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SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

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Yup'ik Masks: Destination, Paris

Sheldon Jackson Museum curator Rosemary Carlton recently hand-delivered two Yup'ik Eskimo masks to a museum in Paris, France, for them to be part of a major exhibition. On Saturday, March 27, at 7 p.m, Carlton will give a presentation about the exhibition and her experiences in France. The talk is part of the Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum Winter Lecture Series, and takes place at the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka.

The loan of the masks, one from the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka and one from the Alaska State Museum in Juneau, was requested by the Musée du quai Branly in Paris, a major museum of world ethnology. The exhibition, titled "La Fabrique des Images," will run until August of 2011.

The aim of the exhibition, according to Guest Curator Philippe Descola "is to make visible what is not seen immediately in an image, namely the effects that those who created it sought to produce upon those to whom it was intended." The exhibition includes many objects from the collections of the Branly as well as other objects on loan specifically for the exhibition. Mexico, Brazil, Australia, Europe, Oceania, Alaska, the American Southwest, and Canada were all represented with objects, paintings, or photographs.

The process of loaning objects to a foreign museum – the preparation, security and transportation of the masks, and the making of the mounts and installation of the objects will all be part of the lecture. Photos of the Branly's "masterpieces" exhibited at the Louvre, the Branly's permanent collections and highlights from visits to other Paris museums will also be shown.

The Friends of the Museum Winter Lecture Series will conclude on April 8 with author Dennis Noble discussing Captain Michael Healy of the US Revenue Cutter Service.

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