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Special Sitka Friends Event: Welcoming the Robe - Thursday, September 14th 7pm, Centennial Hall (Sitka)

The Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum will host a Welcoming Back event for a Chilkat robe being donated to the Sheldon Jackson Museum. The event will commence with a welcoming ceremony and celebration led by Tlingit clan leaders and be followed by a reception with Alaska Native dancers at

Centennial Hall. During the evening, the robe will be on display for the general public to see and dancers will welcome it back to Alaska with traditional song and dance. The event will be free and open to the public.

Hour changes for State Museum in Juneau

In September, the State Museum in Juneau (APK) will be closed Sunday September 17th and Sunday September 24th. The State Museum will start winter hours (Tuesday – Saturday 10 am – 4 pm) on October 1, 2017.

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Events In September

APK = Fr. Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building (Juneau)

SJM = Sheldon Jackson Museum (Sitka)

Friday French Language Practice Group

Every Friday, Noon – 1:00 pm, **APK**, OWL Room in Alaska State Library, and other Alaskan locations via OWL videoconferencing.

Open to all language levels. Come learn and practice the French language in a fun, no-pressure environment.

First Friday: Free Museum admission during extended hours

Friday, September 1st, 4:30 - 7:00 pm, **APK**, Alaska State Museum

Adults and seniors enjoy free admission to the Alaska State Museum. Children 18 and under are ALWAYS free.

Artist talk with Jackson Polys (Final APK Summer Lecture)

Friday, September 1st, 7:00 pm, **APK**, Lecture Hall

Carver and visual artist Jackson Polys (aka Stephen Jackson and Stron Softi) shows his work on the third iteration of the Seward shame pole, which was raised in April 2017 in Saxman Totem Park near Ketchikan. The original pole was erected on Tongass Island by Chief Ebbit in the 1880s and a replica was raised in 1930s. Jackson began carving with his father, Tlingit master carver Nathan Jackson, as a child, and has a BA in art history and visual arts and an MFA in visual arts from Columbia University. He currently splits his time between Ketchikan and New York.



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Artist-in-residence Drew Michael, Inupiaq & Yup'ik mask carver working in the gallery (SJM)

Drew Michael will be working in the gallery on the following days from 10:00 am-12:00 pm, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

- Saturday, September 2nd
- Wednesday, September 6th – Saturday, September 9th
- Wednesday, September 13th –Thursday, September 14th

Drew Michael was born in Bethel, Alaska. He and his twin brother grew up in Eagle River, Alaska. Drew started learning carving at age 13, learning from archeologist Bob Shaw, printmaker Joe Senungetuk, and contemporary Athabascan mask-maker, Kathleen Carlo. As he practiced his craft and developed his own style, he also studied the craftsmanship of works by master carvers and spent many hours comparing others works with his own designs and process, searching for his own niche. He applied research to his carvings, using trial & error to grow his work into what it is today.

Artist-in-residence Drew Michael, Inupiaq & Yup'ik mask carver Artist Talk

Saturday, September 9th 2pm, SJM

See above for biography.

Lecture on Chilkat Robes

Friday, September 15th 6:30pm, SJM

In honor of the return of a Chilkat robe to Alaska, Chilkat weaver Shelly Laws will give a lecture at the museum. During her talk, Laws will share her expertise on Chilkat robes and the Chilkat robe being given to the Sheldon Jackson Museum. She will unpack as much as possible, the mysteries of the robe, including its potential age, what types of yarns and dyes were used to make it, and its design pattern. She will also talk generally about the history and cultural significance of Chilkat robes, patterning, and some of the



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many Chilkat robes she has studied in museums and what she has learned from her examining them. A robe woven by Laws and a weaving in progress will be displayed during the talk alongside the recently acquired robe.

Juneau Big Read Kickoff

Friday September 29th, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, **APK** Lecture Hall

Juneau will be reading and discussing *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel this October. The Juneau Public Library is coordinating a series of events around this novel, which is set in rural Michigan 20 years after a pandemic wipes out nearly every person on earth. This kick off will include an author panel and refreshments. Paper copies of the book will be available at libraries around town and additional audio and e-book copies are available on the Alaska Digital Library at <https://adl.overdrive.com/> To learn more about this book-based series of community events, see <https://bigreadjuneau.org/>.

Online Programs

None in September.

Upcoming Exhibitions

Sesquicentennial Anniversary

Fall 2017, APK, Alaska State Museum

The Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums is gearing up for an exhibit related to the 150 year anniversary of Alaska's transfer from Russia to the United States. The exhibit will feature significant maps, photographs, documents, and objects related to the 1867 transfer, most of which will be exhibited for the first time. The exhibit will be held in the Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building, Juneau, in fall 2017.

Exhibitions on Display in Sept

- Decolonizing Alaska (May 3-Oct 13), **APK**, Alaska State Museum



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- Grand Visions of the Great Land: Historic and Contemporary Art from the Alaska State Museum Collection (May 3-Oct 13), **APK**, Alaska State Museum

Visitor Information

Hours and Admission Fees

Juneau:

- [Alaska State Museum](#): 9am-5pm, Daily. Cost is \$12 per adult. \$11 for seniors. **18 and younger are admitted free of charge.**
- [Library and Historical Collections](#) and [Archives](#): 10am - 4pm, Tues-Fri, Open for research appointments on Monday, No admission fee.

Sitka:

- [Sheldon Jackson Museum](#): 9am-4:30pm, Tues – Sat, Cost is \$7 for adult, \$6 for seniors, **18 and younger are admitted free of charge.**

Food, Coffee and Gifts (Juneau)

- Raven Café: 7:30am-5pm, Daily
- Store at the APK: 9am-5pm, Daily



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