

FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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MUSEUM LECTURE: SCIENCE AND ETHICS IN THE CARE OF SHIPWRECK ARTIFACTS

The next lecture in the Kashevarof Noon Winter Lecture Series is from Ellen Carrlee, Conservator with the Alaska State Museums:

Science and Ethics in the Care of Shipwreck Artifacts

The collection of the Alaska State Museum includes hundreds of artifacts from Alaskan shipwrecks. What conservation treatments are done to these artifacts and what are the ethics that guide those decisions? Iron, bone, rubber, leather, textiles and wood are among the materials treated, each with its own particular protocols. How do physics, chemistry and biology help the conservator determine the right choices when artifacts can start deteriorating the moment they come to the surface? What does the conservator do if artifacts begin deteriorating in the museum years later?

Ellen's lecture will take place on 2/28/2013 at noon at the State Museum.

STATE MUSEUM POSTS TWO NEW ONLINE EXHIBITS

The Alaska State Museum has posted two new online exhibits:

Drew Michael: Life Expressions (http://www.museums.alaska.gov/online_exhibits/michael.html) - An Alaska Native, Yup'ik/Inupiaq and Polish European, Drew combines different forms of customary and contemporary design using wood, ivory, feathers, found objects, stone, metal, plastic and bone

Kristen Link: Notes from Nature (http://www.museums.alaska.gov/online_exhibits/link.html) - 2013 Rasmuson Foundation Individual Artist Project Award winner Kristin Link presents a body of work from field sketches from the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park.

NEW FEATURES IN OXFORD REFERENCE

Oxford Reference recently sent us an e-mail promising the following new features are either in place or will be shortly:

- **"Show full text results only" filter checked by default** – This means that patrons will only initially see results from resources the Digital Pipeline actually purchased. Patrons will still have the option of expanding their search to “pay per view” resources, though they would need to make their own purchases.
- **Annotation functionality:** Select text to highlight and annotate with your own notes. This feature is activated by signing in to your "My Work" account where your annotations can be stored and managed.
- **Oxford Dictionaries Online widget:** Double click a word and see the free definition in *Oxford Dictionaries Online*.
- **Leave Feedback:** You can now leave feedback about how useful you found entries in *Oxford Reference* using the box at the bottom of each entry.

Oxford Reference can be accessed from the Digital Pipeline at <http://sled.alaska.edu/databases>.

NATIVE ARTIST DEMONSTRATORS PROGRAM AT THE SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM TURNS 25

Issue 61 of the *Alaska State Museums Bulletin* features an article on the Native Artist Demonstrators program at the Sheldon Jackson Museum. The article gives a history of the 25 year old program that includes pictures of every demonstrator who has participated since 1987. The *Bulletin* can be found at <http://museumbulletin.wordpress.com/2013/02/20/alaska-state-museums-bulletin-61/>.

Learn more about the ongoing Native Artists Demonstrators program at http://www.museums.state.ak.us/sheldon_jackson/sjnativedemos.html.

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

AKLA GATHERS ALASKAN SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

The social media committee of the Alaska Library Association (AkLA) has begun compiling lists of Alaskan social media accounts that cover libraries, archives and museums. Their directory can be found at <http://akla.org/about/committees/social-media-committee/alaskan-social-media-accounts/> and currently features these categories:

- Alaskan Libraries, Archives, and Museums on Facebook
- Alaskan Museums on Twitter
- Alaskan Libraries on Twitter
- Alaskan library, archive and museum workers on Twitter
- Alaskan libraries, archives, museums and individuals on Flickr

The page also features links to the newly formed AkLA groups on GoodReads (<http://www.goodreads.com>) and LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com>).

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

TECHCRUNCH: 67% OF AMERICAN INTERNET USERS USE SOCIAL MEDIA, PINTEREST GROWING

Technology news site TechCrunch reported on a new Pew Research study that offered the following tidbits about social media:

- 67% of all US internet users use some social networking site.
- Facebook is far ahead at 67% of all US internet users – Twitter (16%) and Pinterest (15%) are nearly tied for a distant second.
- African-Americans are twice as likely to use Twitter as white Americans.

The full article can be found at <http://techcrunch.com/2013/02/17/social-media-statistics-2012/>. The Pew report referenced in the article is available at <http://www.pewinternet.org/Reports/2013/Social-media-users.aspx>.

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