

Past & Present

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Many Thanks...

This fall/winter the City Museum celebrates its sixth season of free winter admission thanks to the gracious donations of local individuals and organizations.

Free winter admission offers all members of the community an opportunity to visit our Museum.

This season we would like to thank the following donors:

October 2006

A Friend of the Museum & In Memory of Dick Pegues

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THANK YOU!

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BE DAZZLED BY BRAS, ICE AND RAVEN THIS FALL AT THE CITY MUSEUM



Bras by Deborah Hansen

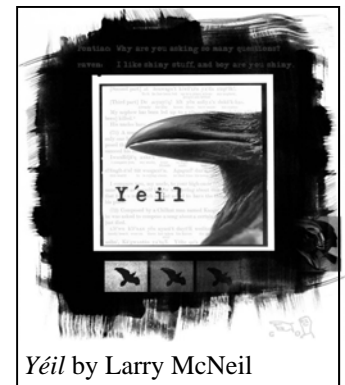
This fall the City Museum will kick-off the season by showing their support for the *Bra-Dazzler*, a bra-inspired art exhibition co-sponsored by Team Survivor Perseverance, the Juneau-Douglas City Museum and Shoefly.

Bra-inspired art in the categories of mixed media, painting, photography, prints, and sculpture are currently being accepted. The deadline for entries is **September 23, 2006**. Entry forms are available on the Museum's website www.juneau.org/parkrec/museum as well as at TSP's website www.teamsurvivorak.org. For more information call 957.0381.

An opening reception for the *Bra-Dazzler* exhibition will be held at the City Museum on **Friday, October 4, 4:30-7:00pm**. The exhibit runs October 6-29 in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

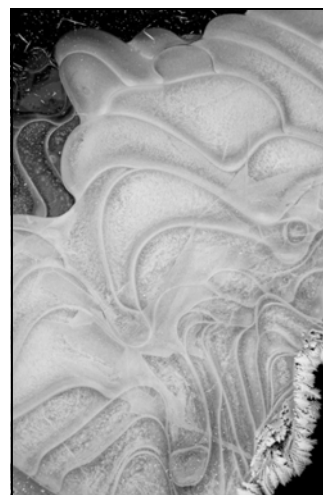
under the surface of Mendenhall Lake on **November 3, 4:30-7:00pm**. The exhibit runs November 3-25, 2006.

In conjunction with the annual Native Arts & Craft Fair, Larry McNeil, a printmaker/photographer, who was born and raised in Juneau will open *Fly By Night Mythology* on **Friday, December 1, 4:30-7:00pm**.



Yeil by Larry McNeil

McNeil's artwork possesses subtle humor and irony, that relates to the philosophy and general feel of the stories he heard from elders as a child. The exhibit runs December 1-30, 2006.



Mendenhall lake ice, photograph by Micheal Kelly



Join us for
First Fridays,
Oct.—Dec.
4:30-7:00pm

City Museum receives donation of original letters by Richard Harris from John Harris McKay...

Juneau Alaska
Sept. 30th 1897
October 6th

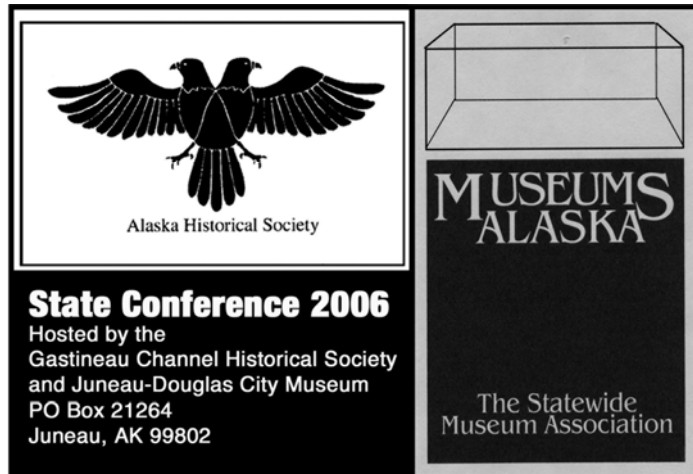
My Dear Niece Lizzie, Weir, McKay.

I received your kind and welcome letter of Aug. 25th and its contents noted, which found me in excellent health and I feel so glad you are all well. I received a letter today from Your Cousin Mary A.

Harris. She has got married on the 24th Aug, [t]his man's name is T.C. Dobbins. He is Superintendent of the Electric Light Co. in Teluride, Colorado, this is his third venture. My two nephews William J. + Samuel Harris came out here before their Father Died. Samuel, I sent home as he had not been Married long, And William J., I sent to the Clondike Gold fields on the Yukon, I gave William One year provisions and Clothing and 250 Dollars in Money in all over Six Hundred Dollars, I have been out one Thousand Dollars altogether on the two Boys, there is great excitement here about the Yukon Gold Mines. You wanted to know all about it the distance from here is about 850 miles to the Clondike it is all good travel in the spring of the year, as there is only a Small Portage of 30 miles from Salt Water – over unto the head of the Yukon River And from the Head waters to the mines

To view the entire transcript of this letter as well as three others that were recently donated to the museum, go to:
www.juneau.org/parkrec/museum/

Museums Alaska/ Alaska Historical Society Joint Conference comes to Juneau this October



Many moons ago, the Alaska Historical Society had a committee about museums. In 1983, that committee separated and became Museums Alaska, our statewide professional organization including more than 60 institutions and nearly 200 members. The two organizations hold a joint annual conference, and this year Juneau is the location! The Juneau-Douglas City Museum and the Gastineau Channel Historical Society are teaming up to host the event. On Thursday, October 5, a **free public lecture** will be given by Harmer Johnson, an appraiser and consultant who has appeared on the Antiques Roadshow and worked with auction houses for more than 45 years. The event will be held at the Gross 20th Century Theater downtown on Front Street from 7-9pm.

The Museums Alaska conference theme is "For Sale? Museums, Markets, and the Ethics of Collecting." Sessions will include topics such as public art, legal aspects animal parts in art, and the tension between using and preserving collections. Ethical dilemmas in collecting will be highlighted, such as the issue of exhibiting archaeological

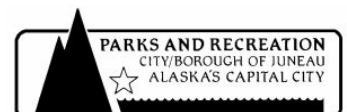
ivory from St. Lawrence Island and the complexities of collecting culturally sensitive material or items from disasters. Special speakers will include Professor Ron McCoy from Emporia State University (and frequent contributor to American Indian Arts magazine) and David Shayt from the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

The Alaska Historical Society theme is "Passages: What Were They Seeking?" Session topics include Russians in Tlingit America, the Alaska Highway, the 1937 WPA Alaska Art Project, Alaska in textbooks, Dena'ina heritage, Spanish explorers in Alaska, missionaries in Unalaska, potatoes (!), early subsistence in Bristol Bay, the Chirikov expedition on Yakobi Island, publishing in Alaska, and the "best 67 books on Alaska history." Many sessions focus on historic people, including Sheldon Jackson, James Wickersham, and Adelbert von Chamisso. For those interested in more local topics, there are sessions about the ship the Princeton Hall, Father Hubbard on the Juneau Icefield, Tlingit ship pilots,

2006 shipwreck investigations on Lynn Canal, and the search for the Northwest Passage.

Various events and tours will be offered as well, including a cruise to Orca Point Lodge for dinner Thursday October 5, where Dick Wood will present a slide show from his spectacular collection of antique Alaskan glass lantern slides. Tours of local attractions are offered, and those registering for the conference will be able to participate in free behind-the-scenes tours of local history venues. The conference always offers a terrific silent auction of historic items and collectibles, with proceeds benefiting museums and historical societies statewide.

Most events will take place at Centennial Hall from October 5-7. Registration for the full conference is \$205. Single day or half-day registration to the meetings is \$60 per day (\$30 half-day) and only \$15 per day for students. Members of Museums Alaska or the Alaska Historical Society can register for the full conference for \$175. (Yes, **you** can become a member!) Special events cost extra. You can download the registration form on our website or pick one up at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum front desk and fax it to Malin Babcock at (907) 789-9746. Malin can also answer registration questions: (907) 789-9423 or malbabcock@aol.com



Recent Acquisitions

May – August 2006

Number	Donation
2006.18	Willow newspaper supplement Gift of Alexander Dolitsky
2006.19	Steamship menus Gift of Barbara Potter
2006.20	Penn photo of Holy Trinity fire JDCM Purchase
2006.21	Hand-tinted Andrews photo of Juneau Gift of Robert and Linda Naughton
2006.22	Red Swanson political buttons Transfer from the State Historical Library
2006.23	Vintage ski photos Gift of Renee Guerin
2006.24	Totem yearbooks Transfer from the Douglas Library
2006.25	Nina Crumrine Pastel Transfer from the Alaska State Museum
2006.26	Vintage bottles and Treadwell barber pole Gift of Linda Wahto
2006.27	Fair booklet and Class Reunion photos Gift of Betty West Miller



Ravenstail apron by Kay Field Parker. The JDCM is purchasing this item with Rasmuson Foundation funding. JDCM 2006.36.001

- 2006.36 Ravenstail apron by Kay Field Parker
JDCM Purchase, Rasmuson AAI Grant
- 2006.37 Vintage medical headlamp
Transfer from Gastineau School
- 2006.38 Historic mining and Juneau photographs
Gift of Robert J. Freeman
- 2006.39 Photos showing rescue of a prospector
Gift of Jim Geraghty
- 2006.40 Postcard of bus at Mendenhall Glacier
Gift of Dottie Olson
- 2006.41 Presentation panels for Capital design, 1970's
Transfer from CBJ Engineering Dept.
- 2006.42 Archival materials and 1936 hydrant map
Transfer from CBJ Community Development Dept.
- 2006.43 2006 Salmon Derby pin
Gift of Dan Beason



Images up Perseverance showing the rescue of an injured prospector. Gift of Jim Geraghty. JDCM 2006.39.008

2006.28	Tlingit doll by Alice Johnnie JDCM Purchase
2006.29	WWII radio phone and AEL&P hard hat Gift of David Stone
2006.30	Harborview class photos Gift of Pat Siebert
2006.31	Original letters from Richard Harris Gift of John Harris McKay
2006.32	Historical magazines Transfer from Mt Jumbo storage
2006.33	Architectural drawings by Linn Forrest Gift of MRV Architects
2006.34	Painting by Devita Stipek Writer JDCM Purchase, Rasmuson AAI Grant
2006.35	Tlingit stone maul Transfer from the USFS



Jack Gould and Ron Hildre skiing circa 1950. Gift of Renee Guerin. JDCM 2006.23.006.

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CITY MUSEUM EVENTS CALENDAR

September

- 11-16 Museum Director Jane Lindsey attends American Association for State and Local History Conference. (Jane will be accepting the Merit Award and WOW Award on behalf of the Museum for the Montana Creek Fish Trap Replica Project.)
- 23 Entries for the *Bra-Dazzler* Bra-inspired Art Exhibition due at the Friends of Alaska State Museum gift shop located at 124 Seward St. For more information call 957-0381.
- 25 Museum begins winter hours. Museum open Tues.-Sat., Noon-4:00pm. Museum office open Mon. - Fri., 9:00am-5:00pm

October

- 3 Cultural Centers and Museum Consortium Retreat: Developing Mentoring Relationships, JDCM 9:00am-5:00pm
- 4-7 Museums Alaska/ Alaska Historical Society Joint Conference in Juneau. For more information check out: www.juneau.org/parkrec/museum
- 4 MA/AHS Welcoming Reception, Governor's Mansion, 716 Calhoun Ave., 4:30-6:00pm.
- 5 Free Public Lecture: Harmer Johnson, *Ethics and Appraisal Challenges in the World-Wide Marketplace*, 20th Century Theatre, 222 Front St. 7:00-9:00pm.
- 6 First Friday public reception, *Bra-Dazzler* Bra-inspired Art Exhibition, 4:30-7:00pm.
- 18 Museum closed in observance of Alaska Day Holiday
- 28 The History of Headstones: A discussion and walking tour 1:00-3:00pm, cost \$11.55 adults/ \$7.35 youth 18 and under. Program size limited. Pre-registration encouraged. Program begins at the Museum.
- 31 *Ghosts in the Gallery*, ghost stories presented by Bethany Buckingham, 4:30pm & 6:30pm. Refreshments provided.

November

- 3 First Friday public reception, *Dance of Light* photography exhibit by Micheal Francis Kelly, 4:30-7:00pm
- 4 Mining photo album presentation by Jim Geraghty, 2:00-3:30pm, City Museum. Free program.
- 10 Museum closed in observance of Veterans Day Holiday
- 18 Make your own wrapping paper with potato stamps! Drop in class, Noon-4:00pm. \$3 materials fee collected at the door.
- 23-24 Museum closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday

December

- 1 First Friday public reception, *Fly by Night Mythology* by Larry McNeil, 4:30-7:00pm.
- 1&2 Native Arts & Craft Fair, Friday: 4:00-8:00pm, Saturday: Noon-4:00pm.
- 9 LimberMoose Musical Instrument class with Jeff Brown, 1:00-3:00pm. For ages 8 and older. Pre-registration & pre-payment required. Cost: \$22.35 includes all materials.
- 18 Volunteer Winter Potluck at the City Museum
- 25 Museum closed in observance of Christmas Day

