

ASM / Museums Alaska Chat #57

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Della Hall:	Hello Jan!
Jan:	Hi Della & Amy!
Della Hall:	Welcome, Amanda!
Amanda:	Hi!
Della Hall:	How's the weather down there in...Kodiak, right?
Amanda:	Sooooo rainy! But we got a sunny day Saturday and it was beautiful!
Amanda:	Yes, Kodiak
Della Hall:	Aw, man! Rain actually sounds good to me. Haven't seen any rain since probably August!
Della Hall:	How about you, Jan?
Jan:	Gray and gloomy. Hoping for sun to dry the road out so we can launch the boat!
Jan:	But the varied thrushes are back, so it's starting to sound like spring.
Della Hall:	Perhaps that's what I heard this morning. There was some song bird...
Jan:	It sounds like a referee's whistle that keeps changing pitch
Della Hall:	Yeah!
Jan:	Related to robins
Della Hall:	Well, we can give it a few more minutes or just jump in and see if anyone else joins us.
Della Hall:	The topic is a Q&A - anyone have any questions to bounce off the group?
Jan:	I'm wondering about starting a movement to have the conservation lab at the SLAM named the "Carrlee Conservation Lab"...

Della Hall:	That's a nice idea, Jan. We don't have anyone from ASM on the chat with us right now! I wonder what they've already got in the works. I know Ellen has set up a fund to start an internship program.
Amy Carney:	All I can suggest is asking Addison Field about what suggestions have happened.
Jan:	I did try to look into what might be involved, legally, in naming a state facility/aspect thereof for someone but didn't find anything
Della Hall:	Oh, I guess we do have someone from ASM on the chat! :) Amy just usually facilitates. Thanks Amy!
Amy Carney:	No problem!
Della Hall:	Hello Chris! Welcome.
Chris Hanson:	Hello, former Museums AK member now living down south. I just thought I'd stop in and see if I knew anyone.
Della Hall:	I'm not sure about the legal aspects, Jan. But I think like Amy said, Addison would be the first person to talk to about any ideas.
Jan:	OK. Thanks!
Della Hall:	Hi Jodi! Welcome
Della Hall:	Jodi and Chris, we've just started chatting. Today is a general Q&A session. Any questions to bounce off the group?
Jodi:	Hi Della & all. Thanks!
Della Hall:	Or if no one has any questions to start with, how about an update about what you're up to at your organization? Sometimes that can create some questions, just thinking about different projects.
Jodi:	Has anyone seen or started playing around with the native-land.ca app which shows the indigenous history of a place?
Jan:	No - but I will definitely check it out!
Della Hall:	No! I just pulled it up. What do you think of it, Jodi?
Jodi:	It has been all over my newsfeed yesterday and today. It looks pretty cool but I haven't investigated it too far.

Amanda :	I'm looking at it now. It's cool!
Della Hall:	Hi Scott, welcome!
Scott Bartlett:	Hi all-sorry I'm late
Scott Bartlett:	What's this cool thing you're talking about?
Della Hall:	Jodi just shared with us the native-land.ca app which shows the indigenous history of a place
Scott Bartlett:	Oh, neat!
Della Hall:	It seems like it is mostly North America and Australia, at least for now?
Jodi:	That is my understanding Della
Jodi:	it would be great if they continue to expand and do things like place names or further content. But even just this map with the overlay I think is beneficial to many
Scott Bartlett:	Is there any word on the GIA since yesterday's conference meeting?
Scott Bartlett:	The video was unclear to me, and no word from Seaton's office
Amy Carney:	I wish I had an answer. I know our director has been busy attending those conferences.
Amy Carney:	It seems like GIA has to be approved separate from the other funding we received.
Della Hall:	I didn't get to see the video. Is there a link to it? I didn't see it up this morning.
Della Hall:	This is where I am checking: http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Committee/Details/30?code=HHB285#tab2_7
Amy Carney:	This was in an email from Patience: "the amendment to add in \$105,600 for the Alaska State Museum's Grant in Aid (GIA) program was approved by just the House. The Senate did not pass the same amendment in the Finance Committee or on the floor of the Senate. What this means is that the conference committee will make the decision to add back the GIA or not."
Amy Carney:	That was on Friday.

Scott Bartlett:	I texted an LIO through akleg, and they sent me a link to 360 North: https://www.360north.org/gavel/video/?clientID=2147483647&eventID=2018041253
Scott Bartlett:	...which didn't provide anything useful to me. Reference numbers, but no mention of GIA in all of 5 minutes
Della Hall:	Yes. That's right, Amy. The conference committee met yesterday at 3pm though.
Amy Carney:	Good to know. I was out enjoying the sunshine at that time.
Amy Carney:	:)
Della Hall:	Oh, thanks for thank link, Scott. I found another video here: http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=HMSC%202018-04-17%2015:00:00
Amy Carney:	Confirmed with Patience that there is a conference at 3 this afternoon to vote.
Amy Carney:	There is still time to call reps to encourage the vote in the Senate to pass.
Amy Carney:	Della, you have a list of contacts you sent out?
Della Hall:	I sent an email to the full membership yesterday
Scott Bartlett:	I contacted all yesterday, was just hoping for some conclusion!
Della Hall:	I guess we'll just have to wait and see!
Della Hall:	We've got about 15 minutes left. Anyone have any more burning questions? Or any fun updates to share?
Scott Bartlett:	Ooh, we're working on installing an interactive kid zone. I accidentally called it the "youth activity zone" and now it's been dubbed "yaz." (which is totally not it's real name, but sounds funny). Fun pre-season project
Della Hall:	Awesome! Not sure about the name "yaz" haha. Has some other meanings out there... ha!
Jodi:	What is in the "yaz" area, Scott?
Scott Bartlett:	It's in our Ed. Director's hands, really, but for sure there are a couple of large magnet/velcro interactives, art supplies for our playdates, lincoln logs for "homesteading" and kid appropriate books. It's a work in progress!

Jan: We are working on an official process for digitizing matierlas, (& storing/cataloging, etc) and are wondering if anyone has a tested process (Step 1, Step 2, etc) that they would be willing to share to keep us from reinventing the wheel.

Amanda : I am interested in the answer to Jan's question also.

Della Hall: What kinds of materials, Jan?

Jan: Mostly photos and audio/video recordings, but some documents as well

Della Hall: That would be a great question to send out on the akmuseums listserv, I think, to get the most response. Also, when I used to work in the UAF archives, we had people contact us all the time asking for us to essentially provide step by step instructions like that, to use in their own institutions. I'm not sure they have the staffing to do that kind of training anymore, but it doesn't hurt to reach out. Lots of books out there on the subject, too. I'll try to remember the titles and send some to you.

Jan: Thanks! I've been able to find bits and pieces, but am very time-limited for this project.

Della Hall: Sounds like a good project for the ASHRAB journeyman archivist program, if they are continuing that this year!

Jan: I'm sure each institution would need to customize the process a bit, but it would sure be nice if there were a template out there to use as a starting point.

Jodi: I may be wrong, but i think the deadline for that ASHRAB program was earlier this week :(

Della Hall: Oh, hmm.. I hadn't heard that!

Della Hall: Thanks everyone for joining in today! Nice chatting with you all :)

Scott Bartlett: Thanks Della and all!

Della Hall: Have a great rest of your week.
