



LAM 10:50 AM
Hi Helen!

Scott Carrlee 10:50 AM
Hi Helen, Welcome to Alaska!

Helen Alten 1 10:51 AM
Hi Scott! Thanks. Looking forward to my first chat with you.

Scott Carrlee 10:51 AM
How was the move up to Haines?

Helen Alten 1 10:52 AM
Packing up was awful. Coming up on the ferry was nice. But I still have no idea what might have come and what might have been accidentally trashed. Next time I hope there is money for professional movers!

Scott Carrlee 10:53 AM
So did you stop off in Juneau?

Helen Alten 1 10:53 AM
No, unfortunately. We were so sick of traveling, we decided to just head straight for Haines. Hoping to come to Juneau in early/mid February. Do you need help with the move?
(We took 3 weeks, via Athens, Greece, to get to Haines. Not the direct route) 10:54 AM

Scott Carrlee 10:54 AM

We are still scheduling for the move and it is a "Moving" target.

They are behind schedule for when the building will be 10:54 AM

turned over to us so I am not sure when exactly we will be able to start moving collecitons

Helen Alten 1 10:55 AM

I remember working on the Science Museum's move. It took 3 years of hard work to get everything packed and moved. The staff had wanted 5 years, the administration wanted 3 months!

How off schedule are they? 10:55 AM

Scott Carrlee 10:55 AM

Right now everything is moving forward but as far as needing extra help, right now I can't say

They are about 4 weeks off 10:55 AM

we have been packing for a year now 10:55 AM

Helen Alten 1 10:56 AM

Let me know. I know Kris enjoyed coming down and working with you.

Scott Carrlee 10:56 AM

Kris was great. Is she still in Haines?

Helen Alten 1 10:56 AM

Yes. She plans to leave when her house sells. But not much is moving right now.

Scott Carrlee 10:56 AM

Where are you living

Helen Alten 1 10:56 AM

I would buy it, but then I would lose a great staff person. So I am looking elsewhere!

Scott Carrlee 10:57 AM

thats funny

Helen Alten 1 10:57 AM

Housesitting for someone until April. Tim found a house to buy. No view, but inexpensive and a nice layout for us - three bedrooms, garage, main floor laundry. He is ready for us to make an offer.

Scott Carrlee 10:58 AM

Wow that is great. Where is it?

Helen Alten 1 10:58 AM

The housesitting home is one block from the museum with a GREAT view of the water. On 2nd Street. Will be hard to leave it. The house he wants is about three blocks up the hill and away from the museum.

Scott Carrlee 10:59 AM

still not bad if you can walk to the museum

Helen Alten 1 10:59 AM

Are you losing the view from your house? I was reading about them blocking it with some new construction.

Definitely within walking distance. 10:59 AM

I am spoiled and don't want to commute. 10:59 AM

Scott Carrlee 11:00 AM

I don't blame you, I bought the first house I could afford that did not involve driving to work

How do the kids like the school? 11:01 AM

- Natalie Wadle 1 joined the Main Room. (11:03 AM) -

Scott Carrlee 11:03 AM

Hi Natalie

Natalie Wadle 1 11:03 AM

Hi Scott

Scott Carrlee 11:03 AM

We are just getting started.

Natalie Wadle 1 11:03 AM

Ok

Scott Carrlee 11:03 AM

Helen Alten is on from the Sheldon Museum in Haines

Helen used to work at the State Museum, many moons ago 11:03 AM
we were just catching up on her move north 11:04 AM
- Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) joined the Main Room. (11:05 AM) -
Scott Carrlee 11:04 AM
Hi Andrew
Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:04 AM
Hi everyone
Scott Carrlee 11:05 AM
we will give it a few more minutes to see if anyone else joins in
LAM 11:08 AM
Did anyone have trouble logging in? I see a few "1"s next to people's
names.
This is Daniel, this month, btw 11:08 AM
Natalie Wadle 1 11:08 AM
I had to update my version of java, only problem i had
LAM 11:08 AM
Thanks Natalie.
Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:09 AM
Same here
Scott Carrlee 11:09 AM
Well it looks like we might have a small group today.
LAM 11:09 AM
We only record sessions with audio these days?
- Helen Alten 2 joined the Main Room. (11:10 AM) -
Scott Carrlee 11:09 AM
yes that is right
Hi Helen 11:09 AM
Did you get booted off? 11:09 AM
You all can put your name on the map so we can see where everybody is from. 11:10 AM

Helen Alten 2 11:10 AM
I think so.

Scott Carrlee 11:11 AM
Well now it seems to be working for you
- Katherine 3 joined the Main Room. (11:12 AM) -

Scott Carrlee 11:11 AM
To put your name, just click on the symbol with the A on it and then
click on the map next to your location

Helen Alten 2 11:11 AM
Scott - school here is great. Kids love all the art and seem to be
making friends fast. It is a great community.

Scott Carrlee 11:11 AM
Hi Katherine

Helen Alten 2 11:12 AM
Hi Katherine, Andrew and Natalie

Scott Carrlee 11:12 AM
Is this the Katherine from the Ahtna Heritage Center?

We should all welcome Helen back to the State 11:12 AM

Helen used to be the conservator at the Alaska State
Museum 11:13 AM

Katherine 3

Yes, had to download the updated version to log on and Tana is
trying to get through too

Helen Alten 2 11:13 AM
Thanks, Scott. It is a little strange to be both an old-timer and a
cheechako.

- Angela Demma joined the Main Room. (11:14 AM) -

Scott Carrlee 11:13 AM
Hi Angela!

Angela Demma 11:13 AM
Hello, sorry I'm late

Helen Alten 2 11:14 AM
Scott, does ASM have any traveling exhibits right now?

Scott Carrlee 11:14 AM
You mean to see or to loan out

Helen Alten 2 11:14 AM
To loan out. We have an empty gallery.

Scott Carrlee 11:15 AM
No, we put a moratorium on all that stuff about 6 months ago. All we have are crates and packed objects

Or objects that are being packed 11:15 AM
- Della Hall joined the Main Room. (11:16 AM) -

Scott Carrlee 11:15 AM
We won't start up again with that kind of thing until 2016

Hi Della 11:15 AM

Della Hall 11:15 AM
Hello

Scott Carrlee 11:15 AM
How cold is it in Fairbanks

Della Hall 11:16 AM
around -10 right now... warming up!

Scott Carrlee 11:16 AM
Ooh boy!

LAM 11:16 AM
If you haven't yet, please put your initials on the map by clicking on the "A" in the bar next to Alaska.

Then click on your place on the map and type your initials. 11:16 AM

Scott Carrlee 11:17 AM
Well this seems like a pretty good group so far

We can start 11:17 AM

The first thing I wanted to do was to get an idea of future Themed chats 11:18 AM

- Tana joined the Main Room. (11:19 AM) -

Scott Carrlee 11:18 AM

This was something that was mentioned last month

Scott Carrlee 11:18 AM

What do you all think ?

I thought it might be better if we crowd sourced it and got more people

to chime in 11:18 AM

Angela Demma 11:19 AM

It sounds good. Are there certain topics that get asked often?

Della Hall 11:19 AM

I like that idea. Maybe send out a poll for ideas?

Scott Carrlee 11:19 AM

generally we cover a lot of ground but last month there was the suggestion that we could start off with a theme and then go to more general questions

Della, you mean like on the list serve? 11:20 AM

Della Hall 11:20 AM

Sure.

Helen Alten 2 11:20 AM

I'm interested in talking about exhibits and exhibit sharing. Also wondering if there is a shared collections database or a way to see what each of us has so we can borrow from each other. (That empty gallery again...)

Scott Carrlee 11:20 AM

Angie, I would have to look back to see if there are some that get talked about more than others

There was some talk a couple of years ago about Museums Alaska working on a shared database for collections in the state 11:21 AM

Angela Demma 11:21 AM

Artist biographies seemed to be a hot topic awhile back

Scott Carrlee 11:21 AM
right now there is just VILDA and not everyone is on it because you have to pay for it.

Helen Alten 2 11:22 AM
We might have a chat with MA, too, to discuss their lobbying efforts - if that is allowable Scott.

Scott Carrlee 11:22 AM
That is interesting Helen, I am not sure,

I could ask my boss. 11:22 AM

We do have restrictions on lobbying 11:22 AM

- Bethany joined the Main Room. (11:24 AM) -

Angela Demma 11:23 AM
You may want to rephrase to education legislators about museums

Scott Carrlee 11:23 AM
Since this is a state resource we might not be able to use it to talk about lobbying efforts

Angela Demma 11:23 AM
I mean educating

Helen Alten 2 11:23 AM
Is VILDA 3D as well as archives?

Scott Carrlee 11:23 AM
I beleive VILDA is objects and archives

I think it is whatever anyone wants to put on it. 11:23 AM

Angela Demma 11:23 AM
It does have objects

Scott Carrlee 11:24 AM
Hi Bethany

Hi Tana 11:24 AM

Helen Alten 2 11:24 AM
How effective MA's education and museum promotion efforts have been and what we can do to help promote museums state-wide.

Bethany 11:24 AM
Hi. Sorry I am late. Will catch up with the transcript.

Tana 11:24 AM
Hi Scott
and everyone 11:24 AM

Scott Carrlee 11:24 AM
I think we can talk in general about promoting museums statewide

Helen Alten 2 11:24 AM
Another idea might be the cruise ships and travel industry - how we improve our work with them and getting on their radar for tours, etc.

Angela Demma 11:25 AM
I'd love to talk about condition reporting

Angela Demma 11:25 AM
The actual forms

Scott Carrlee 11:25 AM
These are all good keep it coming

Angela Demma 11:25 AM
grants
for conservation 11:25 AM

Scott Carrlee 11:26 AM
You mean how to write them or whom to write to?

Bethany 11:26 AM
Or what MA offers in grants for conservation?

Angela Demma 11:26 AM
I'm writing a new one for public art purposes, but want to have a comprehensive form
I've got some templates, but thought it would be good to 11:27 AM
compare others. But maybe that can be done on the listserv

Scott Carrlee 11:27 AM
You mean for condition reports?

Angela Demma 11:28 AM

Yes, sorry for condition reports

Scott Carrlee 11:28 AM

And for the grants, do you mean how to write them or to what agencies?

Angela Demma 11:29 AM

what agencies

Scott Carrlee 11:29 AM

Anyone else have topics they would like to focus on during future chats?

Angela Demma 11:29 AM

That maybe another listserv topic

Scott Carrlee 11:30 AM

How much time do you all think should be devoted to a special topic and how much time just for general questions?

Angela Demma 11:31 AM

Half and half?

Tana 11:31 AM

20 minutes general/40 minutes specific?

Bethany 11:31 AM

I agree with Tana

Helen Alten 2 11:32 AM

How to find and use summer interns

Tana 11:32 AM

Yes!!

Bethany 11:32 AM

Good Topic Helen

Helen Alten 2 11:32 AM

Volunteers. how to manage/train/etc.

and Board training, working with a board successfully 11:32 AM

Angela Demma 11:32 AM

copyright and intellectual property

Helen Alten 2 11:33 AM

A statewide handling training session would be really nice, too. My staff needs it. Maybe a DVD we can borrow or a chat they can attend.

Bethany 11:33 AM

public programs (i.e. how far do we go to help the public preserve personal history)

Angela Demma 11:33 AM

marine mammal protection act and migratory bird act

Helen Alten 2 11:33 AM

Money is being cut, cruise ships are less and less here, how do we expand our reach and keep ourselves fiscally solvent?

Natalie Wadle 1 11:34 AM

also cultural property, to what extent do traditions belong to their culture and culture bearers

Bethany 11:34 AM

how to clean and display taxidermy animals!!!!

Helen Alten 2 11:34 AM

Shared collections - how do we handle clan property? What agreements are there? What should a museum ask for in return for storing clan property?

Bethany 11:35 AM

working with cultural organizations. Best way to approach if you do not know anyone or have a connection with them, but serve in their area.

Helen Alten 2 11:35 AM

Putting the museum gift shop online successfully. Maybe a discussion on whether or not Amazon can be a useful way to increase store revenues.

Bethany 11:36 AM

starting a friends group if you are not a 501 c 3 entity? Maybe tax information for government "owned" museums

LAM 11:36 AM

etsy, ebay and cafe press might be good for that session

Bethany 11:36 AM

What 509 a 1 really means?

Helen Alten 2 11:36 AM

Bethany, YES! Or starting a membership campaign if you are government funded.

Bethany 11:37 AM

YES!!!!

I love you Helen 11:37 AM

Helen Alten 2 11:37 AM

lol

Bethany 11:37 AM

I love everyone in MA thought
though

11:37 AM

Helen Alten 2 11:37 AM

Thanks Bethany, now I feel really special.

Bethany 11:37 AM

You are special. I will be contacting you soon!

Scott Carrlee 11:38 AM

So are people thinking we would just chat amongst ourselves or get
some expert to join in?

Bethany 11:38 AM

Maybe a few sessions on working with your local government entities.
(whether you are owned by a govt entity or work with them to receive
funding)

I think a mix of both. 11:38 AM

Do we have any tax advisors or people in the know for taxes? 11:38 AM

Helen Alten 2 11:38 AM

I should warn everyone - I hope to take advantage of the two year
hiatus of the State Museum. I want to put Haines on the map as a

tourist destination for those poor culturally deprived folks in Juneau!

LAM 11:39 AM

Bethany 11:39 AM
HA!

Natalie Wadle 1 11:39 AM
i think it would be nice to have someone specific who knows about the topic weigh in while also getting the input from around the state

Scott Carrlee 11:39 AM
Yes I am sure the cruise ships will just start passing Juneau by for Haines!

Bethany 11:39 AM

You never know scott!
Remember Wasilla 2008 - 2010???

Helen Alten 2 11:39 AM
We do have the new Klukwan cultural center being built just down the road...

Bethany 11:40 AM
Would we be able to get people from AASLH or AAM or Heritage Preservation to weigh in on some of these topics?

Scott Carrlee 11:40 AM
It might be possible to get a subject matter expert to join in but I have not had great success in that endeavor

Helen Alten 2 11:40 AM
Maybe there is something we can read before coming to the chat. Or some ppt that can be posted. Then we can ask specific questions.

Bethany 11:40 AM
Maybe Connecting to Collections would have some sessions coming up?

Scott Carrlee 11:41 AM

It would be nice to try and coordinate with the C2C webinars, like we would all watch a webinar and then chat about it amongst ourselves

Bethany 11:41 AM

Hmm. Any museums have a great person they work with on certain subjects that they could talk into being in an online session?

Angela Demma 11:41 AM

Great idea

Bethany 11:41 AM

I like that idea Scott.

Scott Carrlee 11:42 AM

I am open for suggestions on how to get subject matter experts to join us.

I have had a few in the past 11:42 AM

Helen Alten 2 11:42 AM

I might be able to get some....

Scott Carrlee 11:43 AM

You can log onto this software from anywhere

Helen Alten 2 11:43 AM

Also, MA might have some ideas.

Scott Carrlee 11:43 AM

Once our collection has moved, there are some people at the State Museum who might have a little more time

LAM 11:43 AM

Ellen should redo her - "what's that white stuff!"

Scott Carrlee 11:44 AM

Well she is going to be one of those on our staff whose time will be very limited in the coming two years.

Due to getting the new exhibits up 11:44 AM

Angela Demma 11:45 AM

It would be nice to have a chat with the conservators session.

Introduce Sarah Owens and take questions.

Scott Carrlee 11:45 AM
Helen is a conservator too
so now we have 5 conservators in the state!! 11:45 AM
a new world record 11:45 AM
Angela Demma 11:45 AM
What specialty?
Scott Carrlee 11:45 AM
Helen? you want to describe your specialty?
Helen Alten 2 11:47 AM
I am an objects conservator. I studied in London for three years. My strengths are archaeological and ethnographic materials, with sub-specialties in textiles, architecture and paper. I am pretty versatile with 3D materials, having spent a lot of the last 20 years studying historic and artistic objects as well as arch/ethno. Materials Science is my passion.
Bethany 11:46 AM
Do we have a "storehouse" for information that people can go to for questions (i.e. sample deed of gift, what to do when a donor gives you a moose, what is connecting to collections and how do I join?" etc.
or something like that? Would that be an individual blog or could MA host something like that on their website? 11:46 AM
Scott Carrlee 11:47 AM
they have talked about something like that for MA
Bethany 11:47 AM
Or would that not be helpful?
Angela Demma 11:47 AM
Sounds helpful to me
Scott Carrlee 11:47 AM
It is a lot of work, so MA was looking into hiring someone to coordinate it
Natalie Wadle 1 11:47 AM

museum security systems-what works best for different sized museums

Bethany 11:48 AM

moving museums - pitfalls and successes?

Scott Carrlee 11:48 AM

We will be covering that for sure!!

Bethany 11:48 AM

Design your own museum out of a building you already have.

I am totally going to contact you Helen! 11:48 AM

Tana 11:48 AM

Considerations and space needs for designing space in a new building

Scott Carrlee 11:49 AM

These are all great ideas

Helen Alten 2 11:49 AM

Who is Sarah Owens?

Scott Carrlee 11:49 AM

I will make a list of these topics and put them out on the listserv

Angela Demma 11:49 AM

New textile conservator at the Anchorage Museum

Scott Carrlee 11:49 AM

to see if it inspires more ideas from people

Angela Demma 11:50 AM

Sounds good Scott. Maybe you could add a space for people to fill in a speaker idea.

Helen Alten 2 11:50 AM

I should also admit to running Northern States Conservation Center for the past 15 years and its subsidiary www.museumclasses.org, which provides online learning to museum professionals. We offer classes on many of the topics folks are listing here.

Oh, wonderful! Maybe we can have a mini-conservation session at MA next year. 11:50 AM

Bethany 11:50 AM
I know we have had exhibits sessions at MA, but maybe something to the effect of I have a hammer and nails and \$20 bucks, what I can do to update this exhibit?

Awesome Helen! 11:50 AM

Scott Carrlee 11:51 AM
you have \$20

Bethany 11:51 AM
I LOVE museumclasses. Hoping to take a few classes this year.

Helen Alten 2 11:51 AM
I would like to see a session on using iPads in exhibits.
I have started seeing them replacing labels in big museums. 11:51 AM
Also being used instead of the gallery guides.

Bethany 11:51 AM
I take it from my husband's paycheck

Scott Carrlee 11:51 AM
Some of these are good enough to be suggested to MA for a session next year in Seward

Natalie Wadle 1 11:52 AM
use/types of interactive exhibits

Scott Carrlee 11:52 AM
I am sure they are just getting ready to send out a call for proposals

Bethany 11:53 AM
Even LOW TECH interactive exhibits. Trying to finish building one now. Has taken me two years to get it going.

Helen Alten 2 11:53 AM
I just saw a really cool web site on an inexpensive exhibit technique using hollow core doors (traveling exhibit panels). And there is always the oldie but goodie from Colorado where they bend thin plexi to make quick cases.

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:53 AM

Pros and cons of low tech vs. high tech would be useful.

[Della Hall](#) 11:53 AM
yes, the call for proposals should go out within the week (I am on that committee)!

[Helen Alten 2](#) 11:53 AM
iPads might be something that could be donated....

[Scott Carrlee](#) 11:53 AM
Haha did Angie get you on the committee

[Della Hall](#) 11:53 AM
yep!

[Scott Carrlee](#) 11:54 AM
That is great

Well we should start wrapping this up 11:54 AM

Did anyone have a burning question other than future chat topics? 11:54 AM

[Natalie Wadle 1](#) 11:55 AM
one more before i go, preservation of digital media

[Angela Demma](#) 11:55 AM
I am wondering if anyone is going to the legislative fly in

[Helen Alten 2](#) 11:55 AM
Scott, are you doing anything with interns this summer?

[Scott Carrlee](#) 11:55 AM
hands up for that one

[Andrew Goldstein \(Valdez Museum\)](#) 11:55 AM
I am not, but two of my co-workers are.

[Scott Carrlee](#) 11:55 AM
click on the hands button if you are going

[Helen Alten 2](#) 11:55 AM
Nope. Too new here. I am with everyone in spirit.

[Angela Demma](#) 11:56 AM
I considering it

Scott Carrlee 11:56 AM
I have heard a few people are going to it from here
Well this has been a great session even though it got started a little later than usual 11:56 AM
Thank you all for joining in 11:57 AM
Angela Demma 11:57 AM
Thanks!
Helen Alten 2 11:57 AM
Great. The Shrine is a wonderful place to stay, if the road is OK.
Bethany 11:57 AM
Thank you Scott. If we have more ideas, just email them to you?
Tana 11:57 AM
Thanks everyone
Helen Alten 2 11:57 AM
Thanks Scott.
- Angela Demma left the Main Room. (11:58 AM) -
Bethany 11:57 AM
Thank you Scott
- Tana left the Main Room. (11:58 AM) -
Scott Carrlee 11:57 AM
yes just email them to me.
Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:57 AM
Thanks everyone, see you next time.
Bethany 11:57 AM
Thanks everyone!
- Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) left the Main Room. (11:58 AM) -
Scott Carrlee 11:57 AM
I will be posting all these on the listserv
Natalie Wadle 1 11:57 AM
thanks bye
11:57 AM

Scott Carrlee

Bye to everyone

- Natalie Wadle 1 left the Main Room. (11:59 AM) -
- Bethany left the Main Room. (11:59 AM) –

Next Chat Session

Feb. 12, 11 am