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Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties for 2015 Announcement Set for August 6

The 2015 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties will be announced on Thursday, August 6, 2015, at 6:30 PM at the Oscar Anderson House in Anchorage. The announcement will be made by the Ten Most sponsor, the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP), at an informal reception with family-friendly light snacks and beverages.

For more information, please visit the AAHP website at www.aahp-online.net/

Now You See It, Now You Don't . . . The Motherlode Lodge



The Motherlode Lodge in winter before it was destroyed by fire

As April 17, 2015, dawned, the Motherlode Lodge stood as it had for so many years alongside the road to Hatcher Pass.

As April 18 dawned, ashes and charred wood rested in the Motherlode's place.

The total—and unexpected—loss of this favorite Alaskan historic resource serves as a reminder of how fragile historic sites are.

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SAVE THE DATE! September 26, 2015

Help save our historic resources!

The Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Dinner and Fund Raiser

will be held Saturday, September 26, 2015, in Anchorage
at the historic Pioneer Schoolhouse from 6 - 9 PM.

For more details, please see Page 5.

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.

Come Join the Fun!

Oscar Anderson House Tours

Public tours of the Oscar Anderson House Museum are alive and well this summer, and public participation has been rewarding.

Running from May 26th to September 4th this year, the 45-minute guided tours of the house—which has been designated as a Distinctive Destination by the National Trust for Historic Preservation—allow a peek into life in Anchorage a century ago.

In honor of Anchorage's Centennial year, admission fees for Anchorage residents of all ages this year have been reduced to \$3. For non-residents, admission is \$10 per adult or teen and \$3 per child 12 and under. AAHP members receive free admission. All fees are used to support this historical treasure.

Additional information about the Oscar Anderson House is available on our website: <http://www.aahp-online.net/oscar-anderson-house-museum.html>.



**The Oscar Anderson House Museum is open daily except Mondays.
Hours are Noon - 4:00 PM.**

The Motherlode Lodge

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The Motherlode Lodge was originally known as the Little Su Roadhouse. It had been constructed in 1942 to serve those searching for recreation and adventure in the mountains, including the area's military members

during World War II. In the 1980s, the roadhouse was expanded to accommodate the growing numbers of people seeking adventure in the Hatcher Pass area.

The lodge more recently had been closed and boarded over awaiting repairs, but it caught fire during that April evening and nothing could be done to save the structure. While it was allowed to burn to the ground, efforts were concentrated on keeping the fire from spreading to the surrounding areas.

Although the lodge was not in operation at the time, it was a known and favorite landmark for everyone who is familiar with Hatcher Pass. As far as can be determined, the lodge was never documented or evaluated for its historic significance. It is a great loss for the area.

Recruiting for AAHP Board Members

Are you energetic, positive-minded, and enthusiastic about historic preservation in Alaska? If so, 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 Board of Directors supports the preservation of Alaska's prehistoric and historic resources through its education, promotion, and advocacy activities.

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

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Then and Now



KEKU (KAKE) CANNERY

The Keku Cannery (also known as the Kake Cannery), located in Kake in Southeast Alaska, is a beautiful original Alaskan cannery. The Sanborn Cutting Company began operations and construction on the cannery in 1912 with the help of the residents of the village of Kake. The cannery operated for decades under a series of companies, expanding and declining with the fishing and canning industry throughout the Southeast.



The Keku Cannery in its earlier days.

Keku Cannery operated with the help of Tlingit fishermen until the 1930s, when there was an increase in foreign hiring practices. In 1949, when the Organized Village of Kake purchased the cannery and its operations, the cannery was able to continue to operate as a source of income for area residents until the final closure of the cannery in 1977.

The cannery was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1997. The history of the cannery traces the history of immigration and labor practices, not only in the northwest fishing industry but also on a larger national industrial scale. Over the course of its operations, the Keku

Cannery employed Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Mexican, and African American workers alongside local Tlingit hires.

The Keku Cannery has been in a state of deterioration since the cessation of operations in 1977. The Organized Village of Kake is actively involved in trying to save the cannery building, with the goal of rehabilitation of the building. This past winter, emergency stabilization efforts were undertaken, and after a series of events, funding was secured that will now allow for permanent stabilization of the cannery. This change of fortune for the cannery means that efforts can go to planning a new purpose for the beautiful historic building, a purpose that will benefit the local area of Kake as well as the surrounding Southeast Alaska region.



The Keku Cannery now shows signs of deterioration. Stabilization has been started.

The cannery has been on the AAHP Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties list eight times between 2004 and 2014. The work started last winter is especially gratifying because it demonstrates that a heightened awareness of the need for historic preservation can make it happen.

❖ Education News ❖

Alaska History Day Students Win National Acclaim

Several Alaskan students won national recognition at the 2015 National History Day national contest held in June at the University of Maryland. The Native American History Prize for the Junior Division group documentary was awarded to Clare Howard, Camille Griffith, and Leo McNicholas from Romig Middle School in Anchorage for their documentary on Elizabeth Peratrovich. In addition, two other Alaskan entries made it into the finals.



2015 Alaska History Day students with Alaska's Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C., June 2015

This year, 23 students from Alaska participated in the National Contest. Our congratulations to all of them! And our thanks to the teachers who directed their students' efforts.

As Alaska History Day prepares for the upcoming year, we see how far our program has come since inception, and we are looking to the future—looking at how to engage existing and new partners to provide a sustainable and stable foundation for future years. Our focus continues to be Alaska's students and teachers, who strive for excellence in intellectual inquiry and in developing the leadership skills that are critical for the future. If you would like to support this educational effort with a tax-deductible donation, please see the form on Page 5.

For more information about Alaska History Day and the History Day program, please visit the Alaska History Day website at <http://www.alaskahistoryday.com/>

iTREC! lass of 2014-2015



iTREC! Teachers from the Class of 2014-2015 and instructors in Nome, Alaska, April 2015

More than 65 teachers have received iTREC!'s (Iditarod Trail to Every Classroom) place based service learning training during the past five years. They have come from urban and rural communities from Seward to Nome.

iTREC has been spearheaded by the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance, an AAHP partner, and has received major funding from the US Bureau of Land Management.

2015 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Dinner and Fund Raiser

Share in an evening of Awesome food! Amazing people! And all for a worthy cause—at the Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties Annual Dinner and Fund Raiser for 2015.

The event will feature

- ◇ a silent auction,
- ◇ door prizes,
- ◇ a short (and enjoyable!) presentation, and
- ◇ food, food, and more food!
 - ◆ Appetizers, beverages*, main course, and dessert are included.

Reservations are required by September 15, 2015.

Proceeds will be used to fund a seed grant for historic preservation activities for one (or more) of the Ten Most Endangered properties.

For more information, please visit the AAHP website at www.aahp-online.net.

*Adult beverages will be available.

Save the Date!

September 26, 2015
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Join us
To Celebrate and Support the
2015 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties

At the
Annual Dinner and Fund Raiser

Pioneer Schoolhouse
Anchorage, Alaska

AAHP MEMBERSHIP and/or SPECIAL DONATIONS

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ e-mail _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Membership term is 12 consecutive months.

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- **AAHP Top Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties (matching-grant account)** Donation \$ _____
- **Alaska History Day (supports student contest participation)** Donation \$ _____

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Total Enclosed \$ _____

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

- Fund Raising Membership Education Legislation Public Relations Projects & Issues

Preservation Notes

Preservation News from Around the State.

To submit Preservation News items, email us at akpreservation@gmail.com

Calendar of Upcoming Events

2015

August

6 — Announcement of 2015 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties, Anchorage

September

4 — Last day of summer tours for the public at Oscar Anderson House Museum, Anchorage

26 — Annual Dinner and Fund Raiser for Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties, Anchorage

October

20-22 — Alaska Historic Preservation Conference, Anchorage

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

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