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ASM SERVICES CHAT 10: GRANT IN AID

Twelve people from museums across Alaska joined Curator of Museum Services Scott Carrlee for an overview of the Alaska State Museum's Grant in Aid program and to discuss specific possible projects. A recording and transcript of this session and prior ASM Services Chats can be found at <http://www.museums.state.ak.us/ASMChat.html>.

ALASKA STATE MUSEUMS BULLETIN 40 NOW AVAILABLE

The latest issue of the *Alaska State Museums Bulletin* has been posted to <http://museumbulletin.wordpress.com/>. Issue 40 contains several items of interest to folks outside the museum community including:

- How to safely remove color photographs glued into old albums
- IMLS Budget Allocations
- Review of ANLAMS with photos
- Book review of the Heritage Foundation's *Caring for Your Family's Treasures*

Back issues of the *Bulletin* are available at <http://www.museums.state.ak.us/Bulletin/bulletin.html>.

WHEN CRAB WAS KING: KODIAK EXHIBIT

Two Kodiak museums have banded together to create *When Crab was King: Faces of the Kodiak King Crab Fishery, 1950 - 1982*.

Produced by the Kodiak Maritime Museum, the exhibit features twenty-four large format photographic portraits of fishermen, processing workers, coast guardsmen, bartenders, and ordinary people who

experienced the King Crab boom in Kodiak. The images in the portrait exhibit were created by Alf Pryor, a talented Kodiak photographer.

We got permission to share this portrait of Peggy Smith:



A specially designed audio cell phone tour features 24 of the more than 50 three-minute King Crab oral history radio shows produced by Kodiak Maritime Museum and local radio producer Maggie Wall since 2008. Visitors will be able to dial a number, enter a number code correlating to a specific portrait, and hear the photo subject talking about their experiences during Kodiak's King Crab heyday. The audio tour will be available, free, to any cell phone user through September. The audio tour is hosted by Guide By Cell, a company specializing in museum audio tours.

The exhibit will run at the Baranov Museum from May 7- June 1, including during the Kodiak King Crab Festival, May 27-30.

Funding for the exhibition and audio tour comes from the Alaska Humanities Forum, Alaska Leader Fisheries Foundation, Alaska State Museums, American Seafoods, Kodiak Historical Society, Kodiak Lions Club, and the Spouses Association of Kodiak.

Thanks to Katie Oliver for this item.

KENAI PENINSULA HISTORICAL PHOTO REPOSITORY

Alan Boraas and Marge Mullens recently released a database of photos from the Kenai Peninsula hosted by the Kenai Peninsula College. The Kenai Peninsula Historical Photo Repository is available at <http://www.kpc.alaska.edu/hp/default.aspx>.

According to the website, “The purpose of the Central Kenai Peninsula Photo Collection is make available to the general public, educators, and researchers images which document the emergence of the communities of Soldotna, Kenai, Nikiski, Sterling, Ninilchik, Kasilof, and Clam Gulch, Alaska during the mid to late 20th century.”

One can either browse all the photos in the repository or search for photos based on keywords. Each photo record has the following fields: Individuals, Collection, Location, Date, Photographer, Image Type, Dimensions, Condition, Identified By, Catalogue Date and Archive Location. Photos may be enlarged. At the present time the college is not able to reproduce prints from the image scans.

Hat tip to Arlene Schmuland for this item.

NATIONAL JUKEBOOK FROM LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

There’s a new resource for old music, the National Jukebox at <http://www.loc.gov/jukebox/>. Here’s a description from the web site:

The Library of Congress presents the National Jukebox, which makes historical sound recordings available to the public free of charge. The Jukebox includes recordings from the extraordinary collections of the Library of Congress Packard Campus for Audio Visual Conservation and other contributing libraries and archives. Recordings in the Jukebox were issued on record labels now owned by Sony Music Entertainment, which has granted the Library of Congress a gratis license to stream acoustical recordings.

At launch, the Jukebox includes more than 10,000 recordings made by the Victor Talking Machine Company between 1901 and 1925. Jukebox content will be increased regularly, with additional Victor recordings and acoustically recorded titles made by other Sony-owned U.S. labels, including Columbia, Okeh, and others.

A MESSAGE FROM IMLS DIRECTOR SUSAN HILDRETH

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Recently, terrible storms hit the southeast region of the country bringing tragic and heartbreaking loss of life. The storms also left many buildings, homes and even libraries destroyed and in need of major repair. As people rebuild their lives in the wake of the storms and devastation, libraries are there providing support with Internet access that allows continued connectivity to important online services including insurance, banking and communicating with loved ones across the country to let them know they are safe.

There are many examples from natural disasters and specifically Hurricane Katrina that support the need to consider libraries as an essential community service.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently established new regulations in Section 403 of the Stafford Act qualifying libraries, along with police, fire protection/emergency services, medical care, education and utilities, as essential community services. The change helps libraries in need to relocate so they can keep serving the public in the wake of a disaster, flood or other emergency.

This month we spoke with Lecia Eubanks of the Cherokee Regional Library System in Georgia, who shared the story of how the Dade County Public Library experienced structural and water damage from the recent series of tornadoes. She described how the storms took off the roof of the building where the library was temporarily housed and how water flows severely damaged some of their collections and furnishings. Most of the adult collections were spared, however their children's and genealogy collections were damaged.

“With computers donated from the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System we are providing much needed but very limited internet access at the Dade County Chamber of Commerce,” said Eubanks. However, Ms. Eubanks notes that there is demand for books, homework assistance and many other children's services. She has been in touch with FEMA and GEMA (the Georgia Emergency Management Agency) and notes, “I'm happy to report that the library has qualified as an essential community service and I feel confident that FEMA will provide financial resources to support a temporary location for the library once we identify a space.”

Ms. Eubanks talked about how intense it was to be “at the table” with police, fire and emergency services. While the issues of health and safety are of utmost concern, to truly bring about the community's recovery it was important to assert the role of libraries. “I've always supported libraries as an essential community service, but this situation has indeed brought that to the forefront,” said Eubanks.

In communities throughout the nation, the local library plays an essential role in providing services that are necessary in everyday life. Libraries serve as trusted community resources helping people find work, get an education, start new businesses, use technology, and obtain health information and government services. There is a very short list of services that are identified as essential, but I am glad that libraries are now acknowledged as one of those essential community services.

NEW BLOG: COAST GUARD ALASKA

The US Coast Guard plays a major role in Alaska. To help publicize the work of the Coast Guard in Alaska, the 17th Coast Guard District has established a new blog at <http://alaska.coastguard.dodlive.mil>. Some recent entries have included:

- From the deck plate of the Bertholf: Alaska Patrol
- Coast Guard names Juneau-resident 2010 Enlisted Person of the Year
- Establishment of ESU [Electronics System Support] Juneau command
- Nine Kodiak Coast Guardsmen earn master's degrees from NGS

Coast Guard Alaska also features links to the weekly audio of Deck Watch, a five minute show featuring Coast Guard news from around Alaska.

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