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Eleven Most Endangered Historic Properties for 2022 Announced

There were several new nominations for the 2022 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties list this year. Normally, only ten properties are listed but this year there was such an important need to recognize the endangered properties that the review committee added an eleventh property to the list.

The four review committee members each reviewed the nominations on their own with no discussion with each other. It was interesting to see how close the members came to almost ranking the properties in the same order. The number one spot was designated as the **4th Avenue Theatre in Anchorage**.



The theatre has been on the list for a number of years. This year, the review committee all felt that it needed to be number one. As it turns out, it is the most endangered as it is slated to be demolished soon by the owners of the building, Peach

Investments along with adjacent buildings on 4th Avneue.

Ascension of Our Lord Chapel at Karluk The church is located on the far side of Kodiak Island and is the oldest existing Russian Orthodox church in Alaska. It is also one of the most professionally designed.

Bishop Rowe Chapel at Arctic Village

The log Bishop Rowe Chapel in Arctic Village is an iconic structure.



Fort William H. Seward Hospital at Haines The Hospital Building suffers from decades of deferred maintenance.



Pilgrim Hot Springs at Nome

All of the buildings in the immediate vicinity of the Mission were constructed between 1910-1930.

Hi Yu Stamp Mill at Fairbanks

The Hi-yu mine property is situated relatively out of the way.



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Ten Years of Management by AAHP Oscar Anderson House Museum Opens for the Summer Season

Anchorage, AK –The Oscar Anderson House Museum opened for the 2022 Summer Season on Tuesday, June 14. Summer Hours are 12noon to 4pm Tuesday through Thursday and Friday and Saturday 9am to 4pm. The museum is located within Elderberry Park on M Street in Anchorage.

Gayle Cleary has been hired as the new Assistant Museum Manager. She has a strong background working with people and in communications. Plus, she loves history. Preservation Alaska is pleased to welcome Gayle to the Oscar Anderson House Museum.

Visitors are encouraged to reserve their tour online. Tours are about one hour in length. Group size is limited to eight people, although larger groups can visit through special arrangements. Walk ins are still welcome.

The museum has again joined museums nationwide and throughout Alaska in participating in the **Blue Star Museums**. The program provides free admission to our nation's active-duty military personnel and their families this summer. Blue Star Museums is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in collaboration with Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums nationwide.

Oscar Anderson House Museum is the only museum in Anchorage participating in the program. The Wasilla Museum also participates along with muse-

ums in other parts of the state. Members of the military can find the list of participating museums at <https://www.arts.gov/initiatives/blue-star-museums>

The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States Military—Army,

Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Commissioned

Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members. Qualified members must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card for entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

The Oscar Anderson House belongs to the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), having been donated to the city by the Oscar Anderson Family. It is operated through an agreement with MOA by Alaska Association for Historic Preservation. More information can be found at

www.OscarAndersonHouseMuseum.org



Oscar Anderson House Museum Summer 2022 Schedule Open June 14 to September 17

Summer Hours:
Tuesday to Thursday: 12 Noon to 4:00pm
Friday & Saturday: 9:00am to 4:00pm

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Nome Kennel Club re-establishes trail tripods on Iditarod Trail

THE NOME NUGGET
THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022

By RB Smith

Last fall, debating how to best celebrate the 50th running of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog race and contributing to safe travels on the Iditarod trail, the Nome Kennel Club board decided on a project to reestablish trail markings between Nome and Topkok. Tripod replacements were long overdue. “We had noticed a lot of missing tripods or knocked down tripods over the years,” said Stephanie Johnson, president of the Nome Kennel Club. She said it was especially sparse between Nome and Hastings, and between Solomon and Topkok. “That’s the blowhole,” she said. “It can get very treacherous through that area.”



NOME KENNEL CLUB WORK CREW— Nome Kennel Club members Drew McCann, Neil Strandberg, Frank Carruthers, Hailey Evans and Kirsten Bey put up tripods along the Iditarod trail. Photos by Stephanie Johnson

The Nome Kennel Club received a grant from the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance (IHTA) to build 200 tripods along the winter trail between Nome and Topkok. The Nome Kennel Club used the grant to purchase 600 timbers for the 200 new tripods, along with reflectors and some tools. The Iditarod Trail Committee helped pay for the freight to get everything flown up to Nome. Once the materials arrived in Nome, NKC volunteers set out to prepare the timbers by cutting and reflectorizing. Bering Straits Native Corporation’s Stampede shop supported the project by storing the materials and allowing the use of the heated shop for preparatory work. In December and January, NKC volunteers held work sessions to cut and reflectorize the timbers and soon after the volunteers set out to begin installing the tripods on the trail. About 54 have been installed, with more on the way.

The tripods will help better mark the trail through a region with notoriously bad weather and poor visibility, to prevent mushers and snowmachiners alike from getting lost.



TRANSPORTING THE TRIPODS— Neil Strandberg and Drew McCann load some of the pre-cut and pre-drilled tripods onto a snow-machine sled for transport along the trail. Photos by Stephanie Johnson

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Bristol Bay Boats at Naknek This historic collection of Bristol Bay fishing boats are all constructed with wood. They must be stored under cover and out of the elements.

Schoolhouse at Talkeetna The building is 85 years old - not necessarily as old as many historic Alaska buildings. Deferred maintenance is an issue.

Eldred Rock Lighthouse at Lynn Canal This iconic lighthouse is located about 17 miles south of Haines.

SS Nenana Sternwheeler Riverboat at Fairbanks Built in 1932 in service to the Alaska Railroad, the boat was in operation until 1954.

Pioneer Hall at Ketchikan The building needs considerable rehabilitation to meet health and safety standards that would enable the Pioneers to continue to use the property.

More information is available, including a video, at <https://tinyurl.com/bdct5uu7>

In This Corner...

Historic Preservation Month was held nationwide during May. It was fun sharing information about historic preservation. We kicked off the month with the announcement of our Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties with a twist: we had eleven properties this year.

In addition, we hosted three presentations via Zoom. The presentations included the moving of the Ascension Church of Our Lord at Karluk; a "Conversation with Eric Hollenbeck," star of the new Magnolia TV series, "The Craftsman"; and the video created for the "Mug Up" Exhibit at the Alaska State Museum in Juneau. If you missed those presentations, they are posted on our Facebook page.

It is a sad situation to know that after the appeals by many and surviving the 1964 earthquake, the 4th Avenue Theatre will become the victim of the wrecking ball after 75 years.



We must be more diligent in making sure that our Alaskan history doesn't continue to disappear. We cannot afford to lose our history to the wrecking ball either in the name of deferred

maintenance or in the name of progress.

Deferred maintenance is probably the biggest problem for historic structures. Preserving historic structures is expensive. But it becomes even more expensive the longer that maintenance is put off. We need to work together to make sure that we do not lose more buildings.

The board members of Preservation Alaska will be looking at that problem and come up with a plan to counter it. Bottomline, it is a money problem and we need to find a way to counter that.

Our board took a step back on continuing to manage the Oscar Anderson House Museum due to the high cost of managing the facility. That topic was probably the most we have discussed anything in depth. In the end, we decided that we needed to renew the management agreement and continue on as stewards of the house to see

if we could develop a plan on covering the costs or at least most of the costs of operations.

While we looked at the \$14K annual costs as money that we could use to assist with historic preservation, we felt committed to spending the next year exploring our options. At the same time, we need to explore ways that we can assist with funding the preservation of historic properties.

Currently we offer one \$2,500 matching grant to those on the current list to apply for. We are seeking ways to set up an endowment fund to make sure that this grant program is better funded. If you would like to contribute to that fund, please contact us.

This year we Alaskans will receive the largest PFD check in history. Personally, I have used those checks to support historic preservation projects. This year I increased my pledge at Pick.Click.Give. to AAHP. I've also pledged to another nonprofit. Anyone who signed up for the PFD can edit their pledge until August 31st. It is a great way to support nonprofits and a wonderful way to share the wealth.

We opened the Oscar Anderson House Museum on June 14th. Gayle Cleary is our new Assistant Museum Manager. We are sad to say goodbye to Amy Valentine but she won't be going too far. You will enjoy meeting Gayle. She brings her love of working with people, great communication skills and an interest in history to the job.

We have two seats on our board that are vacant. If you would be interested in helping us explore ways to support historic preservation, please let us know. We meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm. We meet virtually which allows you to join the board no matter where you live. You just need Internet and a computer or a phone to connect with us. Meetings are usually about an hour in length.

It is with great sadness that we lost one of our dedicated board members. Frank Flavin passed away on June 12. Frank was always such a positive force behind what we do. He will be greatly missed. Prayers go out to his wife, Gail, and the family.

Trish

Trish Neal
Preservation Alaska President

Here Are 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/vd5o7igc>

• **Learn About** the 2022 Eleven Most Endangered Historic Properties in Alaska!

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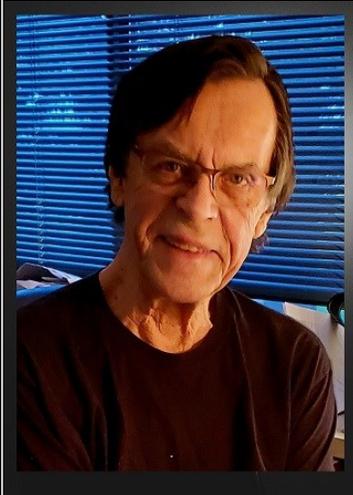
• **Donate** to our Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Program
<https://tinyurl.com/y6u8mjfs>

• **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 local leaders and your mayor to promote the importance of Historic Preservation in your community.

In Memoriam Frank Flavin



Board member Frank Flavin passed away on June 12, 2022.

Hailing from Chicago, Illinois, Frank's award-winning work covered advertising, editorial, corporate, industrial, and tourism still photography. Ever on the lookout to create better and better services with the latest techniques, Frank was licensed as an FAA-certified drone pilot and

also offered location scouting. From the beginning, he kept his eyes open and watched everything that the prodid. Later he served as a photographer for the U.S. Army. "We'd shoot everything from portraits and landscapes to criminal investigations. That's what brought me to Anchorage. It's been my home ever since," said Frank. Frank Flavin was an innovative creative commercial photographer. His work spanned more than 35 years serving commercial, advertising and editorial clientele from Los Angeles to New York, Nome to New Zealand, Puerto Vallarta to Provideniya.

Frank worked on location and at his 1,200 sq. ft. commercial studio with strobe and LED lighting in Anchorage,

Alaska. Assignments included still photography on collateral advertising shoots. Additionally he supported film makers as location scout and local production assistant.

Awards include: CA Award (Communications Arts), Best In The West - 8 times! (by the American Advertising Federation), over 200 Alaska Advertising & Public Relations awards. "The Iditarod Dog Sled Race": Frank was the official photographer for two years and photographed the entire race 5 times for advertising and editorial clients. Additionally, he was one of the co-producers and photo editor of the book "Iditarod The First Ten Years."

Frank was a member of the Professional Photographers of America, American Society of Media Photographers and 10 years with the Alaska Film Group.

Frank served on the AAHP board as Vice-President and had been the Board Liaison for Friends of Nike Site Summit. He photographed the Oscar Anderson House Museum during Swedish Christmas Open house the past two years. He also documented Nike Site Summit work of FONSS. He was in the process of photographing the museum collection as part of a recent grant received.

No arrangements had been made at press time. Please check our Facebook Page for an update.

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2022 EVENTS

June 2022

•June 30, OHA Education Series, *Certified Local Government (CLG) Program*, Session 1:30 – 3:00PM AKST. Free. To learn more, <https://tinyurl.com/283v5dtj>

August 2022

•**Call for nominations** for Historic Preservation Award nominees. AKPreservation@gmail.com to request nomination form. 2021 Awards at: <https://tinyurl.com/4jdkz9d6>

September 2022

•September 21-24, Museums Alaska annual conference, *Transitions: Navigating Change and Moving Forward*. Will be held in Valdez and online. <https://tinyurl.com/35jcjx2u>

October 2022

•**Nominations** for Historic Preservation Awards are due October 1, 2022.

•**October 6-8 and 13-15** Alaska Historical Society annual conference, *Conflicting Visions in Alaska History*. Co-sponsored with Cook Inlet Historical Society. Anchorage online and in person. <https://tinyurl.com/yckhwct4>

•**October 20, 2022** – Katie Ringsmuth, Ph.D., Alaska State Historian, *Creating a "Humanities Community" with the National Register* **To register, contact Katie Ringsmuth at dnr.oha@alaska.gov**

November 2022

•Preservation Alaska's Annual Meeting November 3, 2022. Check back for details. Expected to be a hybrid meeting (in person and Zoom).

Do you have events to share? Please send your event information to AKPreservation@gmail.com by September 1, 2022.

Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance

New bridges on Trail

between the National Park Service and



Left: Newly constructed bridge in Turnagain Pass, Chugach National Forest, Iditarod National Historic Trail. **Right:** New bridge constructed over Falls Creek in Chugach National Forest reconnecting segments of the Iditarod National Historic Trail. Both photos by Chugach National Forest staff 2021.

The above report (New Bridges on Trail) was in the Winter 2021-22 Pathways Across America magazine published by the Partnership For The National Trails System in an article reporting 2021 national trails highlights.

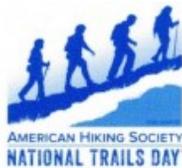


Summit on the Outdoor Recreation Economy

The 7th Annual Confluence: Summit on the Outdoor Recreation Economy will be in Haines, September 7-9. Slated topics include outdoor recreation infrastructure financing trends and opportunities, active transportation and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and the future of tourism and outdoor recreation.

National Trails Day©

This year National Trails Day© was Saturday June 4. The history of the creation of National Trails Day© starts in 1968.



October 2, 1968 – President Lyndon B. Johnson signs into law the National Trails System Act, establishing national recreational, scenic and historic trails.

October 13, 1976-Formed to give a voice to the national hiking community, American Hiking Society becomes an official organization after receiving its 501 (c) (3) designation and holds its first board meeting.

1988 – National Trails Agenda is initiated as a cooperative venture

American Trails to look at trail issues and develop recommendations to satisfy America's current and future need for trails.

1990 – The National Trails Agenda issues a set of recommendations in a report named "Trails for All Americans" that focuses intently on the importance of trails in America.

1991 – American Hiking Society in response to the National Trails Agenda report conceives of a program to highlight the importance of the National Trails System and simultaneously advocate for increased trail use and volunteer stewardship. The program is dubbed National Trails Day© and proposes highlighting one day each year to celebrate America's trails and their use. The day selected was the first Saturday in June.

June 5, 1993 – American Hiking Society launches its first ever National Trails Day©. Hundreds of organizations participate around the country.

From the past...

Iditarod Pioneer, May 22, 1915.

FAMOUS ALASKA MUSHER HAS MADE HIS LAST HIKE

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"I thought it was my last trip," continued Tommy. "The distance didn't seem to become smaller, and the cold bit deeper every minute. The dogs flinched a little in the face of the wind,

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which went through the draw, but they kept on. Often gusts of wind nearly swept them off their feet. It was tough hanging onto the handlebars under these circumstances and trying to urge the dogs on at the same time.”

Finally, he reached the roadhouse yard. In the shelter of the building, he felt better. The roadhouse man heard him come in and opened the front door of his store. Tommy drove his team straight through the open door. The string of 17 dogs was so long that the leader had to be directed around the counter before the sled finally squeezed into the warm building. King was a mass of ice and frost. The front of his parka was made of icicles. His face was frozen, and his fingers had to be rubbed for more than hour before the blood started to circulate freely again.

Iditarod came into view on December 23rd, the miners fought for the supplies that King brought in. The chicken sold for \$2.50 a pound. The pork and turkey brought \$2 a pound. The magazines sold for \$2 each. The letters brought 50 cents apiece. A copy of the Post Intelligencer brought \$2.

On another trip to Iditarod King took down from Fairbanks two traveling men who wanted to get orders from the Iditarod merchants before the breakup. They paid him \$750 each for the round trip besides paying all his expenses for the whole journey.

One day in Fairbanks he was called to take a doctor to Nenana where a missionary was sick and about to die. Another time he was called from bed to take a doctor to Tolovana, where a roadhouse had burned down with several people in it. Several of them died so he had to make another trip to Fairbanks for the coffins.

“The North is the only place where I can get along.” Tommy said yesterday. “Alaska is a great country. I like it and I’m going back.”



Trail Access Project

Funded by the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation with other support from the National Park Service and Move United, the Trail Access Project has a video at its website www.trailaccessproject to introduce and further its mission.

The Project is undertaking its mission because some parks have wonderful facilities that most users would consider accessible; however, others need to improve upon the quality of experience available to visitors with disabilities. A person with a disability, along with their family and friends, is commonly restricted to a short, token, paved sidewalk near a crowded visitor center.

The U.S. National Park Service website for one park describes 58 miles of mostly flat hiking trails but states that those with disabilities can enjoy the park from their car. The most visited national park in the U.S. boasts of 800 miles of hiking trails with 0.5 miles accessible to visitors with disabilities.

The Trail Access Project was incorporated to provide actionable information to both park managers and trail users to enable more inclusive, meaningful exploration of America's extraordinary natural places.

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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 (ARC) 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.

Denaina Place Names Project

The Alaska Historical Society is honored to endorse an effort to introduce Native place names to parks and trails in Alaska to expose more Alaskans and visitors to the invaluable contributions of Native people to our state.

The Denaina Place Names Project in Anchorage recently installed a sign at downtown Anchorage's Westchester Lagoon. The "Chanshtnu" sign shares the Denaina place name for nearby Chester Creek, which means "Grass Creek." Support for this project has been provided by the Anchorage Park Foundation and the Rasmuson Foundation.

To learn more about the Chanshtnu sign project, watch the [Indigenous Place Names Project video](#) by Alyssa Yax Adi Yadi London for Culture Stories.

Chanshtnu place name marker designed by Ahtna artist Melissa Shaginoff. Photo courtesy of Anchorage Park Foundation.



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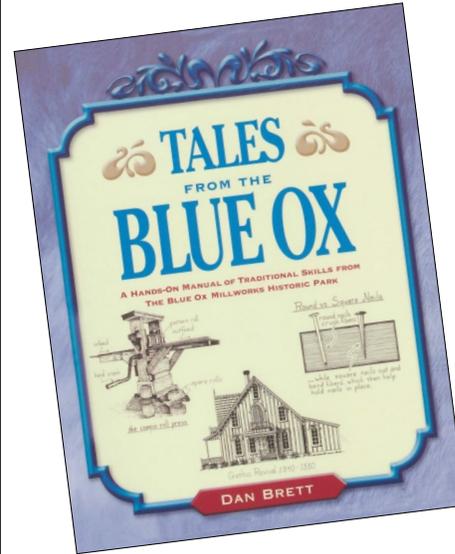
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Tales from the Blue Ox by Dan Brett

A Hands-On Manual of Traditional Skills From the Blue Ox Millworks and Historic Park

The modern world is full of dizzying technological advances and scientific breakthroughs. Unfortunately, it is also a place of unparalleled waste and quick fixes in which increased specialization takes us further and further from the very skills that got us where we are.



Tales from the Blue Ox is a collection of the best tools, techniques, recipes and general common sense gleaned from the history of Victorian-era ingenuity. Interspersed with these gems of nearly forgotten wisdom is the story of one of Northern California's least-known treasures, the Blue Ox Millworks Historic Park. The Blue Ox is a combination living-history museum, sawmill, and custom woodworking shop, specializing in the distinctive gingerbread decoration of Victorian-era homes. It is also a workplace for area artisans and craftspeople whose work ranges from blacksmithing and metal casting to boat building, pottery and vintage printing.

This detailed illustration by Dan Brett shows where the various interior and exterior moldings can be found in a Victorian Home. [Click here to see a larger version.](#)

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<http://www.blueoxmill.com/tales-from-the-blue-ox.htm>

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have all of next winter to get everything done.

This summer, Johnson said they would focus on tripping the stretch of road from Cape Nome to Solomon.

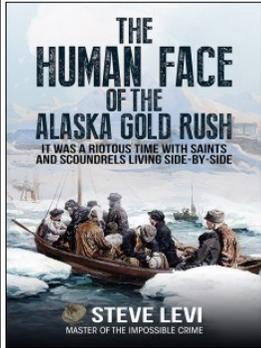
On an annual basis, NKC stakes trails around Nome to mark heavily traveled trails in the immediate Nome area for mushers, skiers, snowbikers and snowmachiners. NSEDC has in the past provided grants for the purchase of the trail stakes and reflective tape, with NKC volunteers reflectorizing, staking and maintaining the trails.

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It was a Riotous Time With Saints and Scoundrels Living Side-By-Side

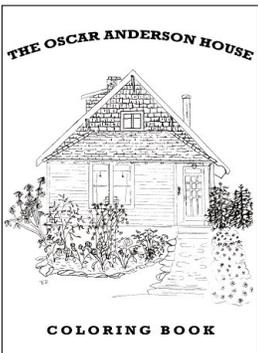
It is the land of the Alaska Gold Rush, where nuggets were said to be the size of goose eggs, where men froze to death in search of the elusive yellow metal, and dancehall girls lured overnight millionaire sourdoughs into marriage. Honky-tonk pianos punctuated the howl of the north wind in towns that were half-tent and half-ramshackle collections of driftwood, whalebone, and packing cases. It was a time of whiskey and gold and long, lonely trails behind a dogsled.

<https://tinyurl.com/37nu5naz>



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Coloring History by Barbara Dieffenbach



The Oscar Anderson House coloring book was originally published by Management Analysis Corp., Duff Surveys, Alaska, Inc., Dieffenbach Company.

This reprint is made possible by

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Inc. with permission of the family of Barbara Dieffenbach.

Proceeds from the sale of this book goes towards the upkeep of the Oscar Anderson House and related needs of the historic house.



The coloring book contains 14 drawings to color plus information about the Oscar Anderson family and the house. It is sold at \$5.00 each at the museum. For a copy to be mailed to you, send a check for \$10 to cover book plus shipping & handling to AAHP, PO Box 102205, Anchorage, AK 99510.

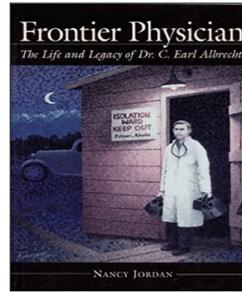
A great book available at the Colony House Museum Front Porch Gift Shop

This book chronicles the life and legacy of a caring, vigilant doctor who ranks among Alaska's great leaders. Young Dr. C. Earl Albrecht arrived in Alaska during the Great Depression, the sole physician to a remote colony of impoverished farm families.

At the Palmer colony he delivered babies, treated diseases, performed emergency surgery, built a new hospital, then raised money to keep the hospital open.

He became Alaska's first full-time commissioner of health under territorial Gov. Gruening. Deeply concerned about the health of Alaska's Natives, he all but eradicated T.B. in the Bush, created programs to teach nutrition and sanitation in rural villages, and won the right for Natives to be treated at Alaska hospitals. He helped found The International Union for Circumpolar Health in 1967.

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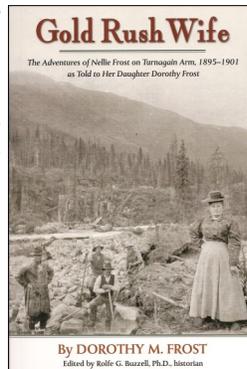


Gold Rush Wife: The Adventures of Nellie Frost on Turnagain Arm, 1895-1901 as Told to Her Daughter Dorothy Frost

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:

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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.

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Friends of Nike Site Summit

By Doris Thomas

Tours, work parties launch June 25 at Site Summit

Friends of Nike Site Summit began the spring tour season on May 7 with a hiking tour for 24 guests at Kincaid Park, formerly A Battery, 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery and the Army Air Defense Command Post (AADCP). A second tour there on June 11 for a similarly-sized group was taking place as this newsletter went into production. These tours are held in cooperation with the Municipality of Anchorage, and while there are fewer and less well-preserved Nike-era structures there, the park is easily accessible and the tours have proved to be a popular attraction.

Phil Parks, FONSS's radar systems expert, regales Site Point hiking guests at Kincaid Park on May 7 with his explanations of how the various radars at the site targeted enemies or tracked the missiles. (Photo by Allegra Hamer)



FONSS' summer tour season begins June 25 with a 9:30 a.m. bus tour at Site Summit. A second tour starts at 1:30 p.m. Also, the first volunteer crews will try to clean up any winter damage and prepare to re-side the Launch Control Building. At press time, no one had yet reconned the area to see if the tremendous snowfall

of Winter 2021-22 had abated due to the unseasonably hot temperatures in late May and early June. Snow shovels may be part of the equipment needed! In past years, snow often had to be removed from doorways (and sometimes roads) at both the upper and lower site in mid-June before work – and tours – could begin.

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Tom Namtvedt, Lance Morgan and Greg Durrocher share stories of their time stationed in Anchorage during the Cold War. They served respectively as a military dog handler, missile crewman and MP. (Photo by Allegra Hamer)



FONSS' transportation contractor, BAC Transportation LLC, is providing two 22-passenger buses this year, so the tours will be a bit smaller with 40 guests on each tour. Each bus will have two tour guides, and other guides and support staff will drive up separately as needed.

FONSS recruited some new, enthusiastic volunteers on April 24 at the annual open house/training session, held this year at the Atwood Building in Anchorage. Some of those volunteers will be on their first tour with us June 25 and others will be helping out the

work crew.

The other morning/afternoon bus tour days are July 9, July 24 and Aug. 21. Those interested in attending can visit the FONSS Web site at www.nikesitesummit.net for



Visitors approach the Launch Control Building on June 11. (Photo by Tiffany Byars)

reservations and more details, or use the QR code included here.

The bus tours are \$87 for adults and \$82 for youth 12-17, seniors, military and veterans. The significant price hike this year was due primarily to soaring transportation costs.

A hiking tour is set for Aug. 6 at Site Summit, and the 20 spots on that tour were quickly filled several weeks ago.

Most of the work party days coincide with tour days, so tour participants on all the tours should be able to see preservation work taking place.

Seeing the work being performed helps FONSS show the visitors the need for donations to fund the work.



An interpretive panel on the trail at Kincaid Park helps explain the Nike missile history in Alaska on June 11 tour. (Photo by Tiffany Byars)



Anchorage Mushing District Signage

The Municipality of Anchorage just installed the permanent signage designating the Anchorage Mushing District on 4th Avenue! Thank you MOA, we appreciate your support.

We have a fabulous way to leave your legacy on 4th Avenue and support the historical Anchorage Mushing District. Order here: <https://tinyurl.com/5f22tjt7>
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2019	Janet Matheson Katie Ringsmuth/<NN> Doris Thomas/FONSS 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 & Darrin Hamming
2012	No Award Given
2011	Mary Flaherty
2010	FONSS Erin & 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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National Park Services Announces \$7.27 Million in Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants

The National Park Service [announced](#) \$7.27 million in [Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants](#). This important grant program, named after longtime Vermont preservationist Paul Bruhn, supports the preservation of historic sites and helps to foster economic development in rural communities by supporting sub-grant programs. This round of grants will go to 11 recipients in 10 states, benefitting historic preservation projects in rural communities across the country. This year's grants will support the rehabilitation of historic theaters in rural communities across Idaho and historic revitalization projects in Alabama's black belt, just to name a few. The program was established in 2018 and is funded through the Historic Preservation Fund.

Preservation Action continues to advocate for increased funding for the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization program. The program is open to State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, Certified Local Governments, and non-profits to support preservation projects in their rural jurisdictions. The National Park Service recently posted successful [sample grant applications](#) for Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants and other competitive grant programs, to assist applicants for future rounds of funding. [Learn more about this year's grant recipients!](#)

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25 Senators Sign on in Support of Record Funding for the Historic Preservation Fund

As lawmakers are determining funding levels for preservation priorities in FY23, [25 Senators](#) signed on to the [FY23 Historic Preservation Fund Senate Dear Colleague Letter](#). The letter, led by **Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand** (D-NY) and **Sen. Bill Cassidy** (R-LA), requests \$200 million in funding for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF). This is the same level Preservation Action advocated for during [Historic Preservation Week](#) and would be a record level of funding for the program. The letter was sent to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies. 109 Representatives signed on to the House HPF Dear Colleague Letter.

The request includes much-needed increases for State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, which are expected to face increased workloads from federally mandated project reviews associated with the recently passed infrastructure bill, and increases to critically important competitive grant programs. The letter requested:

- \$65 million** for State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs)
- \$34 million** for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs)
- \$35 million** for the Save America's Treasures Grant Program
- \$24 million** for African American Civil Rights Initiative Competitive Grants
- \$12 million** for competitive grants for Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- \$12 million** for the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants
- \$10 million** for the Semiquincentennial Grant Program
- \$5 million** for the History of Equal Rights Competitive Grant Program
- \$3 million** for Underrepresented Communities Grants
- Total: \$200 million.**

Thank you to everyone that reached out to their Senators over the last few weeks and urged them to sign-on in support of a record funding for the Historic Preservation Fund.





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If you own an historic building you may want to sign up for these webinars. They are probably good for any building owner since we live in "earthquake country." While this is a California workshop, the information is good for anyone and it's free.

Home, Safe Home

Seismic Safety & Rehabilitating Historic Homes: Californians know that "The Big One" is always around the corner. If you own a historic home, every small shake may make you think, "Is this place safe?" These webinars are designed to be easily understandable and applicable when it comes to the seismic retrofit of your home. Free for the public. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM PT/4:00pm-6:00pm AK.

Six Sessions Through 2022

This online series is offered by the California Office of Historic Preservation through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The webinars feature preservation partners from Page & Turnbull, Structural Focus, and Melvyn Green & Associates in collaboration with the California Preservation Foundation.

OHP staff, a team of architects, engineers, and architectural historians will guide you on upgrading and retrofitting your home without compromising its historic character. Case studies explain the process and identify programs and incentives useful for project planning, including the Earthquake Brace + Bolt Program and the California Historic Building Code. See the website for all dates and times. All programs are free for the public and recorded. <https://tinyurl.com/46fyyh4w>

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