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## **A Month of Wednesdays at the Alaska State Museum 2012 Winter Lecture Series**

JUNEAU – Enjoy a different a lecture every Wednesday January 25 through February 29 as the Alaska State Museum presents the 2012 Andrew P. Kashevarof Memorial Lecture Series.

This weekly series, which takes place every Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m., features new research by museum staff, visiting artists, and scholars. Lecturers draw from the collections of the State Library, Archives, and Museums, in some instances displaying new and/or seldom-seen historical photos, documents, and artifacts. Admission to the lectures is free; visitors are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch.

Chief Curator of the Alaska State Museum Bob Banghart kicks off the Kashevarof Winter Lecture Series on January 25 with a discussion of Project SLAM: State Libraries, Archives, and Museum. After celebrating preliminary groundbreaking in October 2011, the Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museum project is rapidly moving forward with architectural documents scheduled for completion in April 2012; construction begins pending security of final funding. Banghart will discuss the complex process of planning and design for the unique facility, dedicated to protecting and presenting the culture and history of Alaska and its peoples.

Other lectures are:

- February 1 – “Alaska Native Treasures in the British Museum,” Steve Henrikson, Curator of Collections, Alaska State Museums;
- February 8 – “Reinvention and Revival: A Narrative of Kake, Alaska,” Anastasia Tarmann Lynch, Librarian, Alaska State Library Historical Collections;
- February 15 – “Tracy Arm History Notes: Illuminating a Landscape with Museum Objects Collections,” Mary Irvine, Museum Educator, Alaska State Museum;
- February 22 – “The Alaska State Archives: Best Kept Secret in the State,” Larry Hibpshman, Archivist, Alaska State Archives; and
- February 29 – “President Harding in Alaska,” Jim Geraghty, local historian.

Winter hours at the museum are 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Discounted winter admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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