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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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### **ALASKA MUSEUM SNAPSHOTS AT THE ALASKA STATE MUSEUM ASM presents Alaska Museums Snapshot Day, May 18**

JUNEAU – On May 18, 2012, the Alaska State Museum presents its first-ever Alaska Museums Snapshot Day. Based on a concept Alaska libraries have been using for the past several years, on May 1, participating museums across the state snapped up to ten photos taken in and around their facilities and sent those images to the Alaska State Museum’s Curator of Museum Services, as he requested. The resulting slideshow which, in a matter of minutes, takes the viewer on a sneak-preview tour of every museum in Alaska, will play continually all day on the State Museum’s Science on a Sphere projection system on May 18.

“Last year, we invited museums to make short films,” said Scott Carrlee, ASM Curator of Museum Services and event organizer. “While it was a success, the technical side prevented some museums from entering. This year, we wanted to make it easy for every museum to participate.”

There is no extra charge for this whirlwind tour of Alaska Museums beyond the regular admission price.

In addition to the May 18 Science on a Sphere projection of the photos, snapshots from Alaska Museums Snapshot Day will be available on the Museums Alaska (the statewide museum professional organization) web site, continuing to tell the story of museums’ importance to the communities they serve, Alaskans in other parts of the state, as well as to society in general.

Alaska Museum Snapshot Day fits with the spirit of International Museum Day which, since 1977, has been raising this type of awareness. The Alaska State Museum joins nearly 30,000 other museums in more than 100 countries also offering organized activities on May 18.

Summer hours at the museum begin May 13 and are 8:30 to 5:30 daily. Summer admission is \$7 with a \$1 discount for seniors. 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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