

Past & Present

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Public Remembrance for Dale DeArmond



A public remembrance for Dale DeArmond will be held at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum on **Friday, January 19, 2007 from 7:00-9:00 pm**. Alice Slatery & Juan Munoz will talk about Dale's work and audience members are invited to share their memories. For more information call 586.3572.

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A SEASON FOR ALL MEDIUMS

This Winter/ Spring season the City Museum will play host to quite a variety of artwork including painting, cartooning, photography, and who knows what else our creative community will come up with for the third annual 12 X 12!

The Museum will kick-off the winter season with paintings by Rick Clair. Clair's paintings give us a glimpse of extreme mental states, unconventional ideas and imaginative fantasy worlds. Clair's exhibit entitled, *Not Far from Franklin Street* opens **Friday, January 5, from 4:30-7:30 pm**.

And in the midst of the legislative session, what could be more appropriate than an exhibit of political cartoons by Tony 'Toe' Newman?! Newman's work has appeared in the Juneau Empire, Capital



Cartoon by Tony Newman

City Weekly and other local publications since the mid-1990s. *Ten Years of Toe* opens **Friday, February 2, from 4:30-7:30 pm**.

Newman is one of three artists that were selected by the City Museum from the Solo Artist Exhibit Application process which began in the summer of 2005.

John Hermle Jr., our April solo artist, was also chosen during the Solo Artist Application process. A life-long Juneau resident, Hermle's exhibit will be a photographic retrospective of Juneau people and places. Hermle's exhibit opens **Friday, April 6, from 4:30-7:30 pm**.

In March, the City Museum invites the community to "cover the walls!" with art. The only stipula-

tion is that the work must be 12" X 12". The 12 X 12 started in 2005 and is an annual fundraiser for the Museum's art acquisition fund. Artists of all ages, abilities and mediums are encouraged to participate. In addition to regular submissions there will also be an opportunity for kids to work with local artist Sarah Conarro on a kids community art installation project as part of the 12 X 12 exhibit on **Saturday, February 17. TBA.**

Applications are available at the Museum and online at www.juneau.org/parksrec/museum. The deadline for submissions is **Saturday, February 24, by 4:00 pm**.



Oratorid By Rick Clair

JUNEAU-DOUGLAS CITY MUSEUM RECEIVES FIVE AWARDS IN 2006



Jane Lindsey receiving the AASLH Award of Merit in Phoenix.

The Juneau-Douglas City Museum has been honored this past year by receiving two national awards for the fish trap replica project, a state award for *Digital Bob*, and two local awards; one from the Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau and another from the City and

Borough of Juneau.

Museum Director, Jane Lindsey traveled to the American Association of State and Local History (AASLH) conference in Phoenix this last August to receive on behalf of the museum two awards from the association. The fish trap replica project received the

association's merit award, an award presented to history institutions for excellence in history programs, projects, and individual achievement when compared with similar activities nationwide. In addition to the merit award, the fish trap replica project was deemed highly inspirational, exhibiting exceptional scholarship, and unusual and exceptional creativity, and was awarded an additional WOW award by the association.

On the heels of this good news, the museum was privileged to receive the Pathfinder Award from the Alaska Historical Society for its web based searchable database *Digital Bob*, a compilation of Juneau history writings by Bob DeArmond. This award was given jointly to the Juneau-Douglas City Museum and *Digital Bob* idea man and pro-

ject supporter, Mike Blackwell.

What could be better than national and state recognition? For us, the cities museum and public trust, there is no recognition sweeter than that which is close to home. In December, the Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau recognized the Museum for its contributions to promoting local tourism. This was followed by the City and Borough of Juneau recognizing the Director and museum staff for outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the City and Borough of Juneau. What a gift for the museum to be in such a supportive environment, with such great volunteers, in our rich and vibrant capital city, in a great state. We are happy.

City Museum launches another on-line resource: the Historic Structures Database

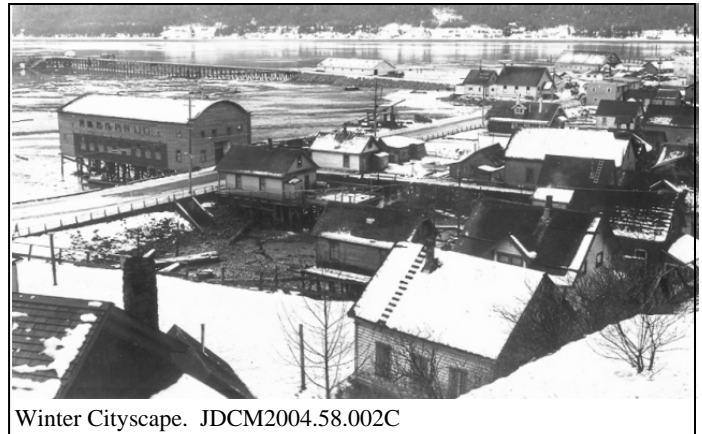
Based on the popularity and addictiveness of the on-line searchable database *Digital Bob*, the Juneau-Douglas City Museum is pleased to announce the creation of another on-line searchable database, the "Historic Structures Database". This new structures database is the product of more than two years of work. Former Curator of Collections Ellen Carrlee and intern Beth Weinman developed the database, and volunteer researcher Cathy Danielson entered the first **2,400 records!**

The Museum needed a list of when structures were built or destroyed to help date photographs and artifacts, but the database has proven useful

for much more, explained Carrlee. "We often find building owners, locations, and interesting uses."

It is called "structures" because it includes things like bridges and roads that are seen in photos as well. Each record is a snippet of info from a single source, so if you search for a structure, there may be many entries. Each entry may have several blank fields depending on the info given by the source. The Historic Structures Database is very much a **work-in-progress**, but the Museum plans to continue to add information to the database.

"Entering the Structures Database became such an



opportunity for me," explained Danielson. "I was able to follow Juneau history from its' founding, mega mining claims, the mass building of 1913-1914, business histories, pioneers, and the tidbits were delightful. Whether you are a native of Juneau or a newcomer you will

find something in the database for you."

If you want to volunteer to work on this handy reference source, please contact the Museum at (907) 586-3572 or e-mail Jane.Lindsey@ci.juneau.ak.us.

Calling all history
enthusiasts!

2007/08 Juneau History Grant Applications Available Now!

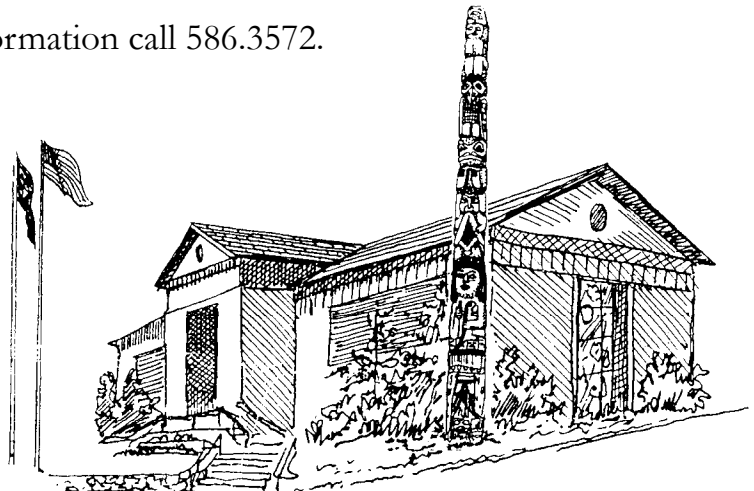
Students, teachers, organizations and individuals of all ages are encouraged to apply for up to \$1,000 to assist them in the completion of a project which will document, preserve or improve access to the history of the Juneau-Douglas area. Projects might include live performances, public presentations, research papers, recordings, videotape, use of computers or other media.

The 1980 Juneau Centennial Committee set aside an endowment to help fund projects each year. Each year, up to \$2,500 is available to be divided among successful applicants.

Typed applications must be post-marked or hand-delivered to the Juneau-Douglas City Museum by **4:00 p.m., May 14, 2007**. The finished projects will become the property of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum; however, copyright will remain with the author(s). Projects must be completed by **May 5, 2008**.

Applications for the 2007/08 Juneau History Grant are currently available at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum, the Parks and Recreation office (located at 155 South Seward Street) and on-line at www.juneau.org/museum/parkrec.

For more information call 586.3572.



DARE to be SQUARE!

Artists of all ages and abilities are invited to create a piece of artwork for the 3rd annual 12 X 12 Community Art Installation.

For more information and application forms visit www.juneau.org/parkrec/museum



Opening Reception Friday, March 2, 4:30-7:00 pm

Deadline for entries is Saturday, Feb. 24th

- *A completed entry form and donation of \$12.12 must accompany each submission.
- *All entries must be ready-to-hang.
- *Entries are due between Noon & 4:00pm on Thurs., Feb. 22, Fri., Feb. 23, or Sat., Feb. 24.



Fond Farewells & Warm Welcomes...



This past October, the City Museum was both sad and proud to see former Curator of Collections & Exhibits, Ellen Carrlee take the Conservator position at the Alaska State Museum. In her three years at the City Museum, Ellen, who is trained as an objects conservator, took on the Curatorship of Collections and Exhibits as a true pro. She mentored numerous interns not only in museum practices, but also in feeling welcomed and at home in Juneau. Ellen is definitely missed by staff and volunteers alike, but all wish her the very best in her new position!

On January 15th, the Juneau-Douglas City Museum will welcome Addison E. Field as the new Curator of Collections and Exhibits. Addison comes to our beloved City Museum with a Masters of Arts in Museum Studies from George Washington University with a concentration in museum administration and history. Prior work experience includes revising and rewriting collections management policy at the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery. No stranger to Alaska, Addison has spent the last four years working at the Totem Heritage Center in Ketchikan, the Alaska State Museum, and most recently as the Director and Curator of the Sheldon Museum and Cultural Center in Haines.

Addison's well rounded Museum background, love of history, curiosity, and easy going demeanor will add essential expertise to Juneau history research, and collections and exhibits care at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum.

"Frances and I are very excited to be returning to Juneau, and I am very excited to be joining the team at the City Museum!" said Addison.

"It's a dynamic, fun, exciting place and I am looking forward to becoming a part of that energy! I have been working toward a curatorial position for many years and believe that this is going to be the perfect fit. I



am looking forward to getting to know all the staff, volunteers and community members who have a hand in the museum, and can't wait to learn more about the art and history of Juneau, both past and present."

"Trying to find a replacement for Ellen has not been easy," says Director, Jane Lindsey. "Fortunately, Addison possesses Ellen's easy going manner, quick wit, and museum professionalism. We feel he will be a great fit with our volunteers, supporters, and staff."

Recent Acquisitions

September - December 2006



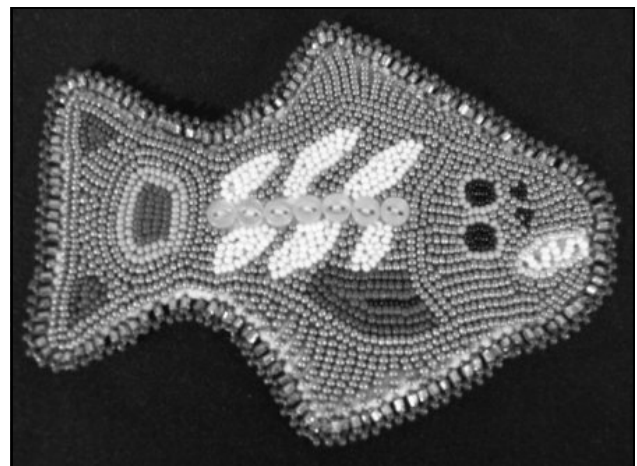
AJ Kerosene Blowtorch, JDCM 2006.48.001

2006.44 Totem Pole Models, Gift of Mike Blackwell

2006.45 AJ Checks, Gift of Karen Boddy

2006.46 Fish-Trap Replica, JDCM Purchase

2006.47 "A Worm in Every One" painting by John Stoll, JDCM Purchase, Rasmuson AAI Grant



Beaded Halibut by Emma Marks, JDCM 2006.49.001.

2006.48 AJ Kerosene Blowtorch, Gift of Karl Hegg

2006.49 Beaded Halibut by Emma Marks, Gift of Jane Lindsey

2006.50 "Witch Totem Pole Removal" Watercolor by Rie Munoz, Gift of Dennis and Jane Demmert

2006.51 Native Slogan Buttons, Gift of Bethany Buckingham

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CITY MUSEUM EVENTS CALENDAR

January

- 1 Museum closed in observance of New Year's Day
- 5 First Friday public reception, *Not Far From Franklin Street*, paintings by Rick Clair, 4:30-7:30 pm
- 15 Museum closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day
- 19 Public Remembrance for Dale DeArmond, 7:00-9:00 pm
- 20 Sock Monkey class with John Leo, Noon - 3:00 pm. Pre-registration & pre-payment required. Cost: \$13.53/child, \$19.83/adult

February

- 2 First Friday public reception, *Ten Years of Toe*, cartoons by Tony 'Toe' Newman, 4:30-7:30pm
- 3 Community Arts Celebration at DZ Middle School, Noon-3:00pm
- 9 Intern Bethany Buckingham's last day
- 17 12 X 12 Class with Sarah Conarro, TBA
- 19 New Intern Lauren Safranek begins at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum through May 18
- 24 All entries for the upcoming 12 X 12 exhibit are **due by 4:00 pm**

March

- 2 First Friday public reception, *12 X 12 Community Art Installation*, 4:30-7:30 pm
- 9-10 6" X 6" community art installation project, FREE Drop-In program, Noon-4:00pm both days.
- TBA Marketing Your Art Class

April

- 6 First Friday public reception, Photography by John Hermlle, 4:30-7:30pm
- TBA SeaWeek for K-1st graders
- TBA Tourguide Trainings

