

# Past & Present

Juneau-Douglas City Museum: Collecting, preserving and interpreting Juneau-Douglas history and culture

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## Juneau History Grant Applications Available

Applications for the 2012-2013 Juneau History Grant are now available. The deadline for submission is **Friday, June 29, 2012.**

Established in 1980 by the Juneau Centennial Committee, the Juneau History Grant, now managed by the Juneau-Douglas City Museum provides up to \$1,000 for projects that research, document, preserve, or improve access to the history of the Juneau area. Individuals, organizations and school groups passionate about Juneau's history are encouraged to apply.

Application forms are available online and at the Museum front desk.

For more information or to view a listing of past projects visit: [www.juneau.org/parkrec/museum/grant.php](http://www.juneau.org/parkrec/museum/grant.php) or call 586-

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## ALASKAN ARTISTS BOTH PAST & PRESENT FEATURED AT THE CITY MUSEUM THIS SUMMER



Celebrating Alaskan artists both past and present, this summer's featured exhibits include *Sydney Laurence: Reflections of the Great Northwest* and *A Klondike Tale: A Juneau Perspective* by Averyl Veliz.

For the Laurence exhibit, "we focused our efforts on finding paintings of Juneau and Southeast Alaska, but incorporated representative examples of some of the iconic Laurence scenes, such as Mount McKinley and the aurora," explains Curator of Collections & Exhibits Addison Field.

In addition to featuring 13 paintings by Laurence including two from the

Museum's collection, three from the Alaska State Museum's collection, six from the Juneau Empire's collection, and the remainder from private collections, the exhibit also includes a diorama of the Nugget Shop and an interactive on identifying painting styles.

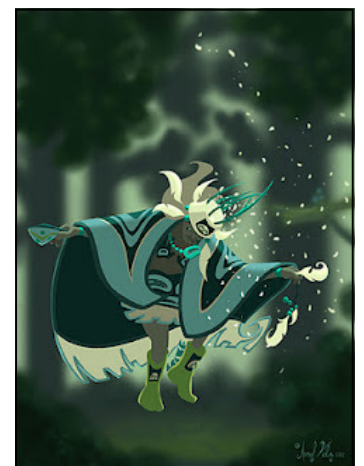
"Laurence had an excellent education and career as a painter years before he ventured to Alaska. By looking at the different styles of painting that were popular during his life and time as an artist, and by looking at a selection of contemporary Alaskan and Juneau landscape painters, we invite visitors to see his work in a fresh way," says Director, Jane Lindsey.

*Sydney Laurence: Reflections of the Great Northwest* will be on display through November 17, 2012.

A combination of history, tall-tale, and myth *A Klondike Tale: A Juneau Perspective* is a continuation of Averyl Veliz' idea for an animated film project about the contact between West-

erners in search of gold and the Tlingit. Recognizable Juneau scenes, these works of art will later be used as backgrounds for Veliz' characters to be animated against.

Growing up Veliz frequently visited her grandparents in Juneau and developed a strong interest in Tlingit culture, formline design, and the Klondike Gold Rush. Her life experiences and historical research have inspired her to write and visually develop this original tale. *A Klondike Tale: A Juneau Perspective* will be on display in the Museum's audio/visual gallery through September 29, 2012.



Above Left: Nugget Shop area in Sydney Laurence exhibit. Above: *Eagle's Dance* by Averyl Veliz now on display in the Museum's audio/visual gallery.

Opportunities for Local Artists at the City Museum



**Solo Artist Exhibits:**

Applications for solo artist exhibits at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum for the fall 2013/ winter 2014 season are now available.

Local artists working in all mediums are encouraged to apply. The City Museum schedules individual artists, groups, and organizations to exhibit in the main temporary gallery each year and encourages a variety of exhibition types.

The deadline for applications is **Wednesday, August 15, 2012**. Application forms can be found at the Museum front desk or online at: [www.juneau.org/parkrec/museum/SoloArtistExhibit.php](http://www.juneau.org/parkrec/museum/SoloArtistExhibit.php). For more information call 586-3572.

**Gift Shop Showcases:**

If submitting a proposal for a full-scale exhibit in the main temporary gallery seems daunting or unsuitable for the type or size of your artwork, contact the Museum about our *Gift Shop Showcases*. Ideal for artists working in jewelry, ceramics, and other smaller scale art, these showcases allow local artists an opportunity to sell their work in the Museum Gift Shop. Call 586-3572 for more information.

# F O J D C M Membership Matters

FRIENDS OF THE JUNEAU-DOUGLAS CITY MUSEUM

This summer your Friends of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum membership is loaded with benefits.

Friends of the Museum at the *Family* level and higher receive membership benefits that include free admission for the member and a guest. Drop by the Museum to enjoy our special summer exhibits *Sydney Laurence: Reflections of the Great Northwest* and *A Klondike Tale: A Juneau Perspective* by local artist Averyl Veliz.

*Family* memberships and higher also receive a 10-20% discount in our gift

shop featuring unique art and cards by local artists and publications by local authors.

*Fellows* and higher receive a free walking tour with their membership. This popular walking tour is led every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 1:30pm through September. Museum staff and volunteers will take you on a 1 ½ hour moderate walk through historic Juneau. The tour includes a visit to the St. Nicholas Church and a stop at a historic house for refreshments. Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect to the history of your community.

The best news for the Friends group is that memberships are now valid from January 1 through December 31. This means an additional six months of benefits for our current members.

If you can't find your membership card, no worries, we can verify your membership level and benefits when you come in for a visit or just give us a call at 586-3572.

Keep up with Friends of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum news on the web at: [www.juneau.org/parkrec/museum](http://www.juneau.org/parkrec/museum) and find us on Facebook.

	Volunteer 20 hours of service	Friend \$25	Family \$50	Fellow \$75	Patron \$150	Business \$250	Benefactor \$1000
Museum Newsletter Past & Present	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Postcard Invitations to exhibit openings & other events	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Gift Shop Discount	20%		10%	20%	20%	20%	20%
Annual Pass good for FoJDCM member & guest	●		●	●	●	● ●	●
Special Coffee & Collections Notification	●			●	●	●	●
Walking Tour	●			●	●	Choice of: 1 walking tour & 1 mining lecture OR two of either	●
One Ticket to Mining Lecture	●				●		●
Quarterly Letter from Curator of Collections & Exhibits					●		●
Two hours of research assistance							●
Name on Donor Wall						●	●

Current members at the *Charter* level will also be extended through December 31, 2012 and will receive the same benefits listed above under *Patron*.



## VOLUNTEERS ON VIEW:



Betty Miller & Elaine Long all smiles at the front desk.

Every Thursday morning, since 2005, Betty Miller seventh generation, born and raised in Juneau resident and Elaine Long, her cousin, who is fourth generation, born and raised in Juneau resident volunteer at the Museum front desk. Betty and Elaine like to laugh, tell stories, and generally have a good time, but it doesn't mean they neglect that special Juneau hospitality and efficiency to everyone who walks through our doors. The cousins have a talent for making everyone who visits feel welcome

and comfortable. They are an extremely effective and reliable team with a wealth of knowledge and pride in their community. A long time researcher in her own right, Betty transcribed a compilation of Juneau Alaska Daily Empire Vital Statistics from 1917-1936. These five volumes are so useful that we keep them at the front desk to share with walk-in researchers.

Thursday mornings are fun, relaxed and informative thanks to these special ladies.

## SUMMER SEASON IN THE GIFT SHOP

The Juneau-Douglas City Museum Gift Shop has several new and unique items this season. In connection with our summer exhibit *Sydney Laurence, Reflections of the Great Northwest* we are offering, *Visions of Alaska*, from the Morris Communications Company. This small book of Alaskan art is packed with beautiful reproductions of favorite Alaskan painters such as Sydney Laurence, Ted Lambert, Fred Machetanz, Francis Davis, Josephine and Nina Crumrine, and contemporaries such as Kesler Woodward, Ken DeRoux, Bill C. Ray and Rie Munoz. There is a thoughtful introduction written by Kesler Woodward and Morris Collections Curator, Louise Keith Claussen writes concise, informative artist biographies. At \$9.95, it is a gem.

The gift shop also offers

ready to frame 9"x12" prints of Sydney Laurence's *Early Morning Juneau*, a painting in the Museum's permanent collection. The Museum hired local photographer John Hyde to take high resolution photos of the painting, and David Riccio of Lemon Creek Digital produced prints on a heavy cotton matte with archival ink. The print sells for \$35 and is a stunning reproduction of this iconic work.

Promoting local contemporary artists, guest artist Averyl Veliz has prints from her exhibit, *A Klondike Tale: A Juneau Perspective* for sale in the gift shop. Visually compelling with a fresh perspective of our environment and history, they sell for \$35-\$40. Original artwork in her exhibit is also for sale. (Cash or local check only for Veliz's work).

Thanks to a generous donation by Michael Kirk, we



are able to offer original art for sale. Currently on display in the gift shop is an original watercolor by R. Sylvonus Antel, dated 1981. The scene is of a meandering stream that one would find on a quiet walk through the woods. Framed and matted, it measures 21" h by 13" w with an image size of 14.5" h by 7" w. This watercolor, along with the other donated works do not fit the Museum's collecting mission and have not been accessioned into the Museum's perma-

nent collection. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Juneau-Douglas City Museum Acquisitions Fund.

Drop in anytime to take a look at the gift shop or call us for more information on the unique items for sale in the Museum Gift Shop.

Don't forget, Friends at the *Family* level and higher receive 10-20% discounts on regular gift shop inventory.

Recent Acquisitions *January—May 2012*

- 2012.01 T.R. Lambert Oil Painting, Museum Purchase
- 2012.02 Original Art Work, Gift of Michael Kirk
- 2012.03 “Occupy” Sign, Gift of Lisa Ryals
- 2012.04 Masonic Materials, Gift of Ross Soboleff

- 2012.05 Bumper Sticker, Gift of Betty Breck
- 2012.06 Zach Gordon Collection, Gift of the Teenage Club, Inc.
- 2012.07 Carved Salad Utensils, Gift of Mike Blackwell
- 2012.08 Photos of Bridge Construction, Gift of Juneau Convention & Visitors Bureau

**HAPPINESS IS SEEING  
BELLE BLUE'S PICTURE  
ON A MILK CARTON**

Above left: “Jenny, Karluk Alaska” by Paul Sincic, was part of the original artwork donation from Michael Kirk, JDCM 2012.02.002. Above: Political bumper sticker from 1985, JDCM 2012.05.001.

## COLLECTIONS CORNER:

We had a great winter down in collections. We removed all of the large objects that were sitting along the southwest wall in collections storage, took out the old miscellaneous storage racks and pallets, and replaced them with a new heavy duty rack and dust cover. This gave us the opportunity to paint floors and walls, update object records in the database, clean objects, and make new storage mounts. The Museum would like to thank intern Victoria Brown, volunteer Brenda Wright and contractor and volunteer Joe Sears for their help with this project. If you want to schedule to come down and take a look at the collections area, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Now that the new storage rack is in place, I will be focusing intently on processing the collections cataloging backlog. I always look forward to the summer when I can wade into the donations we have been given and process them for the collection. Lately we have been working through lots of photographs and have come across several great photos from the 1930s, '40s and '50s. Thanks to everyone who has helped to identify people or places, we couldn't do it without you.

Addison Field  
Curator of Collections & Exhibits



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City Museum located at the corner of Fourth and Main Streets in Alaska's Capital City.

## SUMMER HOURS:

Monday-Friday: 9am-6pm

Saturdays & Sundays 10am-5pm\*

\*Starting July 7th

Office hours:

Monday - Friday 9am-5pm

## ADMISSION:

\$6 Adults

\$5 Seniors (65 & older)

Youth 12 & under FREE

Annual Passes \$20 (good for passholder & guest for unlimited visits)

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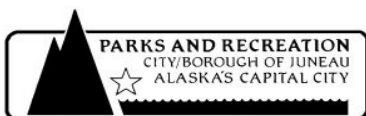
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# CITY MUSEUM SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR

## JUNE

29 Deadline for Juneau-History Grant Applications 5:00pm

## JULY

*The Juneau-Douglas City Museum will resume summer weekend hours: 10am to 5pm Saturdays & Sundays.*

4 Museum closed in observance of Independence Day.

TBA JCVB/ JDCM Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event at Glacier Gardens.

## AUGUST

6-10 *Juneau Explorers Week* program for youth, 12:30-4:30pm daily. Details coming soon.

15 Deadline for Solo Artist Applications

## SEPTEMBER

15 Juneau Parks & Recreation's 3rd annual *Day of Play* event

24 Last day of summer hours, winter hours are Tuesday - Saturday 10am to 4pm.

29 *A Klondike Tale: A Juneau Perspective* by Averyl Veliz closes at 4pm.

