

Palmer Historical Society

Promote Preserve Protect

History Night!

March 16, 7:00pm @ the Moose Lodge

This month we partner with Fireside Books to bring you an entertaining evening like *never* before!

Authors Lael Morgan & Tom Brennan

“A Heart of Gold: Alaska’s Good Time Girls Past and Present”.

The authors will speak about their years of research and exploration into Alaska’s ‘working’ girls.

As always History Night is a free event and open to the public.

Join us for entertainment, sweets and door prizes!



Spring and cleaning go together in Palmer!

As you Spring Clean all of that Matanuska dust.....

Please remember Palmer Historical Society with your donations for our upcoming Tent City Market.

Give us a call @ 745-1935 or email ptownhistory@gmail.com to set up a time for us to receive your donations.

History is preserved because of your generosity!

Thank you!

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Colony House Museum

Located at
316 E. Elmwood Ave.
In the Historic District

Open by
Appointment during the winter
907-745-1935

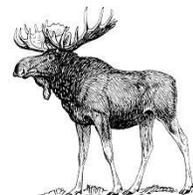


Palmer Historical Society &

Colony House Museum

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History Nights are
3rd Wednesday of the Month
7:00p.m. @ Palmer Moose Lodge



April 20th – Martin Buser
Save the Date!

What's happening at the Colony House Museum?

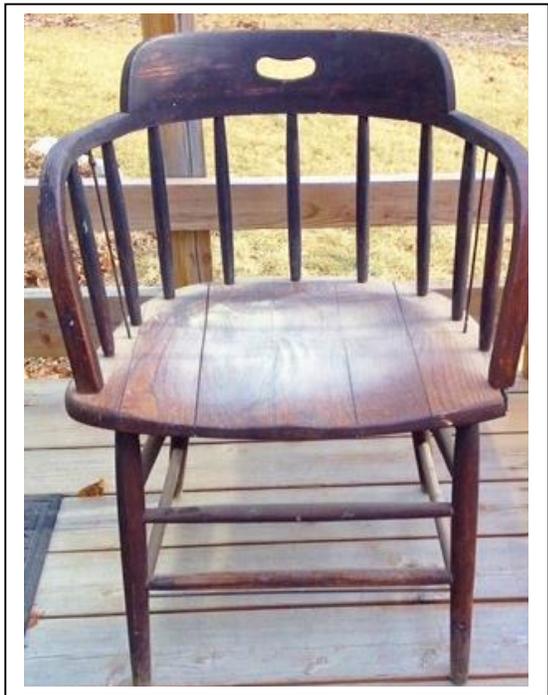
A Docent Gathering will be held April 11, 1:30 at the CHM.

It's a fun time of sharing stories of the past season and tips for the upcoming season.

If you know of someone who would be perfect addition to our docent team bring them along!

Modern Beauty Shop

A fun magazine at the Colony House Museum!



THANK YOU BILL FOLSOM!
Your donation of this awesome chair from the Palmer Depot is Very much loved and will be preserved for History because of YOU! 😊

Giant Thank You Helga Larson!
Our furnace is clean and spiffed up for the upcoming season thanks to your generosity! Your continued support of Palmer Historical Society & the Colony House Museum is appreciated!



Cabbage grown in kitchen garden at the Matanuska Substation
This picture is from a 1930's book donated by the **Klebesadel family** – Thanks for preserving Palmer History!

**February History Night @ the Moose Lodge brought us a great presentation by
Helen Hegener.**

Helen entertained and educated us with a power point presentation of her latest publication
Alaskan Roadhouses.

Pick up a copy of *Alaskan Roadhouses* and discover the history and connection of the Roadhouses to the Railroad, dog teams, gold mining and much more!

The book is chock full of wonderful pictures, maps and stories of the abundant number of Roadhouses in Alaska – most of which are no longer standing.

Our Q&A time was fun! Personal experiences from audience members were offered – we love this time of sharing stories!

Thanks Helen!!!

An excerpt from the Introduction of *Alaskan Roadhouses*

“Under no circumstance should the Alaskan roadhouse be confused with the establishments scattered along the highways on the outside that call themselves ‘roadhouses.’ The Alaskan roadhouse is a trail or roadside hotel. It deserves and has earned the high regard that all Alaskan and northern travelers have for the ‘roadhouse.’ Many tales of heroism and bravery could be told of the daring rescue and relief parties that have been headed by the intrepid roadhouse keepers. Story has it that no stranded man or dog has ever been denied food or shelter by these landlords of the lonely northern trails.”

– William E. Gordon, in *Icy Hell* (Wm. Brendan & Son, 1937)

*Alaska Nellie ran the Dead Horse Roadhouse in 1917 – the dining room seated 125

*Some Roadhouses were tents.

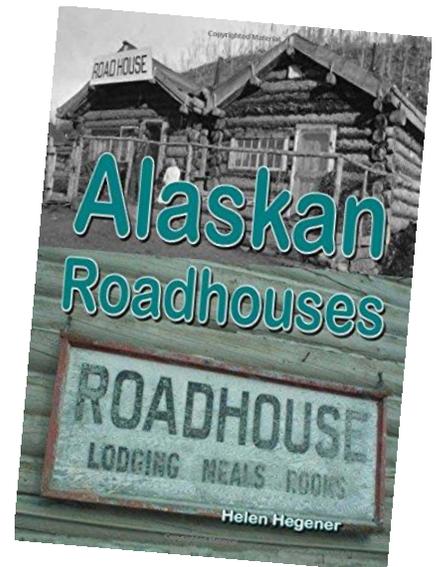
*In 1938 the Paxson Roadhouse was remodeled, enlarged and equipped to take care of 50 tourists.

Do **YOU** know?

Helen continues research:

Dry Creek Road House
&
Kluck-Too Roadhouse

If you have information about either Roadhouse, please connect with Helen



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Yes! I want to Preserve, Promote, and Protect the History of Palmer Alaska!

Please sign me up! I will circle the level I would like to commit to for 2016

Individual One Vote	\$25.00 per year
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Patron/Business/Organization One Vote	\$100.00 per year
Lifetime One Vote/One person/No transfer	\$500.00

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Please check the box if you would like to volunteer in one of the many ways we preserve Palmer History

Cut out form - Please mail to Palmer Historical Society, PO Box 1935, Palmer, AK 99645 or bring to History Night!

THANK YOU for your generous contribution – Palmer History will be preserved because of you!