

Past & Present

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

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8th Year of Free Winter Admission

With the City Museum's visitation on a steady increase, we are pleased to announce this year's free winter admission sponsors:

October: Friends of the City Museum & the Gastineau Channel Historical Society

November: A Friend of the Museum

December: Robert and Michelle Storer

January: A Friend of the Museum

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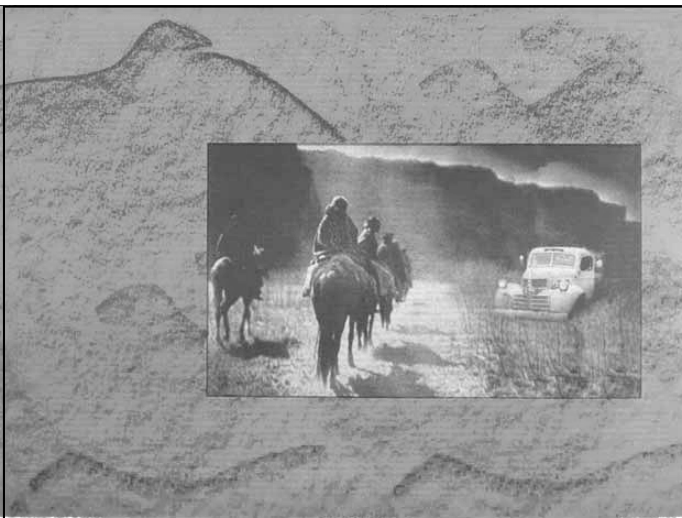
We are still looking for a sponsor for February and welcome new sponsors. This year, free winter admission will be even more special as we plan to open our summer exhibit on the history of Basketball in Juneau at the end of March to coincide with Gold Medal.

We look forward to your visit, and thanks to these sponsors, our doors are open to you at no charge.

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UPCOMING EXHIBITS & PROGRAMS



First Light, Winter Solstice, by Larry McNeil. This piece is part of the Art in Embassies Project.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month, the City Museum will be hosting the 2008 *Bra-Dazzler*, a brain-inspired art exhibition cosponsored by Team Survivor Perseverance. An opening reception will be held on **Friday, October 3**, from **4:30 to 7:30pm**. The exhibit will be on display through November 1, and will feature art from five categories: mixed media, painting/prints, photography, sculpture, and a new special category – fitness-themed. Justine Emerson will present *Vitamin D: Its Role in Cancer Prevention and Good Health* on **Saturday, October 11**, at **10:30 a.m.** in conjunction with the exhibition.

Rachael Juzeler, a multimedia artist is our November solo artist. Juzeler's exhibition, *Rough Around the Edges* continues her exploration with pit-fired ceramics, wire bas-

kets, felting and resin to form her sculptural pieces. Other pieces, such as "Cot in the Middle," are influenced by quilting. The opening reception will be held **Friday, November 7th, 4:30-7:30**. The exhibit runs through November 29, 2008.

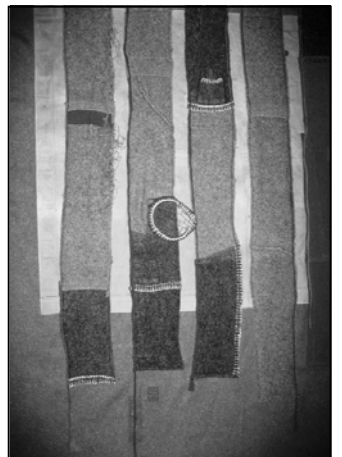
The Juneau-Douglas City Museum is pleased to welcome back printmaker/photographer Larry McNeil who will exhibit with us December 2008 through January 2009. McNeil, a professor of photography at Boise State University in Idaho, has won many awards for his photography, including the National Geographic All Roads Photography Award, the Eiteljorg Fellowship, and the New Works Award from En Foco.

This exhibition will consist of hand-made lithographs and prints as a continuation of his

"Fly by Night Mythology" works, as well as prints from recent projects such as the "Arts in Embassies Project", a project involving several Native Artists from across the Nation to create artwork for American embassies around the world.

Larry McNeil's *Solo Exhibition* opens on **December 5th** from **4:30 to 7:30** and will run through January 31, 2009.

In addition to our upcoming exhibits, the Museum is also proud to announce the return of the *Coffee & Collections Series*. Each month we will feature a different presenter to discuss topics relating to Juneau's history, art and culture. We have quite an exciting line-up for the Fall. Hope you will join us! For more information on our upcoming presentations, please see the listing on page 2.



Cot in the Middle, by upcoming November solo artist Rachael Juzeler.

New Administrative Assistant Joins Juneau-Douglas City Museum

The Museum was fortunate to have interviewed several very qualified candidates recently for the Administrative Assistant position. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Administrative Assistant, Claire Imamura. Claire graduated from Juneau-Douglas High School in 2002 and spent five years in California, pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science. In California she worked for a year as a special education assistant.

In 2007, Claire returned to Juneau where she has worked at Hearthsides Books, the Alaska State Library, and most recently at the Alaska State Museum. Claire comments, "I have been so impressed by the lively arts community here in Juneau, and I am very excited about becoming involved through work at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum."

Coffee & Collections Schedule

Running Towards the Fire: The First 100 years of the Volunteer Firefighters Association.

By Sandy Harbanuk & the Juneau Volunteer Firefighters Association. *Saturday, October 18th*

The Sisterhood: A History of Camp 2 of the Alaska Native Sisterhood

By Kimberly L. Metcalfe
Saturday, November 8th

All presentations are held at the Museum, located at 4th & Main and begin at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee for this program provided by Heritage Coffee Company.

Volunteers Recognized at Annual Appreciation Event



Volunteers & Museum staff on the Allen Marine Dock following an afternoon of whale watching.

As one of our busiest seasons ever comes to a close we are reminded of just what an integral part of the Museum our volunteers are. Volunteers not only welcome visitors to the Museum, but also assist with historical research, data entry of our collections and also serve on the Historical Resources Advisory Committee and much more. This year, volunteers donated **1,940** hours! As a small token of our gratitude, we scheduled a whale watching tour for our annual volunteer recognition event and we certainly got our fill of whale *and* sea lion watching!

The Museum would like to congratulate the following volunteers on their achievement levels:

Mucker (250+ hrs.): Wilma Kirkpatrick (254 hrs) and Connie Munro (313.18hrs).

Prospector (500+ hrs.): Jean Overstreet (527.81 hrs).

Gold Miner (750+ hrs): Jean Clayton (831.27 hrs.)

Sourdough (1000+ hrs). Marie Kent (1074.18 hrs.)

The Museum would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations to our annual volunteer appreciation event.

The Alaskan Fudge Company, Costco, Island Pub, Jerry's Meats & Seafoods, Miss Scarlett's, NorthStar Trekking, Paradise Café, Rainbow Foods, Rie Muñoz Gallery, Ltd., Sandpiper Café, Safeway Food & Drug, , and Taku Glacier Lodge/ Wings Airways. *Thank you for your generosity.*

And a big THANK YOU to Allen Marine for a wonderful afternoon of whale watching!

In April 2009, the Museum will team up with the City and Borough of Juneau's Recreation Department to offer a department-wide volunteer recognition event. April is National Volunteer month and the Museum looks forward to partnering with other recreation facilities for this special event. Most of our volunteers are more concerned about community service rather than the rewards. Never the less, we all need and enjoy recognition. Thank you Juneau-Douglas City Museum volunteers, your dedication to Juneau's history, art, and culture is pure gold.



Recent Acquisitions

May - August 2008

- 2008.16 Iraq War Leaflet, Gift of Addison & Frances Field
- 2008.17 Dress, Photographs and Ephemera, Gift of Nancy Hixson
- 2008.18 I.O.O.F Aurora Encampment Bible Gift of Betty Miller
- 2008.19 Winter & Pond Photo of Douglas, Gift of Carol J. Horn
- 2008.20 Campaign Lollipop, Gift of Betsy Brenneman
- 2008.21 Archival Collection of Papers Transfer from State of Alaska
- 2008.22 Silver Curio Spoon Gift of Peggy Garrison
- 2008.23 Hand Drilling Steel, Transfer Jensen-Olson Arboretum
- 2008.24 Charter Document from the KKK, Gift of Gregg Erickson
- 2008.25 Photograph of July 4, 1959, Gift of Jean Overstreet
- 2008.26 Building Drawings and Blueprints Transfer from CBJ Engineering
- 2008.27 USS Juneau Materials, Transfer from the US Navy



Photograph of Trail Marker,
Gift of Rick Beasley.
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Photographs of Trail
Marker,
Gift of Rick Beasley.
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- 2008.28 USS Juneau Ball Cap, Gift of Ross Soboleff
- 2008.29 Door with Decorative Window, Gift of Catherine Alter
- 2008.30 2008 Salmon Derby Pin, Gift of Dan Beason
- 2008.31 1962 DeArmond Woodblock Print, Gift of Gertrude Dean
- 2008.32 5 Pin Back Buttons, Gift of Ted Merrill
- 2008.33 Purchase Centennial Token Gift of Robert W. Goldstein
- 2008.34 Purchase Stamps & Envelopes, Gift of Ralph Swap
- 2008.35 Fire Fighter's Materials, Gift of George Houston
- 2008.36 State Quarters, Gift of Robert Venables
- 2008.37 Photographs of Trail Markers, Gift of Rick Beasley
- 2008.38 Treadwell Bottle with Spot Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Imamura
- 2008.39 Snettisham Tower Fragments, Gift of AEL&P

FROM THE COLLECTIONS CAVE...

It has been a great summer with lots of interesting things arriving at the Museum for collections. My favorites so far, if I am allowed to choose, are the fragments of the Snettisham transmission line and towers donated by AEL&P! As we look toward upcoming events we are searching for objects about basketball, and the basketball history of Juneau and Douglas. We are also looking for an old outboard motor and a vintage chainsaw to fill holes in our collection and prepare for upcoming exhibits! I know...sounds a little "un-museum-ish" but both tools had a great effect on how we lived and settled the area and continue to affect work and recreation today!

- *Mr E Field*

GRANT-IN-AID 2009 PROJECT TO FOCUS ON COLLECTIONS

We are already beginning work on our 2009 Grant-in-Aid Project. This year we will be making some modifications to areas of the basement in accordance with the facility plan we put together last year with MRV Architects. Our plan for this fall and winter is to move and re-vamp our gift shop storage, and erect new steel shelving for better storage of large and oversized objects from the collection such as vintage furniture, musical instruments, mining equipment and things like that. We will be moving lots of things around, inventorying, cleaning, changing locations for objects, and much more. So if you have a couple of hours each week to spare for an educational activity that will assist with the long term care of the Museum's collection, please get in touch with us and we will put you to work!

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CITY MUSEUM EVENTS CALENDAR

September

30 Museum begins winter hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10am-4pm. Office hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

October

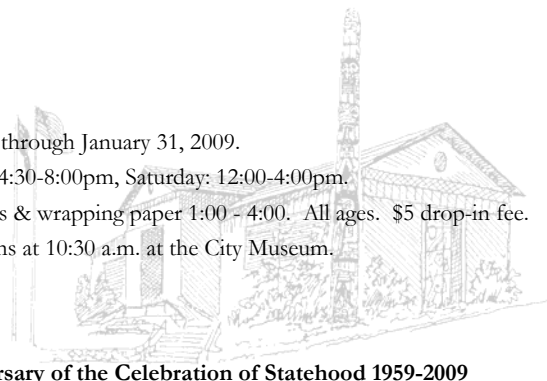
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- 18 *Coffee & Collections Series* returns! *Running Towards the Fire: The First 100 years of the Juneau Volunteer Firefighters* presented by Sandy Harbanuk and the Juneau Volunteer Fire Department. This publication was funded in part by a Juneau History Grant. Coffee for the program provided by Heritage Coffee Company. Program begins at 10:30 a.m. at the City Museum.

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- 8 *Coffee & Collections Series: The Sisterhood: A History of Camp 2 of the Alaska Native Sisterhood* by Kimberly L. Metcalfe. Coffee for the program provided by Heritage Coffee Company. Program begins at 10:30 a.m. at the City Museum.
- 10 Museum closed in observance of Veterans Day Holiday.
- 27-28 Museum closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

December

- 5 First Friday: Artwork by Larry McNeil, opening reception 4:30-8:00 p.m. Exhibit runs through January 31, 2009.
- 5-6 Annual Native Arts & Craft Fair, co-sponsored by Sealaska Heritage Institute. Friday: 4:30-8:00pm, Saturday: 12:00-4:00pm.
- 6 Holiday drop-in activity - profile portraits, holiday crackers and make your own gift tags & wrapping paper 1:00 - 4:00. All ages. \$5 drop-in fee.
- TBA** *Coffee & Collections Series*: TBA. Coffee provided by Heritage Coffee Co. Program begins at 10:30 a.m. at the City Museum.
- 15 Volunteer Holiday Potluck 12:00 p.m. at the City Museum.
- 25 Museum closed in observance of Christmas Day Holiday.



The Museum is actively involved in activities in connection with the 50th Anniversary of the Celebration of Statehood 1959-2009