

# THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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## Annual Picnic Held at Victor Holm Cabin

AAHP supporters gathered at the Victor Holm Cabin in Kasilof for the Annual Picnic, held September 10th. Attendees enjoyed a potluck barbecue and a tour of the grounds and cabin, which has been a regular feature on AAHP's 10 Most Endangered Historic Properties list. The Cabin is being preserved and maintained by the Katchemak Heritage Land Trust and Kasilof Regional Historical Association, recipients of an AAHP matching grant in 2004 for electrical and security improvements. Special thanks to Barbara Seaman, Executive Director of the Katchemak Heritage Land Trust, for her help organizing and hosting the event, and sharing her knowledge about the property.



Above and Right: AAHP supporters enjoy a beautiful day at the Victor Holm property. Photos courtesy of Sam Combs, AIA.

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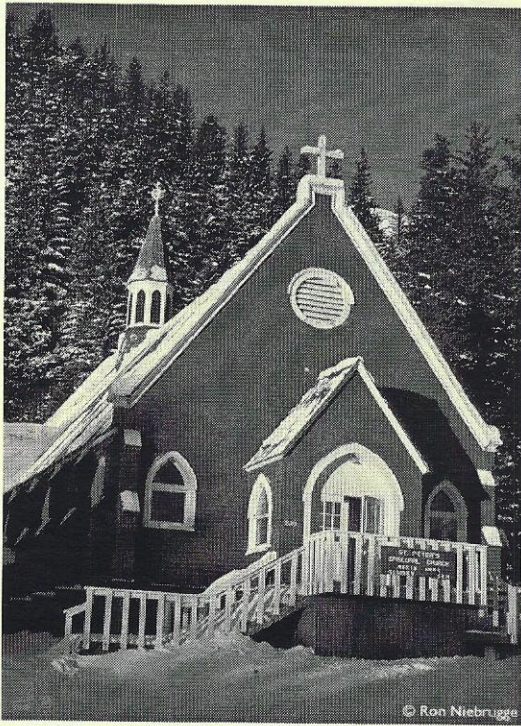
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St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Seward, Alaska

## 10 Most Endangered List Update on St. Peter's Episcopal Church

St. Peter's Episcopal Church has been included in AAHP's 10 Most Endangered Historic Properties List several times since originally making the list in 1997. AAHP recently received an update from the Reverend Robert Thomas Jr. on the status of the church.

St Peter's continues to be the house of worship for the Episcopal congregation in Seward. Additionally, the facilities are available to other organizations such as Narcotics Anonymous. The building is now 98 years old, and although the staff is trying to maintain the building there are still many areas which need major restoration. The electrical system was recently upgraded in the basement, thanks to the generosity of the electrical class at the Alaska Vocational Technical Center.

Last summer the exterior window frames were stripped and repainted, and in some cases rotted wood was replaced, the south stairs were replaced, and a large concrete landing for the south stairs was leveled.

The church has applied for a grant to replace the basement entrance enclosure, as it was originally built directly on the ground with no foundation and has suffered from settling resulting in detachment from the main building. The stairs have also rotted through. As much of the original material as can be salvaged will be used and what cannot be salvaged will be constructed with new materials chosen to match the buildings historic architecture. The church is also hoping to have the entire exterior repainted this summer.

The next big project at the church will be the replacement of the chimney. The current chimney is constructed of cinderblock, and has been severely damaged through the years from the salt air.

Rev'd Thomas notes that the church is trying to accomplish much without a lot of financial support, but they are making progress!

*Thank you to Rev'd Robert Thomas for this update on the Church.*

### New Staff joins AAHP

AAHP welcomed new administrative assistant Jamie Chatterton this fall. Jamie grew up in Washington State and attended Humboldt State University in Arcata, CA, where she studied Anthropology and Archaeology, with a minor in Geology. She moved to Alaska in August with plans to finish her Bachelors Degree and possibly pursue a teacher's certificate. Jamie also works at Rogers Park Elementary School as a teacher assistant in the Special Education and Resource room. We're thrilled to have her on board!

#### **Advertise in the AAHP Newsletter**

Show your support for AAHP, and showcase your business to preservation-minded Alaskans, by advertising in our newsletter!

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Corporate Members</u>
Business Card	\$25	\$15
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Prices are for one issue of the AAHP Newsletter. AAHP has the right to refuse advertisements that are deemed inappropriate for this venue.

## History Day Update

AAHP had the opportunity to support History Day in Alaska and the National History Day program this year, which sponsored 19 students from around Alaska to attend the National competition. Our donation helped pay for room and board at the University of Maryland as well as registration fees for the competition.

Alaska had a great showing at the National contest. Annie Zager of Goldenview Middle School in Anchorage placed second in the Junior Division for her paper titled "Bound by Society: Communication the Ideal Female Body." In addition Greg Coy from Chugiak High School received the Outstanding State Award in the Senior Division for his documentary titled "Tapping Across the Lines of Communication with Morse Code and the Far-writer;" and Annie Bender, Kara Welch, and Jamie Walker of Randy Smith Middle School in Fairbanks received the Outstanding State Award in the Junior Division for their documentary titled "The New Nonsense."

AAHP would like to congratulate these students on their accomplishments and wish them luck in the future!

## Board Elects New Officers

At the June Board meeting the AAHP Board elected new officers to fill existing vacancies. Mike Yarborough, who is new to the Board this summer, was elected to the position of Vice-President and Rogan Faith was elected as Secretary. We would like to welcome these two into their new positions. Fran Seager-Boss will continue to serve as President, and Maire Rhode will continue as our Treasurer. Thank you to all!

### Interested in Serving on the AAHP Board of Directors?

Have you considered serving on AAHP's Board of Directors, or know someone who might be interested? We are especially looking for individuals with experience helping non-profit organizations grow and thrive. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply.

Contact the AAHP office:

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*To join AAHP or renew now for 2006, complete the form below and mail it with your payment. Please consider increasing your membership level or making a special donation to the matching-grant account. Thank you for supporting AAHP!*

#### AAHP MEMBERSHIP 2006

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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I/we wish to make a tax-deductible gift to the AAHP Top Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties matching-grant account. (Donations to AAHP are tax deductible, as allowable under IRS regulations.)

Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## You're invited to AAHP's Annual Meeting!

Mark your Calendars for the AAHP Annual  
Meeting and Program!

Sunday, January 29th, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Z. J. Loussac Library

Public Conference Room

3600 Denali Street, Anchorage

The program will include a presentation on a  
preservation-related topic, and refreshments!  
Look for a flier in the mail with more details.

For questions or directions please contact the  
AAHP office at (907) 929-9870  
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## 10 Most Endangered Historic Properties List 2006 Application Enclosed

Every season we find that time, the elements, and new developments claims more of Alaska's built history. Many of these losses are an opportunity to tell the story of where we have been, and are priceless in terms of representing our cultural heritage. To increase public awareness of endangered historic properties, the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation annually identifies the State's ten most endangered historic properties during National Historic Preservation Week each May. Please join us in our 16th year of selecting and publicizing these endangered historic resources by nominating an endangered property in your community, or that you otherwise have a special interest in. The nominations are typically made by individuals and historic preservation organizations throughout the State. Nominations will be accepted with the beginning of the New Year, and must be submitted by no later than March 31, 2006.