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BRITISH INVASION ASM Curator of Collections Discusses Alaska Native Treasures of the British Museum

JUNEAU – London’s British Museum houses thirteen million objects, including the Rosetta Stone, pieces of the Parthenon, and drawings by DaVinci. But it also contains hundreds of Alaska Native artifacts collected by early European seafarers. On Wednesday, February 1, from noon to 1 p.m., Alaska State Museum Curator of Collections Steve Henrikson uncovers these treasures.

Fresh from a recent study at the British Museum, Henrikson will present photographs of what he terms “unusual and beautiful objects”: twined bags, basketry, hats, armor, weapons, and ceremonial pieces made by Yup’ik, Alutiiq, Athabaskan, and Tlingit/Haida peoples. The discussion also includes artifacts from the ASM to demonstrate how its collection and the British Museum’s collection interrelate.

Henrikson appears as part of the 2012 Andrew P. Kashevarof Memorial Lecture Series. These lectures are presented every Wednesday in February, featuring new research by museum staff, visiting presenters, and scholars. Rev. Andrew P. Kashevarof, the first librarian/curator of the Territorial Library and Museum, 1919-1940. Admission to the lectures is free; visitors are welcome to bring a bag lunch.

Remaining lectures:

- February 8 – “An Early History of Kake, Alaska,” Anastasia Tarmann, Librarian, Alaska State Library Historical Collections
- February 15 – “Tracy Arm History Notes: Illuminating a Landscape with Museum Objects and Library 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
- 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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