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### **Federal funding for historic preservation programs**

Congressional authorization for the Historic Preservation Fund expires on September 30, 2015. The HPF, created by Congress in 1976, provides essential funding to state and tribal historic preservation offices. SHPOs, THPOs, and Certified Local Governments carry out the federal historic preservation programs. As authorized, the HPF gets its funding from outer continental shelf leases not taxpayer dollars. The National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers and its preservation partners are asking for permanent reauthorization of the HPF and full funding at \$150 million a year (current appropriations have been less than half that amount, \$56.4 million for FY 15). It is important to let Alaska's congressional delegation know of the importance of the program and the need for adequate funding to preserve and protect historic properties.

President Obama's budget proposal for FY 16 (October 1, 2015-September 30, 2016) has \$89.1 million for the Historic Preservation Fund, a significant increase over the FY 15 appropriation of \$56.4 million. The budget proposes \$46.9 million for state programs (same as FY 15), \$10 million for tribal programs (\$1 million increase), \$500,000 for the underrepresented grant program (same as FY 15), and two new programs: \$30.5 million for a grant program related to the Civil Rights movement, and \$2.5 million for Historically Black Colleges & Universities to preserve Civil Rights movement resources. The proposal reduces funding for National Heritage Areas, funded under the Recreation and Preservation Account, by fifty percent to \$10.0 million.

The House Armed Services Committee passed the National Defense Authorization Act with an amendment that allows heads of federal agencies to block or revoke National Register nominations for reasons of national security and calls for the National Park Service to create an expedited de-listing process. The act is expected to be voted on by House members prior to Memorial Day. The Senate dropped the amendment from the bill it passed last year, but there has been a change in Senate leadership and they might be more willing to accept the provision.

### Alaska Historical Commission

The Alaska Historical Commission met April 30, 2015, in Anchorage. The meeting included a discussion with members of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, Yukon Geographic Names Board, and Alaskans interested in place names. Commission members also discussed starting statewide audio conferences to coordinate events and projects to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alaska purchase. For information about the commission contact Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / [jo.antonson@alaska.gov](mailto:jo.antonson@alaska.gov)

### National Preservation Institute classes in May

The National Preservation Institute has two classes scheduled to be held in Anchorage in May. *The Recent Past: Identification and Evaluation of Mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century Resources* is May 12-13, and *Preservation Planning and Policy Development for Historic Roads* is May 14. To register for the classes go to [www.npi.org/register.html](http://www.npi.org/register.html). For more information contact Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org).

### National Historic Preservation Act turns 50

Historic preservationists have started Preservation50: Our Legacy, Our Future, a nationwide group to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of passage of the National Historic Preservation Act in 2016. The mission is to honor and raise awareness of the public value of historic preservation and to unify, diversify, and grow the preservation community to continue it for the next fifty years. Partners and collaborators include private sector leaders in preservation, public agencies, and national, tribal, state, and local preservation organizations. To join the planning discussion, take a national survey, find and publicize events, and download the six Preservation50 logos and get other tools, go to [www.preservation50.org](http://www.preservation50.org).

The Society for American Archaeology, the Society for Historic Archaeology, the Archaeology Channel, and the organization of registered professional archaeologists have undertaken a project to produce an interactive map supplemented by short videos as a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration project. Burr Neely, Northern Land Use Research, is the Alaska coordinator for the Making Archaeology Public (MAP) project and is working with the Alaska Anthropological Association's Public Education Group, Jenny Blanchard, Chair. To suggest sites to include, volunteer to provide content, or to get more information contact 907.474.9684 / [bjn@northernlanduse.com](mailto:bjn@northernlanduse.com).

### Heritage Preservation's programs moving to the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works

Heritage Preservation is transferring a number of its programs to the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (FAIC) on June 30, 2015. Heritage Preservation's valuable emergency planning preparedness and response programs—Alliance for Response (AFR), State Heritage Emergency Partnership (SHEP), and Risk Evaluation and Planning Program (REPP)—will continue. The FAIC also will promote the annual MayDay campaign. Information about the disposition of other programs, including Heritage Health Information 2014, Alliance for Response, the Conservation Assessment Program, Connecting to Collections (C2C), and awards is available at [www.heritagepreservation.org](http://www.heritagepreservation.org)

### New resources

The Federal Highway Administration has a new website *Spans from the postwar to modern era – common concrete and steel bridge types*. Prepared as mitigation for a national programmatic agreement it is available at [http://environment.fhwa.dot.gov/histpres/post-1945\\_engineering/index.asp](http://environment.fhwa.dot.gov/histpres/post-1945_engineering/index.asp).

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has put a report, *In a Spirit of Stewardship: A Report on Federal Historic Property Management*, on their website, [www.achp.gov/docs/2015Section3Report.pdf](http://www.achp.gov/docs/2015Section3Report.pdf) . If you would like a paper copy, contact Caroline D. Hall, 202.517.0208 / [chall@achp.gov](mailto:chall@achp.gov).

### Oscar Anderson House in Anchorage open this summer

Starting May 26, 2015, the Oscar Anderson House Museum, at the west end of downtown Anchorage, will be open for guided tours daily except Monday. The hours are 12:00-4:00 p.m. This year, 2015, is Anchorage's centennial, and visiting the house—one of few properties from the city's earliest years—should be on your list of activities this summer if you are visiting Anchorage or if you are entertaining friends and family.

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**PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:**

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities / Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Project (Quartz Creek Road to Skilak Lake Road in the Cooper Landing area), draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

Project information and online open house: [www.sterlinghighway.net](http://www.sterlinghighway.net)

Comment deadline: May 26, 2015

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities / West Susitna Surface Access Reconnaissance Study

Project information: <http://dot.alaska.gov/roadstoreources/westsusitna/index.shtml>

Bureau of Land Management Bering Sea – Western Interior Resource Management Plan

Project information: [www.blm.gov/ak/planning/bswi](http://www.blm.gov/ak/planning/bswi)

Comment deadline: May 31, 2015 to BSWI\_RMP\_Comment@blm.gov

Contact: 907.267.1246 / 800.478.1263

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Alaska Energy Authority, Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project

Project information: [www.susitna-watanahydro.org/](http://www.susitna-watanahydro.org/)

U.S. Forest Service / Chugach National Forest Plan

Plan revision: [fs.usda.gov/chugach/](http://fs.usda.gov/chugach/) Land and Resource Management

Comments: [chugachplanrevision@fs.fed.us](mailto:chugachplanrevision@fs.fed.us)

U.S. Forest Service / Tongass National Forest Sustainable Cabin Management Project

Environmental Assessment: <http://go.usa.gov/WQEk>

Contact: Victoria Houser, 907.826.1614 / [vhouser@fs.fed.us](mailto:vhouser@fs.fed.us)

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## PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

May 1 Alaska Historical Society: Trade Routes and Crossroads in the North Pacific paper and panel proposals due (Chris Allan, [sprucetip105@gmail.com](mailto:sprucetip105@gmail.com))

May 12-13 National Preservation Institute: The Recent Past: Identification and Evaluation of Mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century Resources, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org))

May 14 National Preservation Institute: Preservation Planning and Policy Development for Historic Roads, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org))

May 25-29 National Park Service, Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21<sup>s</sup> Century, Lyons/Rice County, KS (Steven L. DeVore, 402.437.5392 / <http://www.nps.gov/mwac>)

May 31 National Park Service, Leicester B. Holland Prize Single-Sheet Measured Drawing Competition entry form deadline ([www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm))

June 18-20 Cook Inlet Historical Society: Imagining Anchorage—Symposium of the Centennial of Anchorage ([www.cookinlethistory.org](http://www.cookinlethistory.org))

June 27-July 1 The Partnership for the National Trails System: Find Your Trail: Planning and Making Pathways into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century conference, Franklin, TN (608.249.7870 / [www.pnts.org/new/2015conference](http://www.pnts.org/new/2015conference))

June 30 National Park Service, Charles E. Peterson Prize Measured Drawings Student Competition submission deadline (Mark Schara, 202.354.2166 / [mark\\_schara@nps.gov](mailto:mark_schara@nps.gov))

June 30 National Park Service, Leicester B. Holland Prize Single-Sheet Measured Drawing Competition entry deadline ([www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm))

July 31 National Park Service, Historic American Landscapes Survey Challenge: Documenting Modernist Landscapes documentation deadline (Chris Stevens, 202.354.2146 / [Chris\\_Stevens@nps.gov](mailto:Chris_Stevens@nps.gov))

September 10-12 Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, & Museums, 2015 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums, Washington, DC (ATALM, [www.atalm.org](http://www.atalm.org))

September 16-20 American Association for State and Local History, annual meeting: The Power of Possibility, Louisville, KY (Bob Beatty, 635.320.3203 / [beatty@aaalh.org](mailto:beatty@aaalh.org))

September 30-October 3 Alaska Historical Society / Museums Alaska annual meetings: Trade Routes and Crossroads in the North Pacific, Cordova ([www.alaskahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.alaskahistoricalsociety.org))

October 20-22 Office of History and Archaeology: Historic Preservation Conference and Certified Local Government training, Anchorage (Summer Rickman, 907.269.8717 / [summer.rickman@alaska.gov](mailto:summer.rickman@alaska.gov))

October 28-November 1 Wooshteen Kanaxtulaneeǵí Haa At Wuskóowu / Sharing Our Knowledge: Haa saaxú, haa latseení / Our Names, Our Strength; A Conference of Tlingit Tribes and Clans, Juneau ([clanconference@gmail.com](mailto:clanconference@gmail.com) / [clanconference.org](http://clanconference.org))

November 2-5 Urban Archaeology of Vienna: 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies, Vienna, Austria (Wolfgang Borner, 43.01.4000.81176 / [wolfgang.boerner@stadarchaeologie.at](mailto:wolfgang.boerner@stadarchaeologie.at) )

November 3-6 National Trust for Historic Preservation: PastForward 2015, Washington, DC (NTHP, 202-588.6100 / [conference@savingplaces.org](mailto:conference@savingplaces.org))

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March 16 National Council on Public History annual meeting: On the Edge of 2016: Commemorating the Past and Shaping the Future of Federal Preservation Activities, Baltimore, MD (Barbara Little, [barbara\\_little@nps.gov](mailto:barbara_little@nps.gov) or <http://ncph.org/cms/conferences/working-groups/>)

June National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum, Mobile, AL (NAPC, 706.369.5881 / [napc@uga.edu](mailto:napc@uga.edu))