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2024 Eleven Most Endangered Historic Properties Announced



Wolf Creek Boatworks was chosen as the #1 Most Endangered Historic Property for 2024 due to continuing pressure from Alaska Mental Trust Authority. Their plans call for demolishing the historic buildings and logging of over 1500 acres to benefit their organization. The site has been approved by the Alaska Historical Commission as an historic site. The nomination application is pending to be sent to the Keeper of the National Trust by SHPO. Watch for the article in the upcoming issue of Preservation Magazine <https://savingplaces.org/preservation->

List of historic properties appears on page 5.

Anchorage, Alaska (May 6, 2024) – Preservation Alaska announced their 2024 Eleven Most Endangered Historic Properties on Friday, May 3, to kick off Historic Preservation Month held during May. The annual list was announced on the organization’s Facebook page and will also be posted on their websites. This is the 33rd year that Preservation Alaska has announced the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties annual list.

This year, there are 11 properties on the list instead of the usual 10 properties. The organization’s review panel felt that the additional property was warranted. This is

only the second time that the list was increased to eleven endangered properties.

The Wolf Creek Boatworks, located on Prince of Wales Island in Southeastern Alaska, was ranked as the most endangered historic property this year. The facility was rated the most endangered historic property due to continuing pressure from the Alaska Mental Trust Authority to log off timber of over 1500 acres of land which includes the demolition of the historic buildings.

The Wolf Creek Boatworks was caught up in a congressionally

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Regret goes only one way. The preservation of historic buildings is a one-way street. There is no chance to renovate or to save a historic site once it’s gone. And we can never be certain what will be valued in the future. This reality brings to light the importance of locating and saving buildings of historic significance—because once a piece of history is destroyed, it is lost forever.

From “Six Practical Reasons to Save Old Buildings” by Julia Rocchi



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Eleven Most Endangered Historic Properties *Continued from page 1*

approved land allotment of USFS land. The nomination of the facility to the National Register for Historic Places was recently approved by the Alaska Historical Commission. The application is pending being forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

The Trust has been offered money and/or a land swap to save the facility to no avail. Another most endangered historic property on this year's list owned by the Alaska Mental Health Trust is the Hi Yu Stamp Mill located outside of Fairbanks. Preservation Alaska is hopeful that this historic site can be fully documented before it is gone forever.

There is a national 11 Most Endangered Historic Properties list. That was announced on May 1. Another Alaska property was listed this year. The **Sitka Indian Village** was included in this year's national list and it was included in this year's Preservation Alaska list. While most properties listed are individual buildings, the Sitka Indian Village includes several clan houses and other buildings. The historic Yates Memorial Hospital located in Ketchikan was featured on a previous list.

The 2024 list includes:

- #1 – Wolf Creek Boatworks, Prince of Wales Island
- #2 – Pilgrim Hot Springs, Nome
- #3 – Ascension Church of Our Lord Karluk
- #4 – Chitina Emporium Chitina
- #5 – Hi Yu Stamp Mill, Fairbanks
- #6 – Bishop Rowe Chapel, Arctic Village
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The video was posted on the group's Facebook page and can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/V7z-S3Bzm1s> The video and the presentation are also on the their

website at PreservationAlaska.org The full nomination with photos on each property is included.

This annual list is intended to bring public awareness to Alaska's threatened historic properties. Heightened awareness often leads to increased support for the conservation of endangered historic properties, which are assets important to tourism, economic development, and the cultural heritage of Alaska. Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (now rebranded as Preservation Alaska) has been identifying the Most Endangered Historic Properties since 1991.

The *Ten Most Endangered Grant Program* funds hands-on preservation work on endangered properties serving as seed money to leverage funding from other sources. One matching grant is awarded each year. The program calls attention to threatened properties that define our great state, the people that live here, and the heritage we share. The nominations for this program are submitted by individuals and organizations living throughout Alaska and vetted through the organization's review committee.

Preservation Alaska is working on an endowment fund to be able to award larger grants or more than one grant each year. Donations for the grant program are welcome. The 2024 Sponsors include: Nvision Architecture, Kuchar Construction, LLC, HZA Engineering Solutions, BBFM Engineers, Inc. and Northwind Architecture and Design.



Pilgrim Hot Springs located outside of Nome.

Heritage News

While the Office of History and Archaeology staff are working remotely, we recommend people contact staff by email. If you have a general inquiry, a project for review, or state cultural resources investigation permit application please use one of the following email addresses:

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- Review/compliance, Section 106, project review: oha.revcomp@alaska.gov
- State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits: oha.permits@alaska.gov
- Alaska Heritage Resource Survey access, renewals, or submissions: oha.ibs@alaska.gov

White House

President's FY25 Budget Proposal

The President's FY 2025 budget proposal calls for a decrease to the appropriation of funds for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF). It proposes \$151.4 million for the HPF in FY25 – down from \$188.666 million, which was enacted for FY24. The Semiquincentennial grant program is eliminated entirely and the Save America's Treasures grant program is cut by \$15.5 million. No Congressionally Directed Spending (which is subject to the determination of Congress) is in the President's budget. The proposal calls for additional funding in the amount of \$2.5 million to be available under HPF for the purpose of Tribal Heritage Grants. There is no decrease in SHPO or THPO funding from FY24.

A detailed look at the President's FY25 budget request for HPF totaling \$151.4 million is as follows:

\$62.15 million for State Historic Preservation Offices (equal to FY24)

\$24 million for the African American Civil Rights grant program (equal to FY24)

\$23 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (equal to FY24)

\$12.5 million for Paul Bruhn grants (equal to FY24)

\$11 million for HBCU preservation grants (equal to FY24)

\$10 million for Save America's Treasures (\$15.5m below FY24)

\$5 million for the History of Equal Rights Grants (equal to FY24)

\$2.5 million for Tribal Heritage Grants (newly categorized under HPF)

\$1.25 million for Underrepresented Communities Grants (equal to FY24)

Other funding sources of interest (outside the HPF)

is \$18.09 million for the Heritage Partnership Program, which supports National Heritage Areas. Additionally, the President's 2025 Budget request proposes an extension of the now lapsed program authorization for the HPF to be extended until September 30, 2026 (a year beyond the extension provided in the recently passed FY24 consolidated appropriations act). This short-term extension paves the way for work to continue on a longer term HPF reauthorization.

Read more in the National Park Service [Greenbook](#).

National Park Service news

NPS HPF Report Highlights Increase to SHPO Workloads

The uptick in SHPO workloads – a likely result of federal infrastructure investment is documented in the recently released [NPS Historic Preservation FY23 Annual Report](#) (which reports out the prior year's data). The long-running thesis that increases to infrastructure spending would logically result in increased workload for SHPOs has now been proven. The report highlights that SHPOs reviewed and consulted on 177,400 Federal undertakings – which is a 42.7% increase over the prior report of 106,300 undertakings.

Also of interest is the decrease from the prior report of national register opinions given and acres of cultural resources surveyed. It is possible that, nationwide, the increase in federal undertakings has a negative impact on the ability of SHPO offices to fulfill their various additional responsibilities, due to this uptick in federal reviews.

NPS has new website on Sustainability, Energy Efficiency, Resilience, and Historic Buildings

Current NPS guidance and information are collected and presented in a new webpage for easy access to explore these topics. <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/sustainability-energy-efficiency-resilience-historic-buildings.htm>

New guidance on resilience to natural hazards.

The new guidance is adapted from the "Resilience to Natural Hazards" section in the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the *Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings* (2017) and from the *Guidelines on Flood Adaption for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings* (2021).

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/resilience-to->

In This Corner...

Time is flying by! It is already mid-June 2024 and so much to get done before the end of the year.

My term on the board of directors ends December 31, 2024. I am not running for re-election nor am I coming back as an advisory board member. It's time to move on and let someone new come in and take over the reins of Preservation Alaska. I will always be available for consultation if needed but I'm choosing to move on to start a new chapter.

That means we are looking for someone interested in leading the organization as president until we can assemble an endowment fund to cover the investment in an executive director.

I have been serving as the executive director and the president since 2019. We chose not to hire a new administrator for several reasons. While that added to my duties, it actually was a great learning curve for all of us to learn how our organization works. That has allowed me to develop a manual that will help guide the board and new ED on how things are accomplished.

An administrative assistant just did not work for us. We needed someone who did more than answer the phone, pay bills and check the mail. The board approved my taking on the role of an executive director while serving as president as a volunteer.

We are searching for grants and donations to start an endowment fund to cover the investment of an executive director to start part-time with possibility of full-time. It is important to the board to be able to hire someone by next year.

I work from home with my business so I had the time to devote to Preservation Alaska while I put my business on the back burner. It is time for me to get back to my business. It is difficult to do both at the same time.

We are 43 years old. There are programs that we would like to get started but we also have programs that we want to make sure continue into the

future. We need an executive director to take Preservation Alaska to the next level.

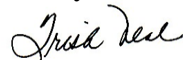
With that decision came the need to make changes for our organization. The board notified Friends of Nike Site Summit (FONSS) last July that we would like them to obtain their own nonprofit status. We have served as their nonprofit umbrella since 2012. A new executive director and/or president will have a learning curve coming in and the board felt that this person needed to be focused on our organization. FONSS learned that there was a benefit to their having their own nonprofit status because they were not able to accept a donation of a missile since it could only go to a nonprofit. We were not willing to take on that responsibility. We would be totally responsible for the missile and that meant FONSS would have to defer to us for the "care and feeding" of the missile.

We were instrumental in acquiring the missile that they now have from the Museum of Alaska Transportation. While that helps add to their interpretation of Nike Site Summit, there is more that they would like to do without our involvement.

Our focus is on historic preservation. With my leaving, it made sense to have FONSS obtain their own nonprofit so that they can make their own decisions and manage their own organization including donations or equipment.

The last 12 years of our association with FONSS has been good. I am excited that FONSS is moving forward to manage their own organization going forward. It means changes for their organization but it is a good change for everyone.

While I am sad to be leaving, I'm excited to start a new chapter. I love what I do and I will continue to be involved in historic preservation and history.



Trish Neal, 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/bdhydcx4>

• **Donate** to our Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Program <https://tinyurl.com/yhdjirj6>

• 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.





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Preservation isn't just about saving historic places. It's also a catalyst for community revitalization. Preservation is something we can only accomplish together.
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CALL FOR PRESERVATION ALASKA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

AAHP has been rebranded as “Preservation Alaska” but is still referred to as Alaska Association for Historic Preservation. It is a private, statewide, 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation dedicated to the preservation of Alaska’s prehistoric and historic resources through education, promotion, and advocacy. To achieve this mission of historic preservation in Alaska, AAHP maintains several internal and external committees, programs, and partnerships overseen by a Board of Directors and managed by Corporation staff. AAHP adheres to the principle that preservation of the built environment provides a vital link and visible reminder of the past, emphasizing the continuity and diversity of Alaska.

With the departure of our current president in December, it is even more vital to our organization to grow our board of directors. In particular, we are looking for someone with the background who could take on the leadership of the organization.

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

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

To help reflect the diversity of the state, the AAHP Board considers geographic representation, and cultural background when appointing advisors. In addition, the organization seeks balance among the professional groups encompassed by historic preservation, such as practitioners, administrators, and educators.

Members are welcome to nominate themselves to run for any of the positions. Members of the board of directors must be a member in good standing.

Please consult our website
<https://alaskapreservation.org> for the form.
Deadline is **October 11, 2024.**

Annual Historic Preservation Awards Call for Nominations

Preservation Alaska (dba Alaska Association for Historic Preservation) seeks nominations for its 15th Annual Historic Preservation Award honoring excellence in historic preservation throughout Alaska.



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

The *Robert Mitchell Historic Architect Award* was created in honor of the late Robert Mitchell who passed away in 2021. Mitchell was a long-time member of Preservation Alaska and involved in various historic preservation projects. He worked as an architect for almost six decades. This award is specific to architects working on historic preservation projects.

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

The honoree(s) will be announced at the organization’s annual meeting in November 2024. The 2023 honorees can be found on page 9. Instructions, eligibility criteria, and the forms to submit a nomination for the 2024 AAHP Historic Preservation Award can be found online at <https://alaskapreservation.org> or contact the organization via email for an electronic copy at

AKPreservation@gamail.com.
The deadline for all nominations is
October 11, 2024.

Maryland Department of Labor Approves Apprenticeship Program Sponsored by The Campaign for Historic Trades

BY DANA COHEN | NOV 4, 2023



Groundbreaking decision provides cohesive framework to enter careers in historic trades

BALTIMORE (November 14, 2023) – The Campaign for Historic Trades, a national workforce development program, powered by Preservation Maryland, that is focused on expanding and strengthening careers in the historic trades, today announced the Maryland Department of Labor approved its first-of-its-kind group apprenticeship program for state registration. The program sets standards – including on-the-job learning, related instruction, and core competencies – that provide a clear process for entering the workforce in roles like deconstruction technician, historic window technician, and preservation carpenter.

“We are thrilled to announce this major step forward in organizing and legitimizing career pathways into historic trades careers,” said Natalie Henshaw, Director of The Campaign for Historic Trades. “Registered Apprenticeship Programs are industry-vetted, approved, and validated by the Department of Labor, akin to how the Department of Education accredits degree plans. For decades, our industry has been working towards this moment. I’m thankful for all the people that have built preservation training and education programs that we were able to coalesce into an official process. The goal of this program is to ensure historic structures are restored respectfully by trained hands and to create a direct plan for those entering the historic trades workforce. Simply put, without trained hands, preservation is just good intentions.”

Registered Apprenticeship is a proven and industry-driven training model acknowledged by the U.S. government that provides a critical talent pipeline to help

address some of our nation’s pressing workforce challenges. Employers are able to develop and prepare their future workforce while apprentices obtain paid work experience, receive progressive wage increases, classroom instruction, and a nationally recognized credential.



President & CEO Nicholas Redding with Director of The Campaign for Historic Trades Natalie Henshaw

In addition to the new apprenticeship program, The Campaign for Historic Trades is launching an online learning platform to support necessary educational components of Registered Apprenticeships; the functionality of this system will allow training for apprentices as well as interested historic homeowners, aligned professionals (realtors, building inspectors, etc.), and students.

If you are an employer who wants to hire apprentices or an individual who wants to become an apprentice, visit www.historictrades.org or email info@historictrades.org

The Campaign for Historic Trades is a national program of Preservation Maryland, dedicated to expanding and strengthening careers in the historic trades. Guided by a staff with extensive experience in both trades and education, The Campaign is working to address the systemic barriers to historic preservation trades training and to grow the trades workforce. Learn more at historictrades.org

Preservation Maryland is a statewide non-profit harnessing the power of historic places by revitalizing and reinvesting in communities, advocating, and building the historic trades workforce for the benefit of all Marylanders. Learn more at presmd.org

Five Reasons Why Young People in New Hampshire Like Old Places

Whether you're making your way as a young person, or you're a seasoned preservationist looking for new energy and investment, here's some good news: **Old houses aren't just for old people!** Here are some thoughts from some of our colleagues involved in our Old House & Barn Expo about how and why younger people are buying and repairing old houses and engaging in community preservation activities.

It's about great, not just really old or fancy, places

New Hampshire is filled with beautiful farmhouses

that date from the mid-19th century sheep boom, later 19th century sturdy places built for people working in the mills, and cool mid-20th century camps and cabins built for tourists.

Thousands of post-World War II houses are now also attracting new appreciation for their distinctive style and use of materials, as well as their smaller size, affordability and clean lines.

David Deysher of Coldwell Banker Realty said that he sees more young families attracted to antique homes than he's seen in the 25 years he's been in business. "Like comfort food, older homes provide a comfort level, in many cases reminding them of their own youth and in many respects providing a sanctuary from the world we live in," he said.

It's healthy

Steve Bedard of Bedard Restoration and Preservation notes that young people are understanding that old house living is healthy for residents (less breakdown of synthetic materials) and the environment (smaller carbon footprint). With the boomerang generation to accommodate, old houses also provide lots of space and flexibility. Old buildings also can be divided up, offering "micro" home possibilities that are popular in cities like Portsmouth, Manchester and Concord as well as in rural areas.

It's the original "green"

The greenest building is the building that's already built. Homes were often built with climate in mind (think about southern orientation, porches and win-



New Hampshire is filled with wonderful older houses of many styles. Photo: Second Empire -style in Exeter.

dows placed to maximize cross ventilation), and old houses can and should be made energy efficient. Studies show that it takes 20-70 years to reclaim the embodied energy lost when an old building is demolished for something new.

Old houses are good investments with typically durable materials and strong marketability.

Older building can, and should, be energy efficient. Old windows can be preserved and heat retained by adding exterior or interior storm windows, installing weatherstripping, or fully repairing the sash and reglazing the panes, often work that a homeowner can do. New heat and cooling exchange systems can be introduced into older homes with minimal disruption, and appropriate insulation that doesn't permanently alter historic features can be added.

It's a good investment

With today's tight housing market with low supply, finding an old house through family or neighbor networks, or taking on a major fixer-upper, might be a way to buy your first house. Once in a home, regular maintenance helps prevent big expenses, and caring for (and using) long-lasting materials protects your investment as well as the building's character. On a community level, research by Stay Work Play, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, American Express and others reinforce that preservation investment stabilizes and improves values, and helps attract and retain residents, large and small businesses, and visitors

It's a good job to work on old buildings

Study reinforced what we know anecdotally, that people who work on buildings have high job satisfaction rates and good pay.

With many craftspeople retiring and lots of preservation work around the state, young people are looking at entering the old building trades. *Understanding and Advancing the Preservation Trades*, a recent report by UNH Cooperative Extension for the N.H. Preservation Alliance and three of its statewide peer organization, emphasized the gaps as well as very high job satisfaction and good pay.

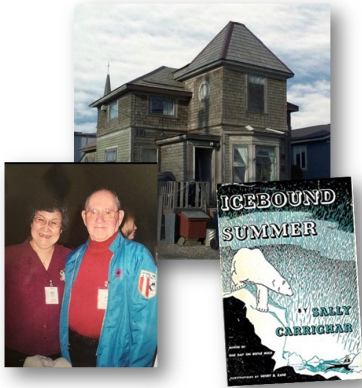


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Co-Founder of the Iditarod Howard Farley Passes Away

May 1, 1932 – January 20, 2024

Howard Lee Farley Sr., age 91, passed away peacefully on January 20, 2024, at his family home in Nome, Alaska with his children by his side. He was born on May 1, 1932, in Detroit, Michigan, to Leslie and Jessie Farley. Howard had one sister, Carol. As a child, he lived in Florida before eventually relocating to Seattle, Washington.



Howard served in the United States Coast Guard, which gave him the opportunity to travel overseas to Japan and Alaska in the early

1950s.

With his military benefits he was able to attend college and he attained his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington.

In pursuit of his dream of having a large family, Howard is blessed with ten children, along with additional bonus children who grew up in his permanent home in Nome, Alaska. He had been married to his loving wife, Julie, for 56 wonderful years.

Howard was a man of the land, embracing a subsistence lifestyle and teaching his family to live off the land and sea. They enjoyed fishing for salmon, halibut, cod, and king crab, as well as hunting for moose, reindeer, and gathering berries. Howard and Julie maintained a family fish camp on the beach, five miles from Nome, where their children could grow and thrive. Howard raised sled dogs, preserving the traditional ways of arctic transportation, and helped re-start the Nome Kennel Club that was founded in 1907.

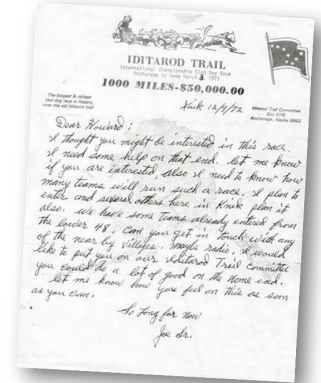
In addition to his devotion to his family, Howard had a successful career. He worked as a butcher, an entrepreneur developing his dog team tour business. He was a great showman for his business, selling what Alaska has to offer to thousands of people visiting from all over the world. He talked about raising his family and running the first Iditarod.

He was a fisherman and also established his own marine transportation company, Farley Marine. Howard's love for the sea was passed down to his children, as they enjoyed fishing together as a family, with all of his children working as deckhands on the fishing boats at one time or another both for subsistence and commercial purposes. Howard and three of his sons are Merchant Mariner Captains credentialed by the United States Coast Guard. Howard was a teacher to his children and loved every one of them, all of the memories they created together will be gratefully memorable.

As a man of faith, Howard found solace and worshiped at St. Joseph Church in Nome, Alaska. His devotion to his reli-

gion was an important aspect of his life.

Beyond his work and family, Howard had a passion for co-founding the Iditarod in 1973 with Father of the Iditarod Joe Redington Sr. Howard ran the first Iditarod and finished to a large crowd of Nomeites to welcome him home. Howard and Julie were proud supporters of the race and hosted racers and their families in their home. Howard and Julie were managing the end of the Iditarod Race in Nome for 20 years. Howard said, "Every person who finishes the Iditarod is a hero. This is when people find out they can do spectacular things."



Howard and Julie were both presented with the 2021 Historic Preservation Award. Awarded by Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Inc. In Recognition of Excellence in Historic Preservation in Alaska for LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT: HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVOCACY. He advocated preserving his historical home on Second Avenue, the Sally Carrighar House built in 1904, and the Iditarod the Last Great Race by having a meet and greet during the month of March every year at the Nome Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum.

There are so many stories that he would tell of his life, and he was a great man who honored his long life with a cheerful outlook. Here is to another good day Julie!

The full obituary can be found at the Nome Nugget Newspaper at: <https://tinyurl.com/yym9a39k>

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We are listed as:
Alaska Association for Historic Preservation.

<https://www.pickclickgive.org>

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Friends of Nike Site Summit

Doris Thomas, PR Chair

Tours and work sessions beckon FONSS volunteers

Site Summit has been submitted for consideration as a National Historic Landmark. According to our JBER liaison Margan Grover, this has been discussed for years and the National Park Service Cold



War thematic study (2022) provided the final motivation to begin that process. The FONSS team is excited at the prospect of inclusion, but at the same time, we

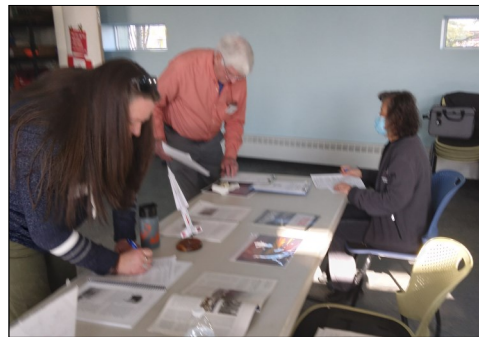
realize that two other sites are vying for the honor of representing this part of Cold War history.



Coming off the second snowiest winter on record, Friends of Nike Site Summit opted to "hedge our bets" by not scheduling Site Summit tours until July. However, as of this week, we still don't know if the trails and road will be passable for the first one, a July 14 hiking tour. We are crossing our fingers. That tour, and another hiking tour on Aug. 10 are booked full, but plenty of bus tour seats remain on Aug. 24 and Sept. 8. The other two bus tours on July 27 sold out early, thanks in part to our friends at OLE' (Opportunities for Lifelong Education) publicizing the tours to their members.

To register for tours, visit <http://>

reg.planetReg.com/FONSS-Bus-2024 and pick the tour you'd like to take. Questions can be addressed to our email, fonss2007@gmail.com or to our message phone, 907-717-0117.



FONSS volunteers filled out their annual volunteer data sheets/waivers at the May 15, 2024 open house at the Mountain View Library. (Doris Thomas photo)

In preparation for summer work projects, FONSS held an open house and Range briefing on May 15 at the Mountain View Library. Many of our volunteers attended and filled out their volunteer waivers for 2024. Evan Rowland, our work party chairman, has scheduled five work party days for the summer: June 29, July 13 and 27, Aug. 10, and Aug. 24.

Projects for this summer include brushing and mowing, plus painting as needed on the sentry stations, Launch Control Building and dog kennel. The most significant project is painting the trainer missile we acquired in 2022 from the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry. The missile is currently "OD green" and, except for the booster, will be painted white. FONSS is looking for a volunteer with automotive spray painting experience to apply the final coat. If you know someone willing to help with this, contact Evan at evanrowland60@gmail.com.

FONSS has two other big projects. By the end of the year, we will be our own 501(c)(3). The Foundation Group is assisting us with all the

paperwork involved. There should be little disruption as far as the public is concerned, but the current (and future) board members will have increased responsibilities.

Preservation Alaska (Alaska Association for Historic Preservation) has served as the umbrella nonprofit for FONSS since 2012 when the MOU was signed by all parties. That included administrative duties for FONSS from paying bills, money management, and applying for grants on behalf of FONSS. The group was instrumental in FONSS obtaining the missile from the Museum of Alaska Transportation in 2022. With the anticipated departure of current Preservation Alaska's president, Trish Neal, at the end of 2024, the board decided that now would be a good time to simplify their own organization.

In July 2023, FONSS was asked to obtain their own nonprofit



Allegra Hamer

status to be completed by 2025.

In anticipation of the new non-profit, FONSS has added two new board members. Allegra Hamer, former AAHP administrator and a longtime FONSS volunteer, has taken on the duties of treasurer. Dan Winter, a more recent volunteer, has agreed to be secretary. Dan and



Dan Winter

his wife, Sharon, have assisted with work parties and tours for the past four years. We welcome the donation of their time, talent and skills. Earlier in the year, Doug Ruhl, a volunteer since 2015 and on the board since 2019, stepped down, and Gordon



Gordy Heinen

"Gordy" Heinen took his place. Gordy

is spearheading the 501(c)(3) effort.

For those who may not have visited the Website in a while, be advised that Allegra Hamer, working with board member/work party chairman Evan Rowland, has posted a plethora of FONSS history photos, including various stabilization projects and the installation of the trainer missile.

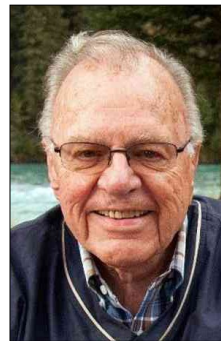
In September, FONSS is hosting, in cooperation with Alaska Nike Vets, a reunion for all who served at Nike sites in Alaska. So far, about 30 vets have signed up to attend. Registration forms will be out soon for the Sept. 16-19 event, which will be based at the Comfort Suites, 2919 W. International Rd., in Anchorage. The agenda includes visits to local attractions and a tour of Site Summit.

FONSS also lost a member of our advisory board last fall. Retired Anchorage banker and philanthropist Al Fleetwood had been among the founders of FONSS, serving on the board since FONSS first organized to save Site Summit in 2007. Al passed away in October at the age of 99. He was a World War II veteran and dedicated community volunteer. His seat on the board remains unfilled at this time.

New FONSS Phone Number
FONSS has acquired its own phone number: 907-717-0117. This is primarily a message phone, so callers must leave a message. We don't answer calls from unknown out-of-state numbers.



Doug Ruhl



Al Fleetwood

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Past Excellence in Historic Preservation Award Winners

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Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers
- 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
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EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY

•**July 31- August 4** - National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), NAPC FORUM 2024, West Palm Beach, FL., Save the Date. National conference focused on issues facing local historic preservation commissions. [NAPC FORUM](#)

•AUGUST

•**August 12-16** - The 24th Annual NATHPO Conference will take place at the Ho-Chunk Gaming Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. [Register here](#) and take advantage of early bird rates through April 30.

SEPTEMBER

•**September 3** - Alaska Historic Preservation Plan Meeting. Agenda under development. For more information contact Maria Lewis (maria.lewis@alaska.gov)

•**September 11-15** - Sharing Our Knowledge., Sitka, AK

•**September 25-28** - Museums Alaska Conference, theme Building Community, Fairbanks, AK. For more information email director@museumsalaska.org

OCTOBER

•**October 3** - Alaska Historic Commission meeting. Agenda under development. For more information contact dnr.oha@alaska.gov.

•**October 9-12** - Alaska Historical Society annual meeting, Cordova. SavingPlaces.org

•**October 11** — Preservation Alaska Board of Directors Nominations deadline.

•**October 11** — Preservation Alaska Historic Preservation Nominations deadline.

•**October 28-30** - *PastForward*, National Trust for Historic Preservation annual conference, New Orleans. Conference programming proposals and nominations for National Preservation Awards due January 12, 2024.

Please send your event information to AKPreservation@gmail.com by September 1, 2024

Willow celebrates Historical and Wildlife Museum dedication

By Katie Stavick Frontiersman June 1, 2024



Mat-Su Mayor Edna DeVries cuts the ribbon with the help of Jim Huston (in hat) and the Gocke grandchildren. Photo: Katie Stavick/Frontiersman

During the Memorial Day weekend, residents of Willow came together to celebrate the re-dedication of the Willow Historical and Wildlife Museum.

The original 40-foot-by-60-foot log building was the first community center for Willow, and is now, appropriately, located next to the current Willow Community Center, in the heart of the community. It is the only building in Willow on the National Register of Historic Places.

According to the original dedication ceremony in May 1962, Governor William Egan, in December 1960, approved \$8,000 to be used for wage payments to qualified Willow are residents, and one of the approved projects was the construction of the community building, designated to be used for a civic center, community clinic, and emergency school. The rest of the funds for the building came through various fundraising endeavors, as well as

people coming together to donate materials or money.

“This building and everything in it has been a ‘we’ project from 1959 on,” said Jim Huston, Vice President of the Willow Historical and Wildlife Foundation. “We owe a lot of credit to our parents and people of the community then, when not having much of their own, needed a place to come together. This was the biggest building in Willow for many years and done on a shoestring budget.”

“It’s appropriate that we’ve chosen Memorial Day to celebrate the lives and work of our Willow predecessors,” said Madeline Gocke, President of the Willow Historical and Wildlife Foundation, which oversees the museum.

“We have attempted to capture the moment in a variety of settings from times gone by. The early days of the Hatcher’s Pass Mining District and the construction of the Alaska railroads, the introduction of homesteaders, and the creation of civic organization, and of course our exceptional wildlife display are a few the highlights to be found in the museum.”

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Mayor Edna Devries was on hand, wielding a hefty pair of gold scissors, to cut the ribbon to officially open the museum. She acknowledged the importance of Memorial Day and the re-dedication of the museum taking place.

The Willow Historical and Wildlife Museum is open for visitors. Please visit www.waco-ak.org for more information.

Read the full story online at: <https://tinyurl.com/2x2x38s8>



Mat-Su Mayor Edna DeVries and Jim Huston talk about history. Katie Stavick/Frontiersman

Kodiak History Museum

The Kodiak History Museum Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Kristin O’Lear will be the organization’s new Executive Director. Kristin brings more than a decade of museum experience and strong relationship- and community-building experience. She will lead the KHM team in creating opportunities for the public to discover, share, and exchange knowledge through the museum’s collections and resources. Kristin will begin in her new role in April. Please join us in welcoming Kristin to KHM, and to learn more about Kristin, see attached press release.

<https://kodiakhistormuseum.org/about/staff/>

McCarthy-Kennicott Historical Museum at McCarthy

Dixie Clough, Executive Director Museums Alaska
<https://www.facebook.com/museumsalaska>

The first stop was the McCarthy-Kennicott Historical Museum, which was delightful! Nyla, the volunteer docent from Montana, was wonderful and informative. The museum is lucky to have her for the summer! And a highlight



for me was seeing the beautiful quilt "McCarthy Solstice" by Maria Shell that we helped purchase through AAF (picture included).

Inside the railroad car is a mini Bonanza Mine, one of the many mines in the area. It looks like they're also working on a mini train model, which sounds like it could be a fun addition.

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New Releases from the National Register of Historic Places

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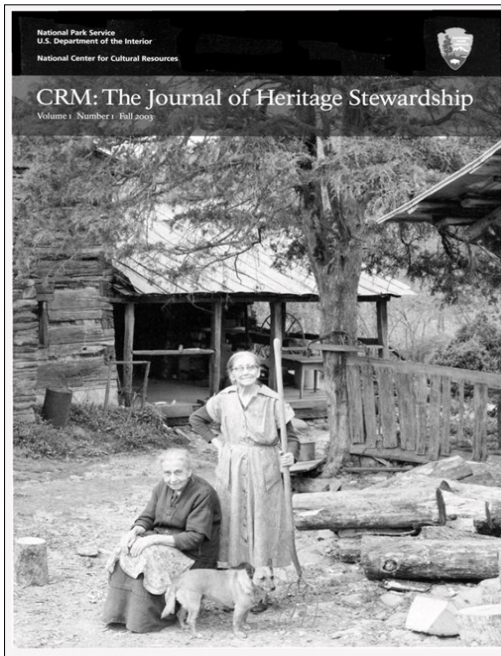
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