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2013 Andrew P. Kashevarof Memorial Lecture Series Continues with Litigation Records from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill

JUNEAU – The public is invited to join Archivist Larry Hibpshman at the Alaska State Museum at noon on Thursday, February 21, as he presents *They Anointed Our Waters & Our Cup Runneth Over: Litigation Records from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill* as part of the Alaska Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums' 2013 Andrew P. Kashevarof Memorial Lecture Series.

Litigation associated with the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill involved thousands of people and spawned millions of documents. Hibpshman, Director of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litigation Records Appraisal and Processing Project, oversees the two-year effort to decide what to preserve and how to make it accessible. He will describe the collection, this project, and what it means to people in Alaska.

This weekly noon lecture series features new research on a variety of topics drawn from the collections of the Alaska State Library, Archives and Museums, presented by staff from each of these institutions and visiting researchers. New or seldom-seen historical photos, documents, and artifacts will be brought out for special display in conjunction with each program. The lecture series is held annually in honor of A.P. Kashevarof, the first librarian and curator of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, 1919-1940. Admission to the lectures is free; visitors are welcome to bring a lunch to eat during the presentation.

Additional lectures include:

- February 28 – Ellen Carrlee, Conservator, 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. Carrlee will discuss what conservation treatments are done to these artifacts and the ethics that guide those decisions, as well as how physics, chemistry and biology help the conservator determine the right choices when artifacts can start deteriorating the moment they come to the surface.

- March 7 – Sorrel Goodwin, Librarian, Alaska State Library Historical Collections
Cosmology of the Tlingit Longhouse
A look at the structure, meaning, and metaphysics of the Tlingit Longhouse as a self-contained “Universe” that is more than shelter and more than simple structure.
- March 14 – Dave McMahan, State Archaeologist, Office of History and Archaeology
Exploring the Archaeology of Alaska’s Colonial Russian Settlements
The close geographic and cultural links between Russia and Alaska, along with shared history during the colonial period, have been the catalyst for several important archaeological research projects over the last two decades. Archaeological information often provides details of daily life and sources of supply not found in the archival record. This talk explores some of the archaeological projects that have been undertaken at colonial Russian sites, both in Alaska and Russia, and how these studies have influenced our understanding of life in Alaska’s Russian settlements.

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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