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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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Lecture on Use of Animal Furs as Fashion and Clothing at the Alaska State Museum

JUNEAU – Yupik marine mammal hunter and skin sewer Peter Williams will present a noontime lecture entitled, “The Skin We’re In,” on the history of animal fur use for clothing and fashion in Alaska, on Monday, June 24, at the Alaska State Museum. Williams will speak on the role of fur in human history, fashion, spirituality, sustainability and respect along with the importance of identity, connection with nature and how those subjects are all interconnected with how we adorn ourselves while staying warm and dry.

Williams is a Sitka-based Yup’ik artist known for creating beautiful, handcrafted sea otter garments under his label *Ata*, which in Yup’ik translates to “let me see.”

Summer hours at the museum are 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily. Summer admission is \$7, with a \$1 discount for age 65 and older. 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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