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TAKE IT FROM THE TOP
Collections Curator Steve Henrikson Examines
Alaskan History through its Hats

Take a look at Alaskan history from an often-ignored perspective—hats—as State Museum Curator of Collections Steve Henrikson presents “Taking it From the Top: Alaskan Hat History,” First Friday, October 7 from 7 pm to 8 pm.

Henrikson’s presentation, in conjunction with the current ASM exhibition “Just Old Hat(s),” reviews the broad, lively history of hats in Alaska, from the unique styles of Alaska’s First Peoples to haute European couture.

Accompanied by seldom-seen historical images, Henrikson’s presentation tells Alaska’s story by way of its headwear: from hats worn by Alaska Natives to hats brought by Russians, Siberians and the Sámi people to modern-day fashions for work and play.

Henrikson, who himself appears on the staff page of the ASM website wearing an elaborate Alaskan headdress, describes the presentation as “a lively discussion,” featuring many colorful stories about hats from the exhibit.

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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