

**Palmer Historical Society
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Address Correction Requested

UPCOMING EVENTS

**COLONY HOUSE MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE
In Palmer's Historic District
Saturday June 13th 10:00 am 4:00 p.m**

**PHS ANNUAL PICNIC
At Palmer's Matanuska River Park just past the
Palmer Cemetery on the Old Glenn Highway
Sunday, July 26th starting at 1:00 p.m.**

**PHS HISTORICAL TOUR
Not yet confirmed for August**

Palmer Historical Society Update—June 2009

Colony Days Open House at the Colony House Museum

After catching the Colony Days Parade Saturday, June 13th or if you are just wandering around downtown Palmer that day, be sure to stop in at the Colony House Museum Open House. **As always we appreciate any treats you can bring to share.** This is a great opportunity for PHS members to mingle with people who are interested in Colony history. Also, while at the Open House check out our newest item, a Moffitt family mirror donated by Pat Durand (see May program Wrap-up). The Open House will run from 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

Colony House News--

We have an intern this summer! The Open House would be a great time to meet our summer intern Jennie Davy. Jennie will be helping us document our collections and build our data base. We are looking for volunteers to help Jennie out this summer with data entry, taking photos, and just lending a hand. This would be a great opportunity for any young person looking to develop a resume for college applications or just about anyone interested in the nuts and bolts of museum operation

The Colony House Dinner Raffle Wrap-Up

The Dinner was excellent, and featured stuffed pork chop with chutney, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, melon & ice-cream compote & cookies and all the fixings—oh boy! Names drawn for the dinner were Doug Olson and John Stuart both from Palmer. John was out of town so deferred to 1st alternate Dick Wilson from Wasilla. The 2nd alternate drawn was Mary Handfear, whose ticket was a gift purchase from Colonist son Richard Hess of California. Heather Olson, dinner guest dressed in vintage attire to add to the occasion. Many thanks to Chef Pete Scott of the Inn Café, Carla Young of Flowers by Louise, Denise Statz of Non-Essentials, and Janet Kincaid of the Colony Inn as well as our hosts.

May Program Wrap-up

Big thanks to Pat Durand, our May meeting speaker, for an eye-popping 1918 photo tour of the train ride from Anchorage through Matanuska, Palmer, and the coal mines at Moose Cr., Sutton, and Chickaloon. The evening started with Hank Roesing singing the "Matanuska Express", from a poem by guest John Martin, and originally featured back in the day in the watering holes frequented by the coal miners. Pat's recent research revealed the definitive provenance of Engine #5. Pat also teased us with a couple photos from an album discovered at MATI, suspected to be from 1898, and promised to share the album after archiving.