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Calendar

Events are sometimes cancelled, added or rescheduled after press time. See our online events calendar at lam.alaska.gov/calendar for calendar updates.

Subscribe

If you received this newsletter from a friend, you can subscribe yourself to this newsletter by clicking on the [“Sign up” on our newsletter archives page](https://lam.alaska.gov/atapksjm) (lam.alaska.gov/atapksjm). If you enjoy this newsletter, please forward it to family, friends and co-workers.

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

SJM = Sheldon Jackson Museum (Sitka)

News

We're open to visitors with limited hours!

During the month of October we plan on being open the following hours:

JUNEAU

- State Library and State Archives - Tuesday through Friday, Noon to 4:00 PM.
- Alaska State Museum - Wednesday through Saturday, Noon to 4:00 PM

SITKA

- Sheldon Jackson Museum - Wednesday through Saturday, Noon to 4:00 PM

To learn more visit <https://lam.alaska.gov> and check the page of the section you intend to visit. Hours and conditions of visits are subject to change in these challenging times.

Office Closures: Alaska Day 10/19 (Juneau), 10/20 Sitka

All Division facilities and offices in Juneau will be closed on Monday, October 19th in honor of Alaska Day. Both the public and office spaces of the Sheldon Jackson Museum will be closed on Tuesday, October 20th.

New condition reporting guide: What does ____ mean on that _____?

The Alaska State Museum recently released a guide to reporting condition of materials from Antlers to Wood. This guide aims

to provide images of condition issues for anyone working in a museum, but may also be of interest to the general public. The examples are based on nearly 20 years of experience with Alaskan collections. So if you're concerned about the condition of a painting, a stuffed bear, objects made of shell, glass, gut and more, be sure to check out the guide at <https://lam.alaska.gov/condition-reporting>.

Suspended till December - In person groups

While we have reopened for visitors, tours, in-person public events and rentals remain cancelled until December 31st. We will reevaluate this policy in December based on the latest state and federal health guidance available.

Octopus Room, Other Museum Interactives Closed

As part of our COVID-19 response, the "Octopus Room" and other museum interactive (touching) exhibits are closed until further notice. This closure will be reviewed periodically in light of latest state and federal health guidance available.

Archived Video Lecture: Philippe Fichet-Delavault

While you're waiting for the APK in Juneau to resume public lectures, we recommend you spend some time with the [At The APK playlist](#) on YouTube posted by 360 North. This month we suggest [The Lituya Bay Disasters](#). Visiting maritime historian Philippe Fichet-Delavault presented interesting material on Lituya Bay, including the contact between La Perouse, the French explorer, and the Tlingits in 1786 through the megatsunami of July 9, 1958.

Events this month

Sheldon Jackson Museum Artist in Residence, Pamela Johnson (Tlingit), working in the museum gallery

October 1st - 17th, various days -- primarily Tuesdays through Saturdays between 12pm and 4pm, SJM

Pam Johnson (Tlingit) is originally from Sitka and of Raven/Coho clan. Her medium of choice is sewing garments, specifically traditional Tlingit button robes and vests. She enjoys sharing information about the crests she incorporates into her sewing and researching old photographs of regalia and representations of her family's crests. She began making regalia in high school when she learned how to sew from her cousin Amanda Johnson and Carol Breece and found inspiration in elder Laurie Guthrie's work. She enjoys making regalia for family and friends and has many ambitions. Johnson hopes to someday learn ravenstail weaving, how to engrave silver, carve traditional Tlingit style totem poles and eventually make a house panel.

When she is not sewing or teaching her daughters and friends and family members how to sew, Pam is busy working with youth in schools and at Tlingit and Haida tribal camps and working in an administrative capacity for tribal organizations.

She is currently enrolled in the Northwest Coast Art Program at UAS. This will be her first artist residency experience. People with questions about the Alaska Native Artist Residency Program and any related events may call the museum at (907) 747-8981.

Alaska State Museum participates in Virtual First Friday: SIMPLY BIG 1970-2020, Large Artworks from the Alaska State Museum Collection

Friday, October 2nd, 4:30 pm, Online at <https://lam.alaska.gov/first-friday>.

Simply Big is an exhibit of large format artworks from the Alaska State Museum collection made between 1970 and 2020 by renown artists from around the state. This collection of artwork ranges in subject and media and includes works that have not been on exhibit before as well as recent acquisitions made possible by the Rasmuson Foundation.

Virtual Watercolor Postcard Workshop with Hollis Kitchin for ages 7-12

Saturday, October 10th, 10:00 am - 11:30 am, Zoom

Since 1861, postcards have been used for advertising, to commemorate noteworthy events, and to send greetings from far off places. There are many historic postcards and photographs in the Alaska State Archives and Library's Historical Collections that promoted Alaska as a vacation destination. At this virtual workshop, get inspired by historic tourism images from around Alaska, learn watercolor painting techniques from local artist Hollis Kitchin, and create your own hand-painted postcard to send to a loved one or keep for yourself. Participants will need to be able to access a Zoom meeting and a webcam. Space is limited – [request a spot by filling out this form](#). Materials will be provided and pick-up information will be sent when your registration is confirmed. Hollis Kitchin has an art degree from the University of Alaska Southeast, has exhibited her work at galleries around town, and is a regular demonstrator at Alaska Robotics' Mini-Con. This program is partially funded by the citizens of the City and

Borough of Juneau through sales tax revenues and is sponsored by the [Friends of the Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museum](#).

SJM Artist-in-Residence Virtual Regalia Making Class with Pamela Johnson (Tlingit), online

October 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, and 16 between 1:30pm and 3:30pm on Zoom via Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum

The Sheldon Jackson Museum is pleased to offer a virtual child's regalia-making class with artist-in-residence Pamela Johnson (Tlingit). The intensive online class for ages 17 and up will be held every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday between October 7th and October 16th between 1:30pm and 3:30pm on Zoom. Students should plan to attend all eight sessions. During the eight-part regalia making workshop, students will make a child's vest with black and red fabric, bias tape and abalone buttons. Students can propose their own designs or use a design preselected by Johnson. The class is free, but there is a \$35 materials fee to cover the artist's expenses, due at the time of sign-up, and students will need to have access to the following: a sewing machine, scissors, thread, and Zoom. The Zoom Link will be sent out to students who register. Space is limited and the deadline to sign up is September 20th. To register, call the museum directly at (907) 747-8981.

SJM Artist-in-Residence Pamela Johnson (Tlingit), Artist Talk, online

October 17th, 2:00 pm, Zoom

On Saturday, October 17th Alaska Native artist-in-residence Pamela Johnson (Tlingit) will give an artist talk entitled, "Cultural Identity Through Fabric: A History of Robes. The talk will focus on her research on traditional Tlingit ceremonial

garments and her own experience making traditional Tlingit button robes and vests. The talk will be on Zoom and is part of the Alaska Native Artist Residency Program. The Zoom link is: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83036156790?pwd=Z3I5VUN6TXcxTTd1L25EVIRGY2krZz09> and will be published on the Alaska State Museum website, the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum website, on social media, and in press releases. People with questions may call the museum at (907) 747-8981.

Current Exhibitions

Alaska State Museum Galleries – Juneau

» *Women of Vision: Honoring the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution* - On display in 2020.

APK Display Cases - Juneau

Mezzanine Level

» Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff – This exhibit shows scenes from the life of the very first curator of the Alaska State Museum and Historical Library.

Second Floor Level

» Women of Alaska, an exhibit by the State Library and Archives – Women have played a significant role in shaping Alaska into the state it is today. Women of Alaska recognizes and celebrates their achievements and contributions to the economic, academic, social, cultural, and political fields within our communities. The exhibit is curated from the collections of the Alaska State Library Historical Collections and Alaska State Archives and will be on display through 2020.

Upcoming Exhibitions

Watch this space.

Visitor Information

Visit or Call

Fr. Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building:

395 Whittier St., Juneau

(907) 465-4837

Sheldon Jackson Museum:

104 College Dr., Sitka

(907) 747-8981

Hours and Admission Fees

Juneau:

» Library and Historical Collections and Archives: Tuesday through Friday, Noon – 4:00 pm. No admission fee.

» Alaska State Museum: Wednesday through Saturday, Noon – 4:00 pm. Cost is \$7 per adult. \$6 for seniors (65 and older). 18 and younger are admitted free of charge. .

Sitka:

» Sheldon Jackson Museum: Wednesday through Saturday, Noon – 4:00 pm. Cost is \$5 per adult. \$4 for seniors (65 and older). 18 and younger are admitted free of charge.

Food, Coffee and Gifts (Juneau)

Raven Café:

» Open 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday.
Phone 907-209-9271

Store at the APK:

» Reopening Announcement Pending. Phone 907-586-0540.

Accessibility Notice

A person experiencing a disability who needs accommodation for events hosted by the Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museum can contact the Division's ADA coordinator at (907) 465-2912 up to a week prior to an event to make any necessary arrangements.