

# Kodiak Historical Society



## 2012 Annual Report

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Tiffany Brunson, Museum Gallery Host  
Linda McCool, Museum Gallery Host

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Kodiak Historical Society is to collect, preserve, research and exhibit historically significant artifacts, documents, photographs, and other data relative to the Kodiak and Aleutian Islands area; and to evaluate and interpret the materials in the collection for educational purposes and presentation to the public through the operation of the Baranov Museum.



## COVER PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

*Students in our Russian Culture Camp play the balalaika for friends and family during the camp's Praznik celebration at the museum.*

*A view of the Baranov Museum and property on a crisp March day.*

*Heather Craig of Media Action helps Hunter Blair (middle) and R.J. Roy (right) operate video camera equipment during our film and history summer intensive.*

*The society cares for more than 30,000 historic photographs, including this image of Bill Pinnell standing next to the frame of an Alutiiq barabara, Olga Bay, 1950s. Kodiak Historical Society, Al Seale collection, P882-18.*

*A collection of small grass baskets made by various local weavers is securely stored on a custom tray in the museum's collections storage room.*





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# Director's Message

Connected. Proud. Inspired. These are the words chosen by museum visitors and supporters to describe how an ideal visit to the Baranov Museum would make them feel. These words capture what we aspire to provide for every visitor to the museum, and they will continue to guide our work as a community history museum.

In the pages of this report you will find news and stories of Kodiak Historical Society activities throughout the last fiscal year (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012). I am immensely proud of our small staff and what we have been able to accomplish in the past year. Last September I was accompanying a donor on a tour of the building, discussing a charitable donation he intended to make and how we would put his gift to good use. Don Corwin was at work on the front porch putting the finishing touches on a storm window he had built for a window unit, Marie Acemah was leading an after-school activity for youngsters in the main room, Alice Ryser was working with a volunteer to identify individuals in photographs from the *Kodiak Daily Mirror* collection, and Anjuli Grantham was preparing newly acquired artwork by Alf Pryor to travel to Anchorage for display in the offices of the Rasmuson Foundation. The donor asked me good-naturedly if I had planned his visit to coincide with such a busy day and I replied,

honestly and with pride, "This is our everyday." Members and friends: I hope you, too, are proud of our work to preserve and share Kodiak history.

In the year ahead we will continue to plan the design and development of new permanent exhibits for the museum gallery. We invite you to be a part of this process by participating in a focus group meeting, attending a community presentation or simply giving us a call to share your thoughts. We made a conscious choice to pursue design work in an unhurried and thoughtful year-long process to incorporate community input – please participate!

Finally, I would like to express how grateful I am to have been a part of the Kodiak Historical Society team for the past ten years. I am confident that the Society will continue to evolve in a positive way under new leadership, building on a long-standing reputation for excellence in collections care, educational programs and historic preservation. I look forward to taking a new role as proud member and donor to the museum, and as a visitor who leaves the building feeling connected and inspired.

Sincerely,

Katie Oliver

This word cloud was created with responses to the question, "What do you enjoy about the Baranov Museum?" from our recent exhibit design survey. The size of the word indicates the frequency it appears in response to the question in the 100+ surveys completed.





Before Dr. A. Holmes Johnson and his registered nurse wife, Fostina, arrived in Kodiak in 1938, injured and sick individuals depended on home remedies or took a boat to Seward to receive treatment. Dr. Johnson became the medical director of the Griffin Memorial Hospital in 1940. In 1944, he opened a private practice in Kodiak. With this doctor's bag, he performed medical housecalls throughout the community, delivering babies, stitching cuts, performing operations and checking on ill patients.

# Collections

The core asset of the Kodiak Historical Society is our collections. From these collections, the Baranov Museum derives identity, strength and, ultimately, purpose.

Anjuli Grantham is Curator of Collections for the Baranov Museum.

## ACQUISITION HIGHLIGHTS

Cleaver used for processing whale at Ouzinkie, gift of Brian Johnson.

W.J. Erskine Company mirror and thermometer, gift of Michael and Carolyn Nore.

Asiatic Pacific Campaign medal from WWII, gift of Betty Odell.

Salmon roe box, gift of Kathy Johnson.

*The Research Magnificent*, by H.G. Wells, book from the Erskine family library with bookplate, gift of Margie Wolf.

Dr. A. Holmes Johnson's doctor bag, gift of Bob and Marian Johnson.

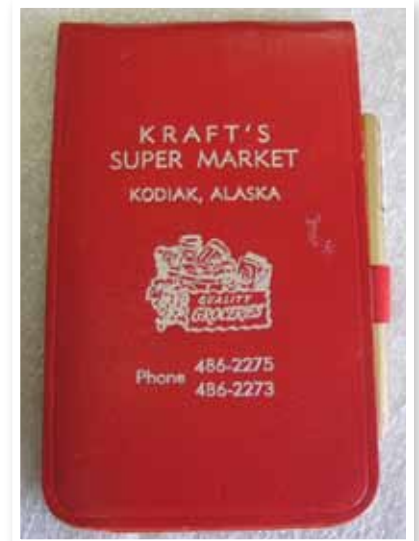
Cup, plate and saucer from the Alaska Purchase Centennial, gift of Mary Garoutte and family

### DONORS

Bill Bulen  
Mary Garoutte  
Brian Johnson  
Bob & Marian Johnson  
Kathy Johnson  
Michael & Carolyn Nore  
Betty Odell  
Martha Randolph  
Margie Wolf

### ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE

All donations to the Kodiak Historical Society collections are reviewed and deliberated by our volunteer Acquisitions Committee:  
Ginny Austerman  
Libby Eufemio  
Mary Guilas-Hawver  
Nancy Kemp  
Theresa Miller  
Myrtle Olsen  
Martha Randolph



In 1959, upon hearing of the sudden death of Ben Kraft, the *Kodiak Mirror* wrote, "The names Kodiak and Kraft are synonymous; one is not complete without the other." While this small notebook is not a glamorous museum object, the Kodiak Historical Society is dedicated to documenting and preserving the history of Kodiak businesses. Few would dispute that Kraft's was a central Kodiak institution, as it was in existence from 1903 until 1994. The Society is interested in growing its collection of local business memorabilia, so please keep your eyes open for objects that convey the history of local enterprise.

# Archives

The Kodiak Historical Society archives contain a vast collection of materials chronicling the history of the Kodiak and Aleutian Islands region.

**Archivist Alice Ryser** manages the collection of archival materials, including rare books, newspapers, oral histories, manuscripts, photographs, film and maps. She cares for an outstanding collection of approximately 30,000 historic images. Glass slides, negatives and prints portray the people of southwest Alaska at work, at home, at sea and at leisure.

## ACQUISITION HIGHLIGHTS:

Eighty black and white original photographs taken on the Kodiak Naval Base during WWII by Lewis Sundquist. In this collection are many photos of WWII planes. Gift of Joyce Sundquist Lotze.

One hundred sixty five digital photographs and video taken in June 15, 2011 of the 70th anniversary of Base Kodiak and Centennial of Naval Aviation, by Charly Hengen and Jonathan Lally. Gift of U.S.C.G. personnel.

Twenty eight original photographs taken at Afognak Village and Port Hobron by Jesse Wingfeld. Jesse and his wife taught school at Afognak in the 1930s. Gift of J.C. and Carolyn Wingfeld.

Fourty four digital photographs of bear guides, Bill Pinnell and Morris Talifson at Olga Bay. Gift of Al Seale.

## DONORS:

U.S.C.G. Janet Wilson, Luana Schoon, Karen Harper, J.C. Rodeo, Pam Foreman, Jerilyn Smith Prior, Gladys Frey, Birch Foster, Betty Odell, Mary Garoutte, Anjuli Grantham, Fred O'Hearn, Beverly Horn, Mat Freeman, Jan Finley, Marian Johnson, Robert Meunier, Dale Vinnedge, Judy Fulp, Al Seale, Joyce Sundquist Lotze, Michael Nore, Howard Park, J.C. & Carolyn Wingfeld.



*Work done by Jesse Wingfeld's manual training class at Afognak Village, 1936-1937.*

Kodiak Historical Society, Wingfeld collection, P-885-5



*Commemorating 100 years of Naval Aviation and its 70th anniversary in Kodiak, Alaska.*

Photograph by Charly Hengen, P-916.



*Female workers process king crab at Port Wakefield Cannery, c. 1960s.*

Kodiak Historical Society, Kodiak Daily Mirror collection, P837-5-10







# Volunteers

The Kodiak Historical Society was founded in 1954 by volunteers. We continue to grow and flourish because of our many volunteers who contribute their time and talents:

## SERVICE ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Jim Arneson, Ginny Austerman, Gil Bane, Barbara Bolson, Skip Bolton, Bob Brodie, Dan Busch, Libby Eufemio, Mary Guilas-Hawver, Pat Holmes, Nancy Kemp, Theresa Miller, Mary Monroe, Mary Munk, Reed Oswalt, Marilyn Pedersen, Martha Randolph, Pat Szabo.

## SERVICE WITH INTERPRETATION AND VISITOR SERVICES:

Randy Busch, Christy Kinter, Fran March, Marcia Oswalt, Nancy Pierce, Wenona Suydam, Teresa Stutes, Vicki Vanek,

## SERVICE WITH COLLECTIONS, RESEARCH AND EXHIBITS:

Dr. Mark Cassell, Sarah Corbin, Larry Cornett, Don Corwin, Marina Cummiskey, Kaitlyn Judin, Nancy Kemp, Mary Jane Longrich, Morgan Ness, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Anne Oliver, Myrtle Olsen, Martha Randolph, Gretchen Saupe, Kyla Villaroya, Evelyn Wiszinckas.

## SERVICE WITH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Amanda Blott, Stephen Bodnar, Nancy Bors, James Brooks, Ross Coen, Jim Dillard, Carol Hult, Casey Janz, Hazel Jones, Hannah Johnson, Chris Kavanaugh, Kodiak Key Club, Kodiak Russian Balalaika Players, Mariya Provost, Leila Pyle, Joefer Santarita.

## NOVARUPTA/KATMAI CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION VOLUNTEERS:

Bailey Bass, James Brooks, Lt. Dave Cory, Dr. Judy Fierstein, Steve Honnald, Hannah Johnson, Iver Malutin, Theresa Miller, Bill Pyle, Darcy Stielstra, Senator Gary Stevens.

## KODIAK'S FILIPINO COMMUNITY STORIES VOLUNTEERS:

Ben Achas, Senator Mark Begich, Jun Belen, Randy Bishop, Joyce Blair, Felix Canete, Ben Daquilanea, E.J.R. David, Cindy Domingo, Marionne Guilas, Nancy Jones, Mary Guilas-Hawver, Tim Hurley, Aida Llave, Lito Llave, Christine Marasigan, Matt Moir, Myrtle Olsen, Serkan Ongun, Reed Oswalt, Sylvia Peregrino, Diane Rodill, Clinton Rosales, Josie Rosales, Gertrude Roy, Reymando Salgatar, Jr., Patricia Tabon, Jean Tentis, Bernadette Villaroya.



*Hazel Jones teaches weaving to a group of students on the museum's front porch.*



*Jim Dillard's Russian spoon carving classes were so popular, we had to add another 6-week class to meet demand!*



*Sylvia Peregrino sits for an interview with a student filmmaker during our film and history intensive.*

# Members

## BENEFACTORS

Bill Bulen, Linda Freed and Alan Schmitt, Futura Fisheries - Vern and Debra Hall.

## PATRONS

Afognak Native Corporation, Stephen Bodnar and Family, Skip Bolton & Veronica Costa-Bolton, Pat Branson & Gordon Gould, F. S. Iani & Family, Nancy Kemp, Kodiak Island Medical Associates, Tim & Mary Jane Longrich, Roy & Linda Madsen, Mary A. Monroe, Reed & Marcia Oswalt, Geneneiva Pearson, Frances Powell, Peter Ramaglia, Richard & Sue Rohrer, Patrick & Zoya Saltonstall, Wenona Suydam, Nick & Pat Szabo.

## SPONSORS

Tom & Chris Abell, Suzanne Abraham, Jim & Joy Arneson, Alan & Ginny Austerman, Gil & Janet Bane, Jay Barrett, Best Western Kodiak Inn - Jack & Judy Johnson, Susan & Tim Blott, Burch Brothers, Dan & Randy Busch - Kodiak Island River Camps, Donald W. Clark, Glenn Davenport, Marka Ellertson, Joe & Carolyn Floyd, Karl Gurcke, Sven & Balika Haakanson, Amity Hejinian, Shirley Heglin, Henry's Great Alaskan Restaurant, Barb & Rob Hoedel, Carol Hult & Don Zimmerman, Pat & Patty Holmes, Steven & Sharon Horn - Gallant Girl, Inc., Marian & Bob Johnson, Vito & Anne Kalcic, David & Marita Kaplan, Suzanne & Charlie King, Leo & Beth Kouremetis, Wayne and Pat Kozak, Rick & Diane Langftt, Mildred Muller, Alvin & Arlene Nelson, Amelia Bill & Susan Oliver, Katie Oliver, Hans Olsen, Paul & Marolyn Pedersen, Byron & Nancy Pierce, Jim & Dottie Poulos, Frances Powell, Guy & Merle Powell, Martha Randolph, Gene & Dana Robinson, Pat & Frank Roppel, Gretchen Saupe, Jerome & Gloria Selby, Joe & Jenny Stevens, Leslie Watson, Hester H. Whitcher, Chris & Gretchen Wing.

## SUPPORTERS

Suzanne Abraham, Rob Acheson, Accounting Solutions - Marian Royall, Claudia & Stosh Anderson, Jo Antonson, Roberta Astring & Braxton Dew, Barbara Bolson, Olivia Brisbane, Jan Chatto, Luanne Cottle, Marcella Dillon, Harry & Brigid Dodge, Mark Cassell - Territory Heritage Resource Consulting, Jane Eisemann, Wallace & Beth Fields, Scott Garoutte, John & Betty Hagemeister, Dorothy Holm, Eva Holm, Margaret Holm, Aaron Holmes & Londi Romaro, Jeff Johnson, Ellen Lester, Gerald Markham, Dale & Rachel Nelson - An Ocean Bay B&B, Dan Ogg & Sue Jeffrey, Robert & Gail Otto, Diane Pleninger, Sue Anne Ramaglia, Mike & Kathy Rostad, Eric & Teri Schneider, Bea Shepard, Jill Sheperd, Tom & Arlene Simpler, Senator Gary & Rita Stevens, Toby Sullivan, Ismail & Katrina Tutar, Larry & Hilary Van Daele, Jane Van Atta, Laura Walters, Norman Wooten.

## FAMILY & INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Marie Acemah, Nettie Amason, Frances Ashford, Kate Ballenger, Dawn & Joe Black, Julie & Tuck Bonney, Bob & Joan Brodie, James Brooks, Kathleen Carlsen, Mary K. Cichoski, Don & Reanne Douglass, Peggy Dyson, William Erskine, Dale & Jan Finlay, Josh & Aileen Fitzgerald, Meriam Fox, Judy Fulp, Anjuli Grantham, Helen C. Hall, Margaret Hall, Suzanne Hancock, Robert Hatcher, Lola Harvey, Mike Helbig,

# Members

Beverly Horn, Hurley Family, Annabelle Jones, Craig & Terrie Johnson, Marcy and Harold Jones, Nancy E. Jones, Michael & Deanna Judin, Kendrick Family, Christy Kinter, Bob Korpperl, Nancy Kotula, Tom & Linda Lance, Marnie Leist, Kate Loewen, Roger & Susan Malutin, Fran & Jeff March, Gary & Barbara Marconi, Julie Matweyou & Art Schultz, Linda McCool & Hannah Johnson, Fritz & Theresa Miller, Eric & Mary Munk, Betsey & Chris Myrick, Michael & Carolyn Nore, Joe & Judy O'Donnoghue, Harumi Oka, Myrtle Olsen, Marius & Sylvia Panzarella, Susan Payne and Don Dumm, Jackie Pels, Charlie & Theresa Peterson, Elinor Poll Ramos, Jeanne Pontti, Chris, Mikaela, Mariya and Marne Provost, Laura Resoff, Dale & Marie Rice, Alice Ryser, Betty Santos, Arlene Skinner, Darla Sluder, Barbara Spink, Ann Stone, Tim & Rita Tesch, Ani Thomas, Carol & Martin Wandersee, Edith Wiley, Evelyn Wiszinckas, John & Tina Witteveen, Eric & Lisa Zeimer.

# Donors

## **END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS**

Linda Freed and Alan Schmitt, Vern and Debra Hall

## **IN MEMORY OF JIM AND MARY GAROUTTE**

Phillip & Marilyn Freitag, Paul & Marolyn Pedersen, Laura Resoff

## **COLLECTIONS CARE**

Alaskan Leader Fisheries Foundation, Alaska State Museum, James Brooks, Nancy Kemp, Jim & Dottie Poulos

## **HISTORIC STRUCTURE PRESERVATION**

Nettie Amason, Pat Branson & Gordon Gould, Betty Santos

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Alaska Humanities Forum, Alaska State Council on the Arts, Asian Pacific American Libraries Association, Kodiak Russian Balalaika Players, Museums Alaska, Ocean Beauty Seafoods, USCG Spouses Association of Kodiak, Pat & Patty Holmes, Hurley Family, Roger & Susan Malutin.

## **FUNDRAISER RAFFLE**

Zachar Bay Lodge - Marty and Linda Eaton, June Horn

## **PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: PICK CLICK GIVE (2011)**

Anonymous (x9), Joel Bolger, Randy Busch, Erin Harrington, Pat Holmes, Theresa Miller, Anne Oliver, Katie Oliver, Susan Oliver, William Oliver, Deedie Pearson, Tom Quass, Katrina Stewart, Toby Sullivan, Betsy Young

## **PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: PICK. CLICK. GIVE (2012)**

Anonymous (x6), Suzanne Abraham, Sarah Asper-Smith, Joel Bolger, Pat Branson, Randy Busch, Thomas Chouinard, Joyce Elvehjem, Debra Gerrish, Sven Haakanson, Wes Hanna, Pat Holmes, Carol Hult, Theresa Miller, Valorie Miller, Anne Oliver, Susan Oliver, William Oliver, Deedie Pearson, Tom Quass, Richard Ross, Marcus Stewart, Toby Sullivan, Pat Szabo, Ani Thomas, Mike Wall, Betsy Young.

Kodiak Historical Society  
Statement of Financial Position  
June 30, 2012

Assets	
Current:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,224.14
Accounts receivable	\$ 6,474.94
Store inventory	\$ 86,410.11
 Total current assets	 \$ 112,109.19
Fixed Assets	
Fixed assets	\$ 86,032.63
Other assets	\$ 3,045.00
Accumulated depreciation	\$ (70,134.74)
 Total fixed assets	 \$ 18,942.89
Other Assets	
Union Bank - cash & investments	\$ 1,054,181.64
Union Bank unrealized gains/losses	\$ 126,735.13
 Total other assets	 \$ 1,180,916.77
 <b>Total Assets</b>	 <b>\$ 1,311,968.85</b>
Liabilities & Net Assets	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 1,296.63
Payroll liabilities	\$ 2,297.37
Deferred revenue	\$ 6,525.00
 Total current liabilities	 \$ 10,119.00
Equity	
Designated - property & equipment	\$ 18,942.89
Undesignated net assets	\$ 101,990.19
Designated endowment purposes	\$ 1,180,916.77
 Total equity	 \$ 1,301,849.85
 Total Liabilities and Equity	 \$ 1,311,968.85

Figures are preliminary pending completion of financial compilation

Kodiak Historical Society  
Statement of Financial Activities  
July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

**Operating Activities: Grants & Support**

City of Kodiak	\$ 78,035.57
City of Kodiak (In-Kind)	\$ 16,343.40
Alaska State Legislative grant	\$ 19,764.67
Kodiak Island Borough	\$ 6,500.00
Alaska State Museum	\$ 2,000.00
Alaska Humanities Forum	\$ 3,825.00
National Park Foundation	\$ 6,500.00
Individual donations	\$ 14,530.00

**Total Operating Support** \$ **147,498.64**

**Total Operating Activities** \$ **218,920.95**

Endowment transfer\* \$ 50,000.00

**Total** \$ **268,920.95**

**Earned Income**

Membership	\$ 2,055.00
Admissions	\$ 17,799.00
Fundraising	\$ 5,426.00
Store sales (Net)	\$ 44,947.31
Educational Program fees	\$ 1,195.00

**Total Earned Income** \$ **71,422.31**

**Expenditures**

Wages & Benefits	\$ 175,129.88
Utilities (City in-kind)	\$ 16,343.40
Financial services	\$ 19,278.90
Professional services	\$ 3,400.00
Collections care	\$ 2,228.72
Communications	\$ 6,766.77
Travel/Education	\$ 6,911.68
Meetings/Development	\$ 712.97
Supplies	\$ 4,568.69

**Total Expenditures** \$ **277,734.44**

Marketing/Promotions	\$ 5,874.01
Exhibits	\$ 3,480.68
Equipment	\$ 65.99
Printing	\$ 1,632.21
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 765.00
Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 10,624.65
Insurance	\$ 914.00
Building preservation	\$ 19,036.89

**Non-Operating Activities**

Interest on investments	\$ 23,895.57
Realized gains/losses	\$ 31,220.92
Unrealized gains/losses	\$ (26,135.15)
Gain/loss on assets	\$ ( 3,465.89)

**Total Non-Operating Activities** \$ **25,515.45**

\* As per the Kodiak Historical Society Investment Policy, up to 5% of the KHS Endowment (Union Bank Investments) may be used annually to support the operations of the Baranov Museum.



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