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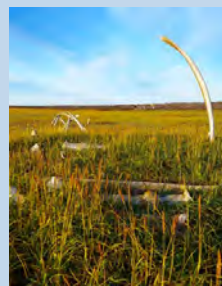
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The Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties for 2015

The 2015 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties were announced on August 6, 2015, at a reception in Anchorage by the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP). Property owners submitting nominations may apply for a Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties grant, which provides seed money for preservation activities for the property. This year's deadline for applications is October 15. Please check the AAHP website at <http://www.aahp-online.net/> for more details. The recipient will be announced at the AAHP Annual Meeting on November 2.

Here is this year's list, which includes an endangered archaeological site as well as buildings.

1. Ipiutak Archaeological District, Point Hope
2. Kake Cannery National Historic Landmark, Kake
3. Hi-yu Mine, Fairbanks
4. Dexter's Roadhouse, Golovin
5. The 4th Avenue Theatre, Anchorage
6. Igloo Hotel, Cantwell
7. Historic Old Bering Hill Chapel, Adak
8. Ole Dahl Cabin #1, Talkeetna
9. Buckner Building, Whittier
10. Alaska Railroad Montana Station Water Tower, Montana Creek



Ipiutak Archaeological District, Point Hope

The Ipiutak Archaeological District encompasses the Point Hope peninsula, which extends 15 miles into the Chukchi Sea. The district contains four site areas dating as far back as 400 A.D. The district is being rapidly eroded along the north coast by tidal currents.

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The Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Dinner and Fund Raiser Is September 26!!

You are invited to join us at the Historic Pioneer Schoolhouse in Anchorage from 6-9 p.m. for an evening of food, drink, and entertainment, including a silent auction to help raise money for the 2015 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties grant.

For reservations, go to the AAHP website at <http://www.aahp-online.net/> or call 907-929-9870.



About AAHP

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP) was founded in 1982 as a private, nonprofit corporation. AAHP is dedicated to the preservation of Alaska's prehistoric and historic heritage as manifested in its buildings and sites. AAHP aids in historic preservation projects across Alaska and monitors and supports legislation to promote historic preservation, serving as a liaison between local, statewide, and national historic preservation groups. Additionally, AAHP publishes a quarterly newsletter and holds educational workshops.

Celebrate Swedish Holidays at the Oscar Anderson House Museum December 5th & 6th and 12th & 13th, 2015

Special St. Lucia Day Celebration on December 13th

You are invited to join AAHP volunteers, members, and board members for a Swedish-themed holiday during the first two weekends of December.

The Oscar Anderson House Museum, located at 420 M Street (in Elderberry Park), will be decorated by longtime museum caretaker, Mary Flaherty, in the Swedish tradition. Visitors will be able to “step back in time” to Christmas in early Anchorage with special volunteer-led 40 minute holiday tours that will run continuously from noon – 4 pm each day.

Swedish-style treats of the season and traditional activities will also be shared with visitors. A special activity will take place on Sunday, December 13, which is St. Lucia Day. Each year, this festival of light is traditionally observed in Sweden and other countries, with a focus on hospitality, sharing, and caring for others. Young girls dress as St. Lucia in a white dress with red sash and a wreath of candles on her head. St. Lucia may be attended by Star Boy.



Tomtens and Dala horses peek out from among the other decorations to greet visitors during Swedish Holidays at the Oscar Anderson House Museum.

The Oscar Anderson House Museum plans to feature a young girl as St. Lucia and a young boy as Star Boy to help commemorate St. Lucia Day on December 13. Swedish folklore says that celebrating St. Lucia Day well will help people have enough light through the long, dark winter days. Our celebration of St. Lucia Day is recognized by the Municipality of Anchorage as a Centennial Event. Stay tuned for more details about this special event by checking the AAHP website at <http://www.aahp-online.net/>.

Admission for these events is \$10 for adults and teens, and \$5 for children ages 3-12. All proceeds from this fund-raising event will be used for House Museum operations. Events will go on in rain, snow, or sunshine.

Share the Fun!

September 26

**Historic Pioneer
Schoolhouse
Anchorage
6-9 pm**

For Reservations
Call 907-929-9870

Recruiting for AAHP Board Members

Are you energetic, positive-minded, and enthusiastic about historic preservation in Alaska? If so, please consider surrounding yourself with like-minded people at AAHP!

AAHP is currently looking for individuals throughout Alaska to serve on our Board of Directors. Meeting once a month via teleconference, the AAHP Board of Directors supports the preservation of prehistoric and historic resources in Alaska through its educational, promotional, and advocacy activities.

If you are interested in participating on the Board, please contact AAHP at 907-929-9870 or at akpreservation@gmail.com.

Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!



AAHP Annual Meeting Is November 2, 2015

The AAHP Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at the Pioneer Schoolhouse in Anchorage. We have a full agenda, which promises to keep things lively.

In keeping with past annual meetings, there will be a presentation on a preservation topic following the yearly business meeting. Also, AAHP will announce the recipients of two awards: the Historic Preservation Award (see related article, below), and the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant (see related article on Page 1 and Pages 4-5).

Come and share a couple of hours with amiable company dedicated to historic preservation efforts. Light refreshments will be available.

Historic Preservation Award Nominations Are Now Open

Nominations are now open for the Eighth Annual AAHP Historic Preservation Award. Given every year since 2007, this award recognizes a project, organization, agency, or individual exemplifying the highest standards among Alaska preservation efforts. Nominations are encouraged from both individuals and organizations. The deadline to submit nominations is October 15, 2015, and the winner will be announced at the AAHP Annual Meeting on November 2, 2015.

Last year, AAHP presented awards in two categories — Individual Stewardship and Lifetime Achievement. Jim Renkert was honored for excellence in historic preservation in Alaska by an individual for his exemplary leadership of the Friends of Nike Site Summit restoration of the Cold War Nike Hercules missile site since 2008. Thad Poulson was recognized for his lifetime achievement in historic preservation in Alaska, as for more than 30 years, he has been at the forefront of the restoration of many historic buildings in Sitka.

Nomination forms are available online at <http://www.aahp-online.net/excellence-in-historic-preservation-award.html>. For more information, please contact AAHP Administrator Allegra Hamer via e-mail at akpreservation@gmail.com or by calling 907-929-9870.

Join Us!

November 2015						
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November 2

The Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties for 2015

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Kake Cannery National Historic Landmark, Kake

One of the 134 salmon canneries built in Southeast Alaska between 1878 and 1949, the Salmon Cannery, begun in 1906 by Kake Trading & Packing Company, was Kake's first industrial development.



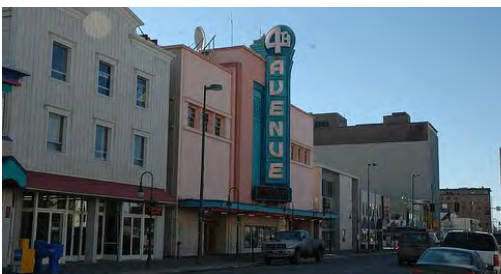
Hi-yu Mine, Fairbanks

The Hi-yu Mine was in operation in the Fairbanks Mining District from 1912-1930, and was the highest capacity mill operating in the district. The mining site is in danger from vandalism and neglect.



Dexter's Roadhouse, Golovin

Dexter's Roadhouse was established in the late 1890s as a rest station on the Iditarod Trail. The original section was constructed using California redwood. Deemed historically significant in the 1980s, it is suffering from climate factors and neglect.



4th Avenue Theatre, Anchorage

A prominent Art Deco style landmark located in the heart of downtown Anchorage, this theater was completed in 1947. It is significant for its association with Austin "Cap" Lathrop and as the best example of Art Deco style in Alaska. The theatre is endangered by potential demolition for high-rise development.



Igloo Hotel, Cantwell

Designed and built by Leon Smith, this is a rare example of Alaska roadside architecture. Construction began in the early 1970s. It was designed to have a 4-story atrium, 48 rooms, dining room, kitchen, gift shop, offices, and additional bedrooms. Set to be completed in 1992, it remains unfinished and is threatened by continued neglect.

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Historic Old Bering Hill Chapel, Adak

Built in 1944 by the Army Engineers, the chapel was moved to its present location by the Seabees and Navy Public Works Department civilians in 1953. When the new chapel was built, it was scheduled for demolition, but instead sat deteriorating until restoration efforts in the 1990s.



Ole Dahl Cabin #1, Talkeetna

Built in 1916, this cabin is the first of two buildings built by Norwegian immigrant, Ole Dahl. It is one of two original buildings still standing in Talkeetna. It was moved across the street from its original location in the 1970s.



Buckner Building, Whittier

The Buckner Building was constructed in 1952 as a "city under one roof" for use by the military. It is the only American Army building of its kind in the world and is in danger from vandalism and neglect.



Alaska Railroad Montana Station Water Tower, Montana Creek

This structure was the original Alaska Railroad water tower at Montana Station, used to service steam engines. It was moved to its current location in 1957/1958. It is the last standing Alaska Railroad water tower of this type.

Oscar Anderson House Museum 2015 in Review

In 2015, the Oscar Anderson House Museum was open daily except Mondays from May 26 to September 4. In 82 days of operation, more than 540 visitors stepped back in time to take a guided tour to glimpse what life was like in early Anchorage. Since 2012, AAHP has managed the operations of the House Museum for the Municipality of Anchorage. This summer saw the highest seasonal visitation we have recorded.

In honor of the Anchorage Centennial, and in agreement with the Municipality, this year AAHP offered a special reduced admission price to Anchorage residents. Almost half (248) of the 2015 visitors were Anchorage-ites, who joined us either for the first time or who came back after an absence of many years. In prior years, most of our visitors were out-of-town tourists rather than locals enjoying the historical treasure so close to home. We were gratified that so many Anchorage residents came to visit.

Please note that your AAHP membership entitles you to free admission to the Oscar Anderson House Museum during the summer season. The Museum is open for guided tours starting the day after Memorial Day and running through the Friday before Labor Day.



Handsome signs provided by the Municipality of Anchorage told potential visitors that the House Museum was open for tours.

Nike Site Summit Tours for 2015



A FONSS tour bus descends to the Lower Site at Nike Site Summit. The Upper Site and Lower Site are separated by 1,000 feet in elevation. Nike Site Summit is located on Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) in the Chugach Mountains near Arctic Valley.

First offered by Friends of Nike Site Summit (FONSS) in 2012, the Nike Site Summit public tours continued in 2015 with seven totally subscribed public tours (350 people). A special mid-summer dinner and evening tour was also fully subscribed; net proceeds from that benefit helped fund the stabilization work on the Launch Control Building this year.

Nike Site Summit was one of three Nike-Hercules installations protecting Anchorage during the Cold War. Site Summit was decommissioned in 1979 and is one of only three substantially intact Nike installations that remain in the U.S. In 2009, under agreement with Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), FONSS was provided the opportunity to stabilize six buildings and save them from demolition.

This tour season, Nike Site Summit veterans and other FONSS volunteers highlighted the stabilization completed on these six structures at Site Summit. 2015 work, funded primarily by the Rasmuson Foundation, the Atwood Foundation, and dozens of individuals and other private donors, focused on the last of these, the Launch Control Building. Other featured buildings on the tour were the previously completed Sentry Stations and Dog Kennels.

All these buildings are being stabilized to preserve Site Summit as a monument to Cold War veterans and to educate present and future generations about the Cold War. More information about Nike Site Summit is available on the FONSS website at <http://www.nikesitesummit.net/>.

Announcements

Annual Dinner and Fund Raiser for the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties

This special event on September 26, 2015, from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Historic Pioneer Schoolhouse in Anchorage, will feature a silent auction, door prizes, live music, great food (adult beverages will be available), and friendly company. All proceeds go to the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Program to fund a seed money grant for the grant recipient. For more information, please see <http://www.aahp-online.net/>, or call 907-929-9870.

Grant Applications for the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties

The deadline to submit an application for the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant for 2015 is October 15, 2015.

The grant recipient will be announced at the AAHP Annual Meeting, which will be held November 2, 2015.

Application forms and more details are available at the AAHP website at <http://www.aahp-online.net/>.

Nominations for the Historic Preservation Award

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The award winner will be announced at the AAHP Annual Meeting, which will be held November 2, 2015.

More details are available at the AAHP website at <http://www.aahp-online.net/>.

AAHP Annual Meeting

The AAHP Annual Meeting will be held on November 2, 2015, in Anchorage at the Pioneer Schoolhouse from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

The meeting will include AAHP's annual business meeting, a presentation, and announcements of the winners of the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant and the Historic Preservation Award.

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I/we wish to make a tax-deductible gift to

- AAHP Top Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties (matching-grant account)** Donation \$ _____
- Oscar Anderson House Museum (supports operations)** Donation \$ _____

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

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- Fund Raising Membership Education Legislation Public Relations Projects & Issues

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

2015

September

26 — Annual Dinner and Fund Raiser for the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties, Anchorage
Pioneer Schoolhouse, 6-9 pm

October

15 — Deadline for Historic Preservation Award Nomination
15 — Deadline for Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Grant Application
20-22 — Alaska Historic Preservation Conference, Anchorage

For details: <http://www.planetreg.com/Alaska.Historic.Preservation.Conference.2015>

November

2 — AAHP Annual Meeting, Pioneer Schoolhouse, Anchorage, 5:30—7:30 pm

December

5-6 and 12-13 — Swedish Holiday, Oscar Anderson House Museum, Anchorage
13 — St. Lucia Day at the Oscar Anderson House Museum, Anchorage

When you apply for your 2016 PFD, we hope you will consider donating a portion to the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation. Thank you.

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