

# Past & Present

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

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## Free Winter Admission

Thanks to the continued support of local organizations & individuals, admission to the Juneau-Douglas City Museum is free through April 30, 2013. Winter hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10am to 4pm.

***Thank you to the following Free Winter Admission sponsors:***

### **December**

*Michelle and Robert Storer*

### **January**

*In Memory of*

*Harold O. Fossum*

### **February**

*The Gastineau Channel*

*Historical Society*

### **March**

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### **April**

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## Juneau Memorial Building Planning Grant Historic Preservation Fund Certified Local Government Grant

In August 2012, the Museum was awarded a \$6782 grant from the State Historic Preservation Officer, Office of History and Archaeology, Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. This grant was awarded to the Museum to engage in adaptive re-use planning for the Juneau Memorial building. These funds have allowed us to hire a long-range planning contractor to assist the Museum in updating

and finalizing the draft of our long-range plan. We will also work with a historic preservation specialist in planning adaptive re-use of this historic building that is now a working museum. Long-range planning contractor, Ira Perman, has already visited Juneau and met with various community groups and individuals seeking their ideas for the future of the City Museum. In October he led a community workshop to work on five year strategic goals. The

final planning document will address the need for improving and increasing space for collections, exhibits, archives, curatorial work, and visitor access within the parameters of the building's limitations. Strategic goals will work on connecting collections, exhibits, and public outreach to historic preservation. We look forward to sharing a draft of the plan with the community soon on our website.

## Museum Education Collection

### Re-Organization Project

### Alaska State Museum Grant-in-Aid

In October 2012, the Museum was awarded an \$8000 Alaska State Museum Grant-in-Aid to assist with a re-organization of the Museum's education collection. In a continuing effort to improve the quality of the Museum's educational programming, we will inventory, cull, and document our education collection in Past Perfect, our collection software. The grant will allow us to purchase storage cabinets and archival materials to rehouse the education collection in better and more efficient storage solutions. Our education collection is a different level of care than our permanent collection and has been established for hands-on learning and use. When this project is completed, the Museum will have taken a valuable step in reassessing its educational holdings so that we can begin to look at themes for education programs, history kits, and other educational opportunities.



*Flume-Memory* painting by Rob Roys. *Reverie* Exhibition Opening January 4, 2013 until January 26, 2013.



*Thread Lines*, Embroidered thread, gut 2012 by Elizabeth Knecht. Exhibition and featured Gift Shop Artist through December 29, 2012.

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## National Endowment for the Humanities Awards the Juneau-Douglas City Museum a Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections Grant

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded the Juneau-Douglas City Museum a \$275,000 grant for an Energy-Efficient Climate Control System. The Museum now has the green light from both the City and Borough of Juneau, and the Endowment for the Humanities to begin working on a heating, humidity, and ventilation system for the building. The Humanities award is based on national standards for preservation of collections. The Museum was successful in demonstrating that our collection is of national significance and worthy of preservation, resulting in the award. The Museum expects to begin final plans for the new system in 2013, and begin construction next October 2013.



FRIENDS OF THE JUNEAU-DOUGLAS CITY MUSEUM

## 'Tis the Season for Renewals

The Friends of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the goals and activities of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum. Formed just a few years ago, the group has made lasting and significant contributions to the City Museum. The group was instrumental in purchasing two very important paintings for our permanent collection, *Early Morning Juneau*, oil on canvas, by Sydney Laurence, c1921, and *Auk Lake*, oil on board, by Ted Lambert, c1936. The Friends donated shipping costs for the exhibit loan, *Juneau Courthouse & Waterfront*, oil on board by

Sydney Laurence, c 1926, from the Morris Communications Company in Atlanta, Georgia. This painting was on view during our recent summer exhibit, *Sydney Laurence, Reflections of the Great Northwest*. The group supports a Constant Contact e-flyer subscription for the Museum so we can create and send email event notices. Constant Contact enables us to save on printing, paper and postage costs while better communicating with the community. The Friends provide coffee and tea for our cadre of volunteers when they are working with us at the Museum, as well as sponsoring our receptions. Most notably, the Friends have

established the Juneau-Douglas City Museum Endowment Fund with the Juneau Community Foundation. This endowment is set up to use a percentage of its interest to support future Museum exhibits and collections. Please become a member of the Friends of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum for the coming year. 2013 will be an important year for the group as the board settles into goals and activities that will best support the Museum and grow the membership. Lasting gifts can be made to the Friends endowment, [www.juneaucf.org](http://www.juneaucf.org) (funds & endowments), and by serving on the Friends Board.

	Volunteer 20 hours of service	Friend \$25	Family \$50	Fellow \$75	Patron \$150	Business \$250	Benefactor \$1000
Museum Newsletter Past & Present	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Postcard Invitations to exhibit openings & other events	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Gift Shop Discount	20%		10%	20%	20%	20%	20%
Annual Pass good for FoJDCM member & guest	•		•	•	•	• •	•
Special Coffee & Collections Notification	•			•	•	•	•
Walking Tour	•			•	•	Choice of: 1 walking tour & 1 mining lecture OR	•
One Ticket to Mining Lecture	•				•		•
Quarterly Letter from Curator of Collections & Exhibits					•		•
Two hours of research assistance							•
Name on Donor Wall						•	•

## MEET THE NEW STAFF:



Christina Bruce, *Administrative Assistant*

Christina Bruce, the Administrative Assistant for the Juneau-Douglas City Museum, was born in Anchorage and moved to Juneau when she was three months old. She graduated from JDHS in 2001 and after almost ten years spent in Seattle, she returned to her home town. In addition to what she absorbed growing up in Juneau, she is still fascinated by the amount of history this small city has to offer. Christina was hired at the City Museum in July of 2012.



Kimberly Naylor, *Curator of Public Programs*

Kimberly Naylor, the Curator of Public Programs, started working at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum in September 2012. She is originally from Colorado, but has lived in Juneau for nine years. Kimberly thinks Juneau is beautiful and the community is full of interesting, vibrant people. Kimberly has her BA in Elementary Education from the University of Alaska Southeast. She enjoys art, history, science, and working with people and children.

Jodi DeBruyne is our new Curator of Collections & Exhibits. Originally from the San Francisco area of California, Jodi has lived in various parts of the United States from coast to coast, most recently Washington, D.C. She arrived in Juneau at the beginning of September and was the City Museum's intern for a month before being hired to fill the Curator position. Jodi received her Bachelors of Arts in Art History from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia and her Masters in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Jodi has previous experience at the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk, Virginia where she interned in the registration department and worked in visitor services. She also interned in the collections management department at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. As the Curator of Collections & Exhibits, Jodi is tasked with caring for objects in the City Museum's collections, cataloging and researching objects, developing and maintaining exhibits and handling incoming and outgoing loans.



Jodi DeBruyne, *Curator of Collections and Exhibits*

## HOLIDAY SEASON IN THE GIFT SHOP

Searching for the perfect gift for your history buff friend or family member? Look no further than the Gift Shop at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum. We have vintage posters and yearbooks, art cards, pottery made by local artists, and commemorative items from city and state anniversaries.

We also feature children's books and books on mining and local history—some by local authors. Recent additions to the gift shop include:

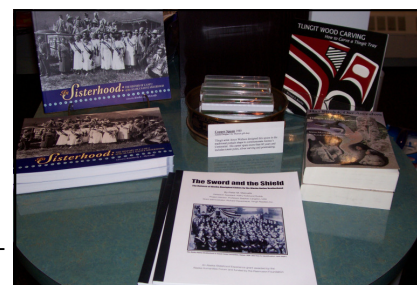
Alaska Outlaw Playing Cards, patches of our state flag, hummingbird finger puppets, and the book *"Visions of Alaska,"* featuring paintings by Alaskan artists.

Show your support of the Museum by purchasing one of our t-shirts or totes highlighting our exclusive designs. While you're here, check out our sale items for excellent holiday deals.

During the month of December we will be featuring the work of Elizabeth Knecht as a Gift Shop

Solo Artist, in conjunction with her Solo Artist Exhibit in our temporary gallery. Her creative stuffed toys and Christmas ornaments will only be available until December 29<sup>th</sup>, so make sure to stop in before then. They make great gifts for children of all ages.

Be sure to keep an eye on the Museum Store page on the JDCM website, as we will be updating the inventory and layout. Happy Holidays!



Gift Shop Items relating to ANB: A Centennial Celebration Exhibit.



Featured Art Cards.



## Recent Acquisitions *January—November 2012*

So far this year, between January and November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Museum has accessioned 41 donations and 7 purchases, totaling over 300 individual items. These accessions span all areas of the collection: historical objects, art, photographs, documents & other archival material. Each object immediately becomes a treasured piece in the City Museum's collection. Thank you to our donors who help us preserve the history and culture of Juneau.



Photo Credit: William G. Meeker, Jr. and Dog. (JDCM 2012.48.001), Letter & Envelope from William G. Meeker to Winefride Blohm dated 03/22/1942 (JDCM 2012.48.014A-B) and 1944 Newspaper clipping "Posthumous Award" (2012.48.010Q). The collection was donated in Memory of William G. Meeker, Jr. S2, by Mary & Raymond Testa, in Honor of Winefride L. Blohm.



Photo Credit, *Sixteen Tons* by R. T. Wallen, 1984. Gift of Michael J. Kirk. JDCM 2012.02.001.



Photo Credit: *Owl Transformation Mask* by Duane Bosch. Purchase of this artwork has been made possible through the generous support of the Rasmuson Foundation. JDCM 2012.22.001.

## Acquisitions List

- 2012.02 Collection of 6 Prints, Gift of Michael J. Kirk
- 2012.10 "Bill Egan and Alaska: A Pictorial Tribute" booklet, Gift of Thomas Mounts
- 2012.17 Treadwell Mine Identification Tags, Gift of Jim Blackburn
- 2012.19 Ship wheel from the Princess Kathleen, Gift of Dick Reynolds
- 2012.20 "Ithaca," photograph by Patrice Helmar, Rasmuson Art Acquisition Fund
- 2012.22 Carved wooden mask & rattle by Duane Bosch, Rasmuson Art Acquisition Fund
- 2012.27 "Lights O' Juneau," photograph by Winter & Pond, Gift of George Tanner
- 2012.28 Three acrylic paintings by Kesler Woodward, Rasmuson Art Acquisition Fund
- 2012.31 18 Photographs dating to c.1890, Gift of John Kato
- 2012.37 Totem, Gift of Mike Blackwell
- 2012.38 "1887 Alaska Pioneers Association Photograph Mural," gift of the Pioneers of Alaska Men's & Women's Igloo #6
- 2012.48 William G. Meeker, Jr., S2C USNR V-6 Collection, Gift of Mary & Raymond Testa

## Collections Corner



Photo Credit: 1887 Alaska Pioneers Association Photograph Mural. Gift of Pioneers of Alaska Men's & Women's Igloo #6. JDCM 2012.38.001.

This has been a big year for Collections at the City Museum. The storage improvement project funded through an Alaska State Museum Grant-in Aid has been completed. The oversized object storage racks have been installed and are in use. Our new Preservation Environment Monitors and the corresponding Image Permanence Institute software has already proven itself as a great asset by providing detailed information relating to the Museum's environment as well as the effects environmental changes have, or could have, on our collection's objects.

In October 2012, the beloved 1887 Alaska Pioneers Association Photograph Mural, which has been on display at the City Museum since 1994, was donated to the City Museum by the Pioneers of Alaska Men's & Women's Igloo #6. The donated mural, and a sister mural still in the possession of the Pioneers of Alaska Men's & Women's Igloo #6, was sent for treatment at Zukor Art Conservation in California on November 28, 2012. The treatment will stabilize and restore the murals as well as help to preserve them for future generations.

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Newsletter of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum located at 114 W. 4th St. on the corner of 4th and Main Streets.

### WINTER HOURS:

Museum Hours:

Tuesdays - Saturdays 10am- 4pm

Office hours:

Monday - Friday 9am-5pm

### ADMISSION:

Free Winter Admission thanks to our various donors. Please check our website for a complete listing.

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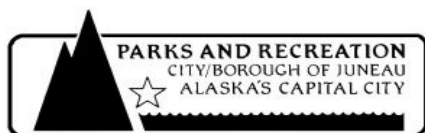
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## CITY MUSEUM WINTER EVENTS CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

**Free Admission thanks to Michelle & Robert Storer**

7-29 Elizabeth Knecht's Exhibition *Line* is on display in the Leslie Murray Gallery. Elizabeth is also the featured Gift Shop Artist from December 7, 2012 to December 29, 2012.

### JANUARY

**Free Admission In Memory of Harold O. Fossum**

4 Opening reception *Reverie*, paintings by Rob Roys.  
4:30pm-7:30pm at the City Museum.

4-26 *Reverie* on display in the Leslie Murray Gallery from January 4, 2013 to January 26, 2013

### FEBRUARY

**Free Admission thanks to The Gastineau Channel Historical Society**

1 Opening reception featuring Trevor Gong.  
4:30pm-7:30pm at the City Museum.

TBA 12x12 Youth Class.

### MARCH

**Free Admission thanks to Michelle & Robert Storer**

1 12x12 community invitational.. Beginning March 1, 2013 and Ending on April 13, 2013.

18-22 Juneau Explorers during JSD spring break.. Explorer class time is 12:30 to 4:30 Monday, March 18, 2013 to Friday, March 22, 2013.

