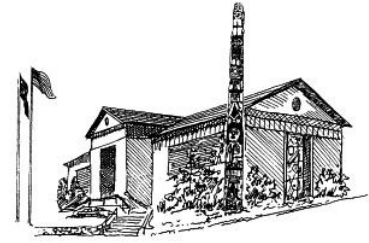


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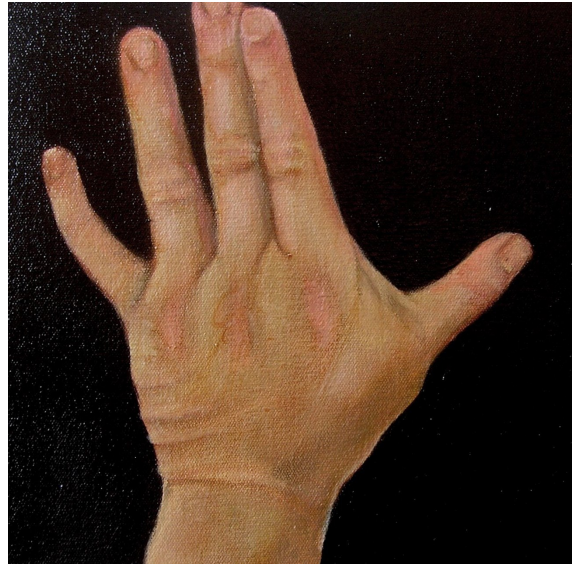


## *New Works by David Woodie*

This summer the City Museum is pleased to exhibit the work of local painter David Woodie. Woodie's work combines landscape and figures in unique compositions forming narrative paintings that speak to his life as a commercial fisherman, logger, and artist.

Woodie says of his exhibit, "This new work represents a continuation of my effort to present a visual narrative constructed around related themes. The traditional Vanitas theme (reflection on the transitory nature of life and beauty) has, over time become increasingly central to this effort, and the interface between human and nonhuman nature has been a long-standing interest. The relationship between beauty and ugliness is also important to me. These themes seem to me complimentary, and have evolved naturally in my work over the last 25 years or so."

The exhibit opens with a public reception Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:00 and is on view until October 29.



Detail of *Hand* from an Untitled Tryptch by David Woodie, 2015.



## *USS Juneau Silver Service Set*

Spearheaded by the city of Juneau in 1942, funds were raised to purchase a silver service set for the USS Juneau when President Roosevelt announced that a light cruiser would be named for the capital of the territory of Alaska. The punchbowl, cups, ladle, candlesticks and tray were taken off the ill-fated ship before it engaged in action in Guadalcanal. With the help of the Mendenhall Flying Lions the silver has been returned to Juneau on a ten year loan from the US Navy. This exhibit also includes information about the three naval ships named after Alaska's capital city.

Photo Credit: The *U.S.S. Juneau CL-52 Silver Cup*. On loan from the U.S. Navy, L2015.02.002 .

## *General History Gallery Updates*

If it has been a while since you've visited the Museum this summer is a perfect time to visit and catch up with all the changes to our General History Gallery.

Recent additions include: the 20 foot x 5 foot Rie Munoz Mural *Chilkat Dancers*, the repositioning of our 16' spruce canoe so you can now see inside and the re-installation of our canoe paddle matching interactive. We have added an exhibit on Tlingit weaving, carved Eagle and Raven panels with explanations on



Tlingit kinship, a Winter and Pond exhibit, and a "Last Voyage of the *Princess Sophia*" exhibit.

*Disasters at Home* continues in the Map gallery and Video Room with historical photographs from the City Museum's collection documenting 11 homegrown disasters - fires, land and snow slides, and floods from 1911 - 2006.

*Goldstein Building Fire*, photograph by Trevor Davis. Donated by the Juneau Volunteer Firefighters Association, JDCM 2009.19.040.

## Rocks & Minerals



In June 2015 the City Museum received a Grant-In Aid Award from the Alaska State Museum to produce an interactive rock and mineral identification exhibit for our Hands-On Mining Room. The interactive includes ten rotating blocks, each with a rock sample and loads of information. Three hands-on books will accompany the exhibit to offer more information on the geology of our area, Juneau mining history, and the Tlingit use of rocks.

The Museum worked with local geologists Cathy Conner and Mike Blackwell to choose ten types of rocks, minerals and metals found in our area and research their geological characteristics. Mike Satre from HELCA Greens Creek Mine and Jan Trigg from the Kensington Mine provided ore samples, information, and photographs of current mining industry operations. Goldbelt Heritage Institute helped us identify Tlingit uses of rocks and Tlingit spelling. Look for this new exhibit in the Hands-On Mining Room mid-May.



Photo Credit: Greywacke, a type of sandstone, sample from the JDCM Education Collection.

Photo Credit: Slate, a type of metamorphic rock, sample from the JDCM Education Collection.

## New Arrivals in the Museum Gift Shop

The City Museum is excited to add a variety of new items to the gift shop this summer. If you're in the mood to pamper yourself, look at our Great Alaska Soap Company lip balms, Glacier Smoothie's glacial silt soaps, and Alaska Glacial Mud facial masques. If you find yourself to be more of a foodie, take a look at our *Best of the Best from Alaska Cookbook: Selected Recipes from Alaska's Favorite Cookbooks* or our newest book, *Beers of the North: A Field Guide to Alaska & the Yukon*. If you are interested in picking up a few items for children, look no further than our popular finger puppets. We've added great horned owls, red foxes, and little fawns to our list of animal finger puppets. And lastly, if you need a card for a special occasion, look for our new art cards, *Salmon Cycle* by Allie High and *Bear Face* by Katie Sevigny.

Come stop in and check out our new inventory or visit the Museum gift shop online at <http://www.juneau.org/library/museum/store.php>. If you contact the Museum Administrative Assistant, Christine Twete, she will be more than happy to assist you with any shipping needs you may have. Her contact information is available on the last page of this newsletter. And remember, if you are a Friends Member at the *Family level* or above, you receive a 20% discount on our gift shop inventory.



Bear Face art card by Katie Sevigny available in our gift shop.



## *Six Ways to Support the Friends and Enjoy Community History*

The Friends of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum invite you to support Juneau Douglas history:

1. **Become a Member** at [www.JuneauMuseumFriends.org](http://www.JuneauMuseumFriends.org).
2. **Donate** to the Friends through the **Pick.Click.Give.** Program.
3. **Donate to the Friends** through the **Juneau Community Foundation** at [juneaucf.org](http://juneaucf.org). These funds have helped the Friends support the Museum in the purchase of three new exhibit cases.
4. **Buy our exclusive Dale De Armond gift card set** at the Museum gift shop, the Juneau Arts and Humanities Gallery, at the Goldbelt Tram gift shop or online through our website.
5. **Send us your email** to [friendsjdcem@gmail.com](mailto:friendsjdcem@gmail.com) so we can sign you up for our popular monthly news on the channel e-flyers and keep you posted on our activities at .
6. **Choose the Friends** as your organization to donate .5% of your purchase when you shop through the **Amazon Smile** program. Sign up at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com).



*Young Raven Hat*, Dale DeArmond Wood engraving with colored pencil, 1994 - 1995, JDCM 2013.04.011.

The Tlingit culture in Southeast Alaska wear headgear that celebrate Raven (Yéil) clan affiliations when participating in dance and song.

## *Marjie Hamburger Moves to the Community Development Department*



Marjie leading Sea Week "Juneau's Historic Shoreline" walking tour with 5<sup>th</sup> graders, 2015.

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing this article for the Museum's newsletter, as its purpose is to let you all know that I am leaving my position here and taking up duties in the city's Community Development Department. While I am sure things will go well there, and I will get to see the city through a new lens, my choice to depart comes from the worry I feel about what I see as hard times ahead for our city and our state, how that is likely to be felt by "non-essential" services such as the City Museum, and how that it likely to affect me and my family, economically.

But of course those of you reading this do not consider what the Museum does "non-essential". That has been most of my joy of these past three years here – working with and for all of you. Here is a part of the intro label I wrote for the Ordinary Things/Extraordinary Tales exhibit of 2014 that gives you some sense of what I value about the Juneau-Douglas City Museum's role in reminding us of where we have come from and where we are now:

*“. . . things stabilize our sense of who we are; they give a permanent shape to our views of ourselves that otherwise would quickly dissolve in the flux of consciousness,” wrote the distinguished Professor of Psychology Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi in an essay titled “Why We Need Things”. Since joining the staff at the City Museum, spending my days surrounded by objects deemed important enough to Juneau's history to be housed here, these words resonate with me.*

I hope my departure from employment here does not mean becoming disconnected with the Museum's mission and the people who cherish it. I hope to find a way to continue to contribute to maintaining the Museum as the vibrant and important piece of our community's history, culture and story that it is.

*Marjorie Hamburger*

## *Alaska Arbor Day—50th Anniversary, May 16, 2016*

The Juneau Arbor Day Anniversary committee, Nan Mundy, Molly Hodges, Carol Scafturon, and Jeff Barnard invite you to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Alaska Arbor Day.

May 16th, 2016, the Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership and the Juneau Garden Club have organized a re-enactment of this occasion at the original site, the Juneau Memorial Library, now the home of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum. At Noon, the Arbor Day proclamation will be read and the group will replace the Hawthorne tree on the Calhoun side of the building.

Many tree events are planned this month, visit [www.forestry.org/Alaska/arborday2015](http://www.forestry.org/Alaska/arborday2015) or the Juneau Garden Club Facebook for a listing of events and information about how to create your own tree event.



University of Alaska Anchorage. Archives & Manuscripts Dept.

Planting a tree, Anchorage Arbor Day, May 16, 1988.  
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### *Participate in Arbor Day Every Year*

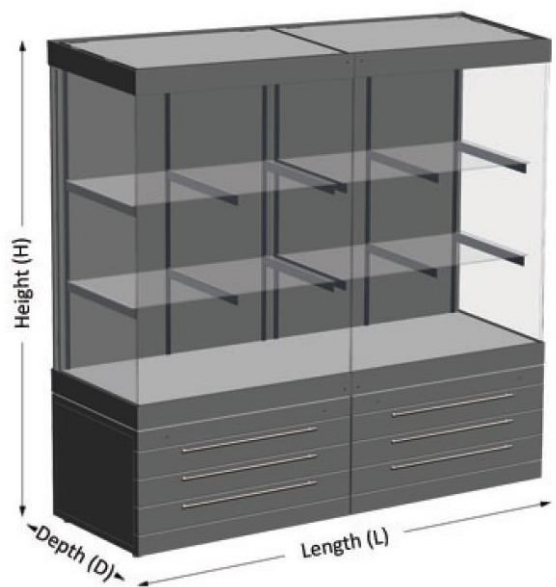
- Plant a tree
- Visit the Library and find a book about trees
- Use recycled materials for your creations
- Write a story or poem about trees
- Explore a favorite tree
- Tree enthusiasts and experts—share your knowledge with others.
- Email [arborday50@gmail.com](mailto:arborday50@gmail.com) for more information about “tree events”.

## *New Cases Slated for Museum Galleries*

The Museum will soon purchase three new exhibit cases with funding from the Rasmuson Tier 1 grant award program and generous donations from The Capital City Celebrations 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Friends of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum, the Mike Blackwell Fund, and The Men’s & Women’s Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo #6.

Three new cases slated to arrive fall and winter 2016 will allow the Museum to preserve collections, light exhibits appropriately, maximize a small space, change out and update exhibits safely, and ensure proper security of exhibits for decades to come. Two of the cases will re-house exhibits formerly found in the general history gallery. These cases will be installed in the hands-on mining room and will contain drawers for interactive exploration and allow for a more comprehensive interpretation of our mining history past and present.

The third case will be installed in the general exhibit gallery and interpret Juneau trade and business. These upgrades will allow the Museum to refit exhibit space in the general history gallery with an interactive touch screen and dedicated history on our Aak’w and T’aaku Kwáan residents. We look forward to these new cases and are thrilled by the support of the Rasmuson Foundation and our community groups.



Example of new Museum case with drawers for education objects that will be installed in the Hands-On Mining Room.

## Recent Acquisitions

- 2016.01 1912 Eagle River Survey with Map, gift of Brian Weed.
- 2016.02 Photograph collection, gift of Gordon Williams.
- 2016.03 Mayor Parker Archives, transfer from the City and Borough of Juneau.
- 2016.04 Statehood Token, collected by Museum staff.
- 2016.05 Mayor Parker Archives, transfer from the Alaska State Historical Library.
- 2016.06 Juneau Hotel Ledger, transfer from the Alaska State Historical Library.
- 2016.07 Photographs of Ruth Allman, gift of Nancy Waterman.
- 2016.08 2016 Legislative Skits Poster and Tickets, gift of Ross Soboleff.



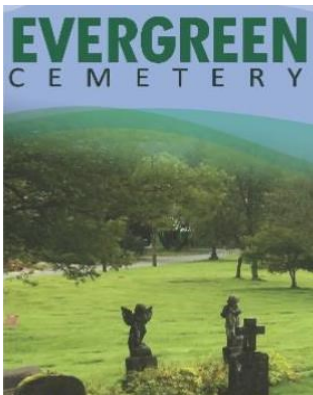
- 2016.09 “Welcome to Uno” Postcards & UNO Card Game, transfer from the City and Borough of Juneau.



*Ruth Allman at the Wickersham House, c.1971, JDCM 2016.07.001.  
Statehood Token, JDCM 2016.04.001.  
2016 Legislative Skits Ticket, JDCM 2016.08.002.*



## NEW Evergreen Cemetery Search Database and Brochure



Between 1881 and 1891, outsiders swelled into Aak’w Kwáan territory transforming a mining camp into a fledgling town. The earliest city cemetery was set along the ridge above downtown. Shortly after its establishment, “Ridge Cemetery” became overcrowded with mining claims and residential development of the Chicken Ridge neighborhood. In 1891, Evergreen Cemetery Association was established and the 9-acre cemetery was chosen. “Cemetery road” – as it was known until 1902 – follows present day Calhoun Road. At its origination, Evergreen included three sections – Protestant, Catholic and Native – but over time was further divided to include the American Legion, Masonic, Moose/Masonic, Odd Fellows, Elks and Serbian sections. In 1907, Evergreen Cemetery, excluding the private section owned and maintained by the Russian Orthodox Church, was deeded to the City of Juneau and continues to this day to be maintained by the CBJ Parks and Recreation Department.

A partnership between the City and Borough of Juneau Parks Department, Community Development Department, and the City Museum has consolidated existing paper burial records from Evergreen Cemetery into a digital database through a geographic information system (GIS) mapping project. This project helped confirm gravesite locations, move historic Evergreen Cemetery documents to the Museum collection, and produce a brochure on Juneau’s built environment and community interred at the cemetery. The project was partially funded by a National Park Service, Department of the Interior, and a grant from the State of Alaska Office of History and Archaeology, Department of Natural Resources.

Not an easy task, volunteers Mike Blackwell, Marie Darlin, and Sorrell Goodwin helped a working group choose community members interred in the cemetery for inclusion in the brochure. The brochure and the search link are available at <http://www.juneau.org/library/museum/EvergreenCemetery.php>, and thanks to the Community Development Department, a limited number of brochures are available free of charge at the Museum.





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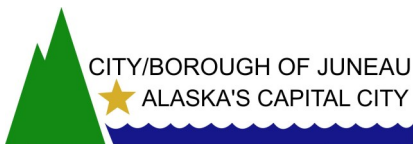
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# JUNEAU-DOUGLAS CITY MUSEUM UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

## MAY

**HISTORIC WALKING TOURS TUES/WEDS/THURS & SATURDAYS 1:30**

- 6 *NEW WORK* BY DAVID WOODIE EXHIBIT OPENING 4:30-7:00PM
- 10 FOR PAY HISTORIC WALKING TOURS BEGIN TUES/WEDS/THURS 1:30PM IN MUSEUM LOBBY
- 11 FOR PAY HEROES WALKING TOUR BEGIN SATURDAYS AT 1:30PM MUSEUM LOBBY
- 16 THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARBOR DAY, SPONSORED BY THE JUNEAU URBAN FORESTRY PARTNERSHIP, THE JUNEAU GARDEN CLUB AND THE ALASKA STATE COMMUNITY, NOON-1:00PM
- 26 BLUE STAR MUSEUM LAUNCH - ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICE MEN & WOMEN AND FAMILIES RECEIVE FREE MUSEUM ENTRANCE
- 30 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - CLOSED

## JUNE

**HISTORIC WALKING TOURS TUES/WEDS/THURS & SATURDAYS 1:30**

## JULY

**HISTORIC WALKING TOURS TUES/WEDS/THURS & SATURDAYS 1:30**

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY—MUSEUM CLOSED

## AUGUST

**HISTORIC WALKING TOURS TUES/WEDS/THURS & SATURDAYS 1:30**

TBA JUNEAU EXPLORERS KIDS PROGRAM

## SEPTEMBER

**HISTORIC WALKING TOURS TUES/WEDS/THURS & SATURDAYS 1:30**

- 3 HEROES WALKING TOUR LAST DAY
- 5 LABOR DAY—MUSEUM CLOSED
- 21-24 MUSEUMS ALASKA- ALASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY JOINT CONFERENCE, JUNEAU
- 23 HISTORIC WALKING TOUR LAST DAY
- 26 BEGIN WINTER HOURS: TUES – SAT 10-4PM

Salmon Cycle art card by Allie High  
Available in our gift shop. Friends Members at the Family Level receive a 20% discount on our gift shop merchandise.

