

The summer visitation was again by RSVP through FareHarbor. This worked very well for us but we also welcomed walk-ins this summer.

This summer we welcomed 424 guests. We also received \$373 in cash donations, which is wonderful particularly in comparison to years past.

Trish updated the OAHM rack cards which the MOA prints for us, and our brochure, which were distributed with the help of the Visitors Center. An informal poll revealed that many of our visitors hear about the Oscar Anderson House through word of mouth by friends and family, the Visitors Center, and Google. As part of our outreach, we also notified several offices on JBER about our participation in the Blue Star Museums Program. As program participants, OAHM provides free admissions to active-duty military families in gratitude to those serving our country.

This was the season for getting the grounds of the museum cleaned up. Thanks to MOA Parks and Rec Department, the museum grounds have never looked better. The Parks team maintained the lawn and walkways beautifully. They also revamped the flower boxes out front with perennial and in-

igenous flora - what a stunning first impression to visitors and a great photo backdrop! We also appreciate the teams' efforts at keeping the home and collections safe through the removal of dead tree limbs and overgrown shrubbery. The final job was to trim back the large shrub to get it away from the siding of the house. The crew did a fantastic job!

The home itself required little maintenance this year. A piece of trim on a support beam outside the home was replaced, as were a few inside light bulbs. There was a moisture issue with the upstairs toilet that MOA addressed and has since been resolved. In June, I did find evidence of insects within the home, though no pest damage was found. Shortly after, Trish had Pied Piper conduct a pest management treatment around the exterior of the home and there have been no issues since.

This summer we addressed some safety issues throughout the home. In July we had the fire extinguishers serviced. We also assessed and reduced tripping hazards, which included gathering quotes from several local businesses on the replacement costs of the worn stair runners. This will be a future project, though it has been interesting and informative to learn about our different options.

One of the most exciting moments this summer was when OAHM was awarded a Museums Alaska CMF Grant! On July 20<sup>th</sup>, Museums Alaska Director Dixie Clough hand-delivered the award herself. Since then, these grant funds have allowed us to begin upgrading our collections manage-

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## Do You Know the Difference?

The **National Register of Historic Places** list (not to be confused with the National Trust for



Historic Preservation, which is a non-profit organization, not a government entity) is administered by the National Park Service, in Washington, DC. It includes historic

resources (including buildings) that are of national significance. The applications are carefully reviewed for acceptance, and include descriptive & historical information on the resource, with photographs and location information.

Effective 4/10/20: the National Register program will launch an **electronic-only submission process** for the duration of the COVID-19 situation while our staff and the staff of our preservation partners engage in extended telework operations.

<https://tinyurl.com/yxtdj2su>

The **State AHRS (Alaska Historic Resource Survey)** is just



that: a collection of surveyed or reported historic resources, of all kinds, that originally were recorded on cards, with a very short description of the

property, its location, and ownership. It is maintained by the State of Alaska Office of History & Archaeology in Anchorage.

The Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) is a data repository with information on over 45,000 reported cultural resources (archaeological sites, buildings, structures, objects or locations, etc.), from prehistoric to modern, and some paleontological sites within the State of Alaska.

<https://tinyurl.com/ya9omorc>

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## FRIENDS OF NIKE SITE SUMMIT



### 2021 Annual Meeting Friends of Nike Site Summit Report

Greg Durocher, FONSS Director

We did a lot of clean up on the grounds and buildings including painting and patching. New ceiling fixture lists were installed as well as a motion sensor light on the back wall of the missile bay. An electrical upgrade from 12-gauge to 6-gauge wire from the tunnel to the circuit breaker panel to accommodate future increased power requirement was accomplished.



Our tours were very successful this year with the first tour in February at Kincaid Park. We offered four bus tours this summer along with summer hiking tours. We are expecting 25 people - and a writer doing an article on Site Summit for Alaska Magazine - for a hiking tour of the old Nike facilities at Kincaid Park on Nov. 14.

School tours remained suspended, though we included a contingent from *Twindly Bridge Charter School* at a discounted rate on the Aug. 21 bus tour. We have tours scheduled right after the first of the year at Kincaid Park.

We have relied on the community's interest in our tours. We have a large list of interested persons that we draw from to contact for future tours. The *Alaska Daily News* surprised us this summer with an article on an upcoming tour that was already sold

out. That provided more people interested in future tours.

We appreciate the donations that continue to be sent to us throughout the year to support our program.

#### Building/Grounds Crew

We did brushing by loppers, chainsaws, lawn mower and contracted with a brush mower contractor.

We had the dirt pile that was on the bunker apron which has been there for years removed.

We repainted the south side of the LCB and the overhead door that was new 4 years ago. The South side gets weathered much faster than the other sides of the building

We did patch work on the water tank, and hope to repaint next year.

We moved half of our tools and supplies into a new storage room next to the existing storeroom.

We got 8 new overhead ceiling lights working in the bunker.

Reinforced the overhead door opening enclosure of the bunker that was caved in during the winters extensive snow drifting.

#### Electrical Crew:

Installed 7 drop down ceiling fixture lights in Missile Bunker #1 over the east trolley missile bay

Installed a motion sensor light on the back wall of the missile bay.

Upgraded the input power wiring from the tunnel to the circuit breaker panel from 12 ga. to 6 ga. (courtesy of the USAF) to accommodate future

increased power requirements.

Repaired the light in the entry room to the bunker due to high moisture problems.

Repaired the bunker cement floor by the roll-up door electrical conduit.

**FONSS Tour Report**

FONSS had erroneously expected Covid -19 to abate by mid-year, so Site Summit bus tours were scheduled for August 2021 after having been completely cancelled in 2020. FONSS conducted two hiking and four bus tours at Site Summit, plus one hiking tour in Arctic Valley, with a total attendance of 226 people. The four August bus tours were conducted with everyone wearing masks; mask wearing when congregated was encouraged for the hiking tours.

We are expecting 25 people and a writer doing an article on Site Summit for Alaska Magazine - for a hiking tour of the old Nike facilities at Kincaid Park on Nov. 14. Two hiking tours and a ski tour there last spring, accounted for another 61 guests in 2021 learning about the history of air defense in Alaska.

School tours remain suspended, though we included a contingent from Twindly Bridge Charter School at a discounted rate on the Aug. 21 bus tour.

**Upcoming:**

Tour plans for 2022 include a ski tour and a couple of hiking tours at Kincaid in the spring, followed by 6-8 hiking or bus tours at Site Summit during the summer. We are also looking forward to hosting a tour for former military policemen who served at Site Summit/ Fort Richardson during the Cold War.

**Outreach:**

Thanks to Covid, community outreach was limited this year. Our “contact me about tours” lists have been instrumental in filling the tours with little publicity. This summer, the Anchorage Daily News surprised us with an article about one of the tours (which was already full), resulting in about 80 tour inquiries; FONSS now has more than 100 people interested in 2022 tours. The upcoming Kincaid tour was quickly and completely filled by those already on our “contact me” list so no publicity was needed.

We unveiled our new FONSS banner at an information table at the State Park’s 50th (and 51st) anniversary party on July 31 at Arctic Valley and presented an interpretive sign about Site Summit to the Anchorage Ski Club, to be mounted in the Rendezvous Café.

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The **Alaska Historical Commission** met by WebEx on Tuesday, December 8, 2021. The AHC approved six development and predevelopment historic preservation grant projects and the National Register nomination for **Fort McGilvray** Historic District, Seward area. One geographic name proposal was approved, **Jade Mountain** located in the North Slope Borough, and one, Jade Lake, located in the Lake and Peninsula Borough, was not approved. Predevelopment Grants approved:

- Bergmann Hotel (Juneau),
- Russian American Company Magazin (Kodiak).
- Discovery Saloon (Nome),
- Five Finger Lighthouse (Pertersburg area), F
- ort W.H. Seward (Haines),
- Pioneer School House (Anchorage).

**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
- 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  
Elayne Janiak

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We participated in the *Pick.Click.Give.* program again. We have not heard yet the amount of the funds generated yet as they are being mailed out this week. This has been a great program for us. (Update: This year we exceeded donations from last year!)

Naknek Cannery History Project paid out its final bills as part of the NEH grant report to close out that grant. The president worked with Katie Ringsmuth with the reports to successfully close out all grants.

Lyle Tax Services has been our Bookkeeper for over two years and has done a great job for us. Stuart maintains our QuickBooks, processes payroll, and generates our quarterly tax reports and our annual 990. This had been a duty of the administrative assistant, but the board decided that we needed a professional to cover the management of our funds. Bills are paid by the president and all financial transactions are reported by the president to the bookkeeper and to the treasurer as required by the bylaws.

The president generates financial reports for each board meeting in an Excel worksheet that is easy to understand and allows the board to see all the expenditures, income, and an overall look at the bank accounts and ACF Endowment accounts.

## **2021 ANNUAL MEETING EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has continued into 2021, with its restrictions on public interaction, working on our goals were put on hold pending everything opening up for workshops, classes, or other forms of public contact.

All spring seminars and workshops usually sponsored by the Office of History & Archaeology and their annual workshop, where we would assist OHA, were cancelled. Instead, OHA offered three seminars on zoom, on activities sponsored by their office: State Archaeology Activities, the Alaska Historic Resources Survey, and Section 106 Consultation.

As of November 2021, there has been no change in restrictions on public gatherings.

The majority of historic preservation education offerings this year have been conducted online by historic preservation organizations on zoom or other electronic media. These are publicized in AAHP's quarterly newsletter.

## **2021 ANNUAL MEETING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

We continue our partnership with Friends of Nike Site Summit (FONSS), Naknek Cannery History Project, and Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance.

We've also been working on the Ascension Church of Our Lord Chapel steering committee for over 18 months.

We are always open to working with other groups. You will hear their reports later in the program.

## **2021 ANNUAL MEETING MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

Membership continues to grow. We are a statewide organization, so it is important to be able to show supporters and grantors that we have a large support group.

Membership applications have been included in every newsletter.

Membership promotion was made on Facebook during the spring.

Some memberships have come as a result of FONSS sending out letters seeking donations.

All memberships are acknowledged by letter and a membership card. Donations that are included with membership dues are also acknowledged in the letter.

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## 2021 Annual Meeting

### Public Relations Committee Report

We have a strong presence on Facebook with our page, one for Oscar Anderson House Museum, and a new one established during May "Saving Places Alaska." Our newsletter is sent out to almost 300 email addresses every quarter. News releases are sent to promote various programs and we have been on local TV with interviews about our annual Swedish Christmas Open House. Our website is also used to provide more detailed information about our organization.

You may have noticed that we are starting to rebrand as "Preservation Alaska." This has been in the strategic plan for a couple of years. *Preservation Alaska* started being used late last year. It is easier to answer the phone with *Preservation Alaska* than the long "Association for Historic Preservation" or just our initials: AAHP. It is a much better identifier for us. Most groups like ours across the country have begun to identify themselves with a similar title. It is also reflected in our website and marketing material.

*Historic Preservation Month* in May was a huge success this year. From historic videos of communities around the state shared from the UAF-Film Archives to Facebook posts about historic places or historic preservation to the treasure hunt, there were a lot of activities to share around the state.

We even had signs announcing Historic Preservation Month in windows of the downtown historic commercial buildings. It was fun talking to the owners and we hope to expand the program next year. The entire month of activities created a lot of buzz for our organization.

We announce the annual *Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties* list the first weekend in May. That is the kickoff of Historic Preservation Month. We had several new nominations this year that made the list. This brings attending to the endangered properties as well as our organization.

Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a Proclamation declaring May as Historic Preservation Month statewide. The Anchorage Assembly issued a similar Proclamation for the local area.

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Membership brochure was updated. It has been used at the Oscar Anderson House Museum and mailed out. It is printed inhouse as they are needed. There are two brochures for Oscar Anderson House Museum. One is a regular brochure and the other promote the annual Swedish Christmas Open House.

Membership information is available on AAHP's website and the opportunity to pay online through PayPal.

Membership increased about 10 percent during 2020.

The newsletter is sent out to almost 300 people via email that includes members, supporters, organizations, and VIPs who we feel should receive our information. We continue to add names to the list. We send the link to the newsletter via email. A few members require a hard copy.

### 2021 ANNUAL MEETING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

Donations via PayPal have been sent to us throughout the year. Checks arriving for membership dues have also included donations to our programs. It has been hard to host in person events, but we haven't let that stop us from raising funds.

We normally host a silent auction and dinner in October. We weren't able to do that this year due to Covid concerns. This is how we fund our Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties grant program. Thanks to local business owners stepping up to become sponsors, that program is secure.

The chairman reached out and obtained \$2500 in support this year for the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Program.

The president set up a birthday fundraiser in May to benefit the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Program. \$200 was raised within a few weeks.

AAHP remained in the Pick.Click.Give. program. Increased publicity in the AAHP newsletter and on Facebook saw an increase in donations from supporters' PFDs. We will definitely continue with the program.

### 2021 ANNUAL MEETING LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

With COVID-19 interruptions, the State Legislature had difficulty approving even level funding for the State Office of History & Archaeology, which allows it to accept federal funding for historic preservation. In addition, the governor line item vetoed the State match for federal historic preservation grant funding. The federal House of Representatives passed their FY22 Dept. of Interior appropriations bill which proposed \$158.8 million for the Historic Preservation Fund. The Senate has not yet acted on funding for FY22 Historic Preservation. Amendments to federal historic tax credit legislation are also under consideration by Congress.

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AAHP continues to monitor Congress and the Alaska Legislature for action that will assist in protecting historic properties.

Janet Matheson and Trish Neal hosted Zoom meetings in March with staff of our Alaskan Congressional Leaders to discuss the importance of funding of historic preservation, in particular the Historic Tax Credit program. This was through *Preservation Action*. We have also written letters in support of the HTC. I continue to keep them in the loop on what is happening here in Alaska.

The *National Preservation Partners Network* is conducting a similar meeting this month promoting historic preservation and the HTC program.

### 2021 Annual Meeting

#### Easement Conservation Program Report

We monitor three conservation easements: the Holy Assumption Church at Kenai, Wasillie-Kraft Easement at Igiugig Village, and the Nevada Creek Preservation easement near Juneau. Each project has provided funds to cover the work with the funds held in trust in the Easement Program Endowment fund at the Alaska Community Foundation.

We contract with Monty Rogers, Cultural Alaska, to do that work. Monty gave a brief presentation about the Easement Program later in the program.

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