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Presentation on Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness Area At the State Museum

JUNEAU – Many people know and love Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness Area for its abundant wildlife and sheer-walled fiords, ending with tidewater glaciers that regularly calve icebergs, some the size of nine-story buildings. But who would associate such natural majesty with hundred-year old photographs, early Alaskan cross-cultural encounters and a stamp collector's dream postmark?

Alaska State Museum educator Mary Irvine will present some of her research in a talk entitled, "Tracy Arm History Notes: Illuminating a Landscape with Museum Objects and Library Collections" at the State Museum, Wednesday, February 15 at noon. Irvine will present an overview of the human history of the area, presenting highlights from photography collections held at the Alaska Historical Library, and will showcase objects in the collection of the Alaska State Museum. On display from a private collection will be a Sumdum postmark, on a receipt for a parcel mailed to Sutter's Creek, CA.

Irvine appears as part of the 2012 Andrew P. Kashevarof Memorial Lecture Series, every Wednesday in February at noon, featuring new research by museum and division staff, visiting artists, and scholars. Drawing from the collections of the State Library, Archives, and Museums, in some instances presenters will display 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.

Remaining lectures:

- 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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