

Past & Present

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

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JUNEAU MUSEUM DAY

SAT. MAY 12TH

NOON - 5 P.M.

SUMMER EXHIBITION OPENINGS

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

FREE SHUTTLE

Join the Juneau-Douglas City Museum, Alaska State Museum, Last Chance Mining Museum and St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in celebration of Juneau's history, art & culture.

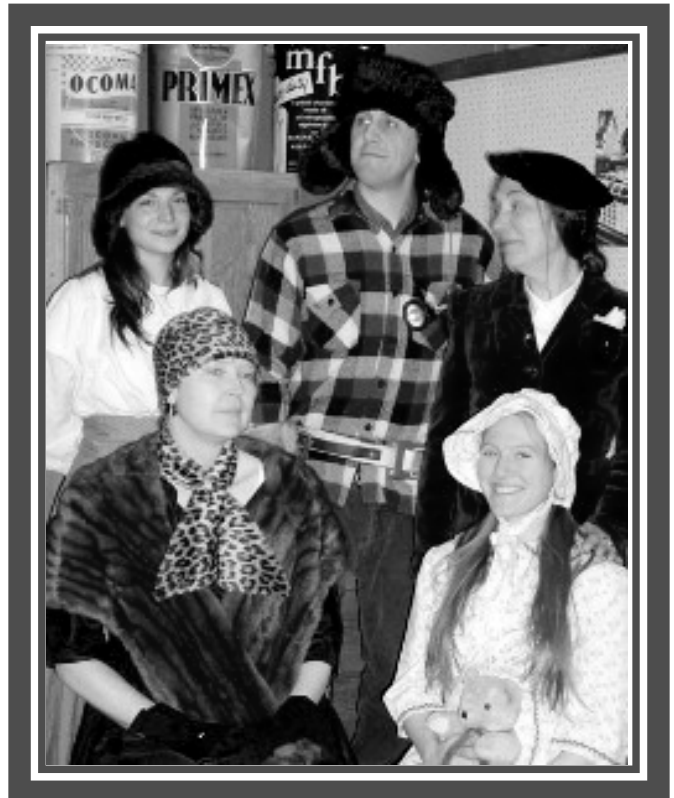
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COME AND PLAY AT THE CITY MUSEUM THIS SUMMER!

Get ready for a whole lotta' fun this summer in the Juneau-Douglas City Museum's new summer exhibit *Playful Pastimes*. This exhibit will expand on the museum's ever-popular Hands-on History Room by moving the room into the Northwest (temporary) gallery and adding a hand-shadow puppet play station, twinning loom, knot tying activity and more. A 'please touch' experience for the whole family, this exhibit aims to introduce and reminisce with visitors of all ages a mix of Juneau history and engaging activities with a touch of nostalgia.

In addition to new hands-on activities, former intern and guest curator, Bethany Buckingham is installing an exhibit case of Ginny Dolls and Soap Box Derby objects from the Museum's permanent collection. Our pristine collection of Ginny and 'to die for' accessories was donated to the Museum in 2002 by Mary Anne Parke. Staff have been cooing over them ever since and we think you will too. Although it wasn't until 1941 that the Soap Box Derby arrived in Juneau, with its hilly terrain and young population, Jun-



Museum staff gearing up for a summer full of playful pastimes. Back (L to R) Lauren Safranek, Museum Intern; Addison Field, Curator of Collections; and Jane Terry, Office Assistant III. Front (L to R) Jane Lindsey, Museum Director and Alysia McLain, Curator of Public Programs.

eau was ready to join the fun. It was to be a short lived love affair. The next year after the first local race saw the beginning of World War II. All races were cancelled until after the war. Racing resumed in Juneau in 1946. A national rule change requiring racing towns to have a population larger than Juneau's halted races in the

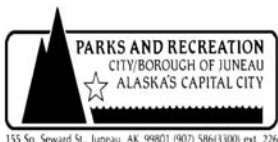
capital city. Although the race was only held for a total of nine years, it was extremely popular and many of our locals fondly remember the event.

Playful Pastimes opens May 12 during Juneau Museum Day activities and will be up through February 2008.

JUNEAU DESIGNATED AS PRESERVE AMERICA SITE

Juneau has recently received designation as a *Preserve America* Community. *Preserve America* is a White House initiative that encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy our nation's cultural and natural heritage. This program recognizes and designates communities that protect and celebrate their heritage, use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs. Benefits include the eligibility to apply for *Preserve America* grants.

These matching fund grants are provided on a competitive basis to support heritage tourism initiatives, promotion and marketing programs, and interpretive and educational initiatives involving historic resources. The Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) staff liaisons Museum director Jane Lindsey and Community Development planner Matthew Halitsky drafted the application with support from Mayor Bruce Botelho, and the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly.



PLAYFUL NEW ITEMS AT THE GIFT SHOP THIS SEASON

Our exciting summer exhibit *Playful Pastimes* has been the inspiration for new gift shop items this season. So step right up and buy the toys you loved as a child while playing at Grandma's house! We have a variety of tin toys, 19th century toys, motion flip books, a shadow picture book, and a Buster Brown paper doll package.

Additionally, we have stocked the recently published book, *Taku*, which is autographed by the authors. It's a great read! Mary Lou King updated and expanded the *Treadwell Mine Historic Trail Guide* with the help of a



Juneau History Grant. The new edition, just arrived from the printers, will be a great resource for locals and visitors alike!

We are also carrying lovely and affordable beaded work by local art-

ists and beading and cedar basket kits for those interested in more hands-on fun after their visit to the Museum.

So step right up and check out our unusual and old time items for yourself, or as gifts for others.

JOIN US FOR A STROLL THROUGH 1925 JUNEAU

This summer, Juneau-Douglas City Museum is bringing back its historic walking tour, *Genuine Juneau, 1925*. We have revised the tour from last season and are excited to offer a more informative and exciting stroll through Juneau's streets.

Our tour guide will escort visitors around the boardwalk streets of Juneau, up and down 5th, Seward, Gold, Franklin, and Front Streets. We will visit respectable sites such as the construction site of our soon-to-be-built Capitol Building, as well as the seedier speakeasies and cigar stores near the waterfront.

We will be introduced to some of the great characters of the town: Judge Wickersham, our pioneer

judge; William Paul, an Indian Rights promoter; Robert Stroud, the Birdman of Alcatraz; and Charles Sinclair, the one and only King Bootlegger of Juneau.

Juneau in 1925 is a charming place teetering on the edge of a remarkable mountainside. Endless stairways vein their way into the trees, like the gold lodes hidden deep inside the mountain. The cosmopolitan architecture of the Valentine Building and the Alaska Steam Laundry harmonize with the worn wooden pilings propping the south side of Front Street up out of the channel. Simultaneously refined and rugged, Juneau is coming into its own in 1925.

Tours will be offered every **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**, May 8th thru September 27 at 3pm.

The walking tour is approximately one hour, beginning at the City Museum and ending at the "Windfall Fisherman" bear statue. The route does include some up and downhill walking. So bring sturdy walking shoes and your imagination for a trip through history!

Tickets are available at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum, \$10 adult, \$7 under 18. Ticket includes admission to the museum. Tours limited to 10 participants, 4 minimum.

JUNEAU-DOUGLAS CITY MUSEUM

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tour Guide Training Workshops

Each participant will receive a packet FULL of fact sheets and information relating to the specific topics discussed. Participants will also receive a **20% discount** on all City Museum gift shop items on the evening of the training. Cost is \$27.33/person/ session. Sign up 3 or more people using one method of payment and receive a **15% discount**.

NATIVE ARTS & CULTURE

Wednesday, May 2, 6-9pm
Instructors Kathy Ellis and Ross Soboleff. Ellis is owner of Raven's Journey and Soboleff, a Haida and Tlingit was born and raised in Juneau.

JUNEAU HISTORY

Thursday, May 17, 6-9pm
Instructor Richard Stokes, a long-time guide in Juneau was chosen as *Princess Cruises Guide of the Year for Juneau* in 2006.

Special Programs & Classes for National Preservation Month

VISITING MY RELATIVES presentation and demonstration by Juneau artist & weaver Clarissa Hudson.

Thursday, May 3, 7pm at the City Museum.
This is a FREE program.

Hands-On Preservation at the House of Wickersham

with State Architectural Historian
Doug Gasek

Saturday, May 19, 10 am - 2pm.

This is a FREE program co-sponsored by the Museum and HRAC.

Pre-registration is required for this free program.

LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP, INNOVATION, AND PERSEVERANCE by local mining expert David Stone.

Thursday, May 10, 7pm at Centennial Hall, Ballroom 3.

Tickets available at the door.

JUNEAU MUSEUM DAY! Join the Alaska State Museum, Last Chance Mining Museum, the Juneau-Douglas City Museum, and St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church for a fun filled day of activities!

Saturday, May 12, Noon - 5pm.

Free shuttles available.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER presentation by State Historic Preservation Officer, Jo Antonson. Co-sponsored by Historic Resources Advisory Committee. (HRAC).

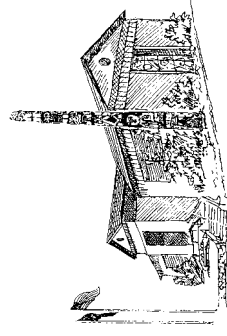
Tuesday, May 15, 7pm at Gold Town Nickelodeon.

This is a FREE program.

How to Research Your Historic House Workshop

This is a free program co-sponsored by the Museum and HRAC.

Details on this exciting program will be coming soon!



There's still time to apply!

2007/08 JUNEAU HISTORY GRANT

DUE MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007

There's still time to apply for the Juneau History Grant. Students, teachers, organizations and individuals of all ages are encouraged to apply for up to \$1,000 to assist in the completion of a project that documents, preserves, or improves access to the history of the Juneau-Douglas area.

Projects might include live performances, public presentations, re-search papers, recordings, videotape, use of computers or other media.

Applications must be typed and be postmarked or hand-delivered to the Juneau-Douglas City Museum by 4:00 p.m., May 14 2007. All projects must be completed by May 5, 2008.

A copy of the finished project will become the property of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum; however, copyright will remain with the author(s).

Pick up an application at the City Museum or on-line at www.juneau.org.parkrec/museum.

For more information call 586.3572

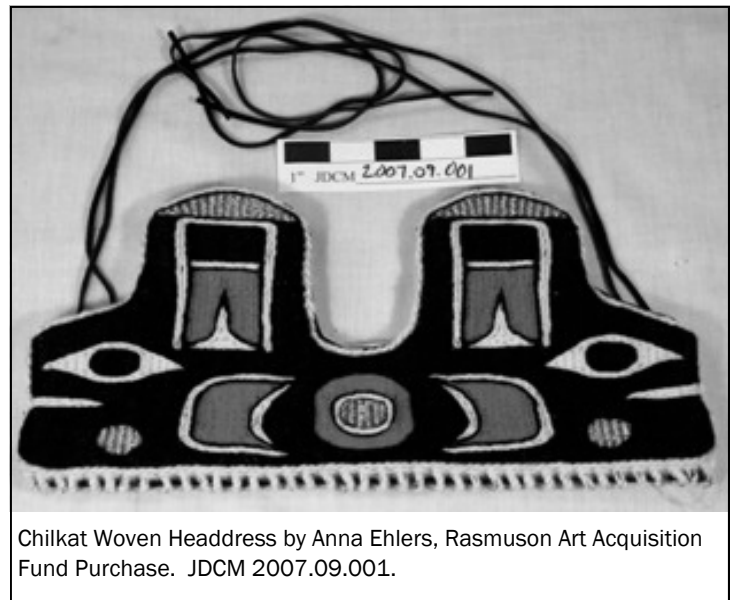
FROM THE COLLECTIONS CAVE...

We have had a great start to 2007! Many very high quality acquisitions have already come in. Among the many wonderful things, we have received a collection of Iraq war material, some wonderful photographs, two clocks, TOE cartoons, a collection of surveying materials from the Mineral Center on Mayflower Island and many other things. The collection continues to expand, so keep your eyes out for the following things! We are looking for photographs from Ordway's Photo Shop, Lu-Ek's Studio, and any photographs by Amy Lou Barney. We are looking for anything related to the logging history of the area: chainsaws, log branding hammers, skull buckets, photographs, anything. If you have something you think might fit into the Museum's collection, please make an appointment to see me, because I would love to talk with you about it!

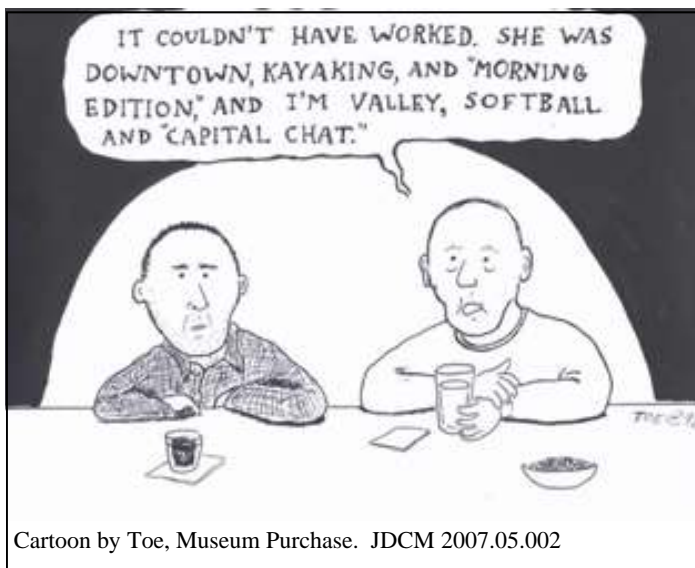
- Addison Field

Recent Acquisitions January - April 2007

- 2007.01 Landerkin & Winter Photograph
Gift of Bob Garrison & Jim Geraghty
- 2007.02 TOE Cartoon
Gift of Renee Guerin
- 2007.03 Clocks
Gift of James & Beverly Rodewald
- 2007.04 Surveying Materials
Transfer from BLM
- 2007.05 TOE Cartoons
Museum Purchase



Chilkat Woven Headdress by Anna Ehlers, Rasmuson Art Acquisition Fund Purchase. JDCM 2007.09.001.



Cartoon by Toe, Museum Purchase. JDCM 2007.05.002

- 2007.06 Larry McNeil Print
Rasmuson Art Acquisition Fund Purchase
- 2007.07 Iraq War Uniform
Gift of SSG James Zuelow
- 2007.08 Avalanche Control Materials
Transfer from DOT
- 2007.09 Chilkat Woven Headdress by Anna Ehlers
Rasmuson Art Acquisition Fund Purchase

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CITY MUSEUM EVENTS CALENDAR

May

- 2 *Native Arts and Culture Tourguide Training* with instructors Kathy Ellis and Ross Soboleff, 6-9 p.m. at the City Museum. Cost \$27.33/ person. Pre-registration & pre-payment required.
- 3 *Visiting My Relatives* presentation & demonstration by local artist and weaver Clarissa Hudson, City Museum 7pm. This is a free program.
- 8 Season Preview event for tour operators, B&B owners & local businesses. 6-8 p.m. at the City Museum.
- 10 *Lessons in Leadership, Innovation, and Perseverance* by David Stone. 7 p.m. at Centennial Hall. Tickets \$10 adults/ \$7 seniors & youth, tickets available at the City Museum and at the door. This presentation is sponsored by Greens Creek Mining Company.
- 12 Juneau Museum Day - Stop by the City Museum, Alaska State Museum, Last Chance Mining Museum, & St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, for summer exhibition openings & family activities. Noon-5 p.m. Free shuttle available.
- 14 Juneau History Grant applications due by 4 p.m. For more information call 586.3572 or go to www.juneau.org/parkrec/museum
- 15 Presentation on the National Register of Historic Places by State Historic Preservation Officer, Jo Antonson. 7 p.m. at the Goldtown Nickelodeon. This is a free program, co-sponsored by the Historic Resources Advisory Committee.
- 17 *Juneau History Tourguide Training* with instructor Richard Stokes, 6-9 p.m. at the City Museum. Cost is \$27.33/ person. Pre-registration & pre-payment required.
- 19 *Hands-On Preservation at the House of Wickersham* with State Architectural Historian Doug Gasek. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This is a free program. Pre-registration required.
- TBA *How to Research Your House* class. Co-sponsored by the City Museum & the Historic Resources Advisory Committee. Registration required.

June

- 4 Solo Artist Applications for Fall 2008/ Winter 2009 available at the City Museum and on-line at www.juneau.org/parkrec/museum

July

TBA JCVB/ JDCM summer get-together

August

- 6-10 Juneau Explorers Week, Mon.- Fri. Noon - 4 p.m. Look for more information coming in June!
- 15 Solo-Artist Applications Due for the Fall 2008/ Winter 2009 season.

