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WINTER LECTURE SERIES SCHEDULED AT THE SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

The Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka have announced their Winter Lecture Series schedule, featuring noted authors and researchers discussing topics related to the museum's collections. The lectures are free to the public and, unless otherwise noted, begin at 7 p.m. at the museum. "This year's series promises to be one of the fullest and most varied in a number of years," said Museum Curator Rosemary Carlton.

Juneau-based researchers, poets, and teachers Richard and Nora Dauenhauer will begin the series on October 7, discussing their book "Russians in Tlingit America—The Battles of Sitka 1802 and 1804," which they edited with the late Dr. Lydia Black. Both Dauenhauers serve as professors at the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau. The lecture will point out the connections the book makes between Russian documents, Tlingit oral accounts, and artifacts in museums, with specific reference to objects in the Sheldon Jackson Museum.

On November 13, Tommy Joseph, a Tlingit carver who works at the Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center will discuss his trip this summer visiting U.S. and European museums researching Tlingit war materials and gear. Joseph is of the Eagle Moiety, Kaagwaantaan clan. He has been actively engaged in Northwest Coast carving since the 1980s as an instructor, interpreter, demonstrator and as a commissioned artist.

On January 23, Harvey Golden will give a presentation on the history and development of Alaskan hunting kayaks. Golden, who lives in Portland, is the author of "Kayaks of Greenland: The History and Development of the Greenlandic Hunting Kayak, 1600-2000." He has done research in museums and private collections around the world, and has built numerous replicas of kayaks from around the globe, a process he says is the best way to understand the differences between kayaks, and what they mean. This date will also be the occasion of The Friends of the Sheldon Jackson annual meeting.

Lecture appearances for February and March will be announced at a later date. April will see Dennis Noble and Truman Strobridge discussing the legendary Capt. Michael Healy. Healy was the commander of the U.S. Revenue Cutter "Bear," providing law enforcement, rescue, relief and transportation services in Alaska in the late 19th century.

Noble and Strobridge are the authors of "Captain 'Hell Roaring' Mike Healy, from American Slave to Arctic Hero," published by the University Press of Florida. For further information, please contact Beth Garrison, Business Manager for the Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum at 907-747-6233 or manager@fosjm.org.



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