

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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NEW FEATURES ON OWL WEBSITE

Some additions have been made to the OWL website. The map on the front page is now an interactive Google map that shows the location of each of our libraries. Also we have added the videoconferencing calendar to the page. It is a link in the upper left hand corner titled "OWL Calendar" This calendar allows everybody to see what video conferences are happening and what time they are scheduled. This calendar will be an asset when looking to schedule other events. We have also added the Gates Foundation Library video to our website. It is under the link at the bottom of the page. Finally the photo albums have been updated and now contain some of the more recent pictures.

Visit the OWL project at <http://library.alaska.gov/dev/owl.html>.

STATE MUSEUM CURATOR OF EXHIBITIONS IS RETIRING

Since he started working at the Alaska State Museum in 1981, Curator of Exhibitions Paul Gardinier has installed more than 400 different exhibits, from history to art to children's exhibits, from the museum's gallery spaces to smaller cultural institutions across Alaska to immense cruise ship lobbies. Now, after 31 years, he is retiring.

First as exhibits specialist, then as curator, Gardinier, who turns 56 this July, has managed much of the design and technical work involved in presenting exhibits at the Alaska State Museum in Juneau. His last day as curator of exhibitions is June 29.

For the past two years, he's overseen its temporary exhibition schedule as well as maintaining and upgrading permanent installations of the museum's collection. Gardinier also has served as consultant to other museums throughout the state, giving numerous workshops on exhibition techniques and design.

A well-known member of the Juneau arts community, Gardinier is an accomplished artist. A painter and sculptor—he also plays bass clarinet with the Juneau Wind Ensemble—Gardinier plans to devote his retirement to creative pursuits, family and travel.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

STRONG ALASKA DELEGATION ATTENDS THE ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES, AND MUSEUMS CONFERENCE

Two dozen Alaskans were among the 500 attendees at the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums Conference in Tulsa, OK in early June. The conference, an annual event, sponsored by the Oklahoma State Library and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, was the inspiration for last year's Alaska Native Libraries, Archives, and Museums Summit (ANLAMS). A rich program gave attendees many choices of sessions, preconferences, and special events. Preconferences included a basic oral history workshop as well as various museum and archives offerings. Conference sessions ranged from an overview of the Alaska Native Language Archives to sessions on broadband issues in Indian Country. Eleven Alaskans presented or offered poster sessions.

Sven Haakanson, Jr., director of the Alutiiq Museum and Repository in Kodiak, delivered the end keynote session and was named as an honored National Leader and Keeper of Culture, Memories, and Lifeways at the awards luncheon.

Alaskans from Kasaan, Pedro Bay, Nome, Kotzebue, and Iguigig attended the conference under the sponsorship of ANLAMS. The scholarships were offered under a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Next year's conference will be held in June near Albuquerque, New Mexico. For more information, see the ATALM website at <http://www.atalm.org>.



Front Row (l-r): Sven Haakanson (Kodiak); Dorothy Smith (Kasaan)*; Linda Wynne (Juneau); LaRue Barnes (Cordova); Betsy Hostetter (Igiuig)*; Bob Curtis Johnson (Anchorage-Vendor)

Middle Row: Patty Brown (Haines), Alyssa Peterson (Kake/Juneau); SS; Vernajean Bradley (Pedro Bay)*; Carolyn Ahkvaluk (Nome)*; Hawaiian guest; Alex Kagak (Barrow)

Back Row: David Ongley (Barrow); Valarie Kingsland (Seward); Jessica Ieremia (Petersburg); Ann Myren (Haines); Hawaiian guest: Stacey Baldrige (Fairbanks); Lisa Dirks (Anchorage); Amy Steffian (Kodiak); Jim Pepper Henry (Anchorage); Hans Schaeffer (Kotzebue)*

Not pictured but at the conference: Merrie Mendenhall (Bethel); Carrie Valentine (Klukwan); Zach Jones (Juneau)

UAF JOINS ENDANGERED LANGUAGES PROJECT

The University of Alaska Fairbanks has joined Google in launching the Endangered Languages Project, a collaborative website that will allow people worldwide to find and share the most up-to-date and comprehensive information about endangered languages.

UAF's Alaska Native Language Archive will contribute materials for the project, which is backed by a new coalition of organizations, the Alliance for Linguistic Diversity.

The project provides a collaborative online platform that will allow Alaska Native communities to both access language documentation and enrich, annotate and even add to that documentation.

The site will function like a moderated social platform, similar to a wiki. The public will have access to language data, audio, text and video samples, and bibliographic resources. Native language speakers will be able to use the site to share their languages, upload samples and comments, and communicate with each other. Community members and scholars can use the site to share best practices, which in turn stands to improve their efforts to preserve endangered languages. Members of the public will have unprecedented access to the languages and the ability to explore and engage with them in a single site.

See <http://www.endangeredlanguages.com>. (Reprinted from Information Exchange 6/22/2012.)

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POWER SEARCHER COURSE FROM GOOGLE

If there is one thing that people do regardless of whether they work in a library, archives or museum it is to search on Google.

Google is offering a course Power Searching with Google. There are six 50 minute lessons, that will be released starting July 10th, and there's a two week window to finish on your own schedule. See more at <http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2012/06/become-google-power-searcher.html>. Registration is required if you want to take this free class.

For those filtered out of blogs, you can register for the course at <http://www.google.com/insidesearch/landing/powersearching.html>.

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