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SEPTEMBER ARTIFACT OF THE MONTH

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The Sheldon Jackson Museum's Artifact of the Month for September is a pair of Athabascan moccasins with some famous roots.

They were donated in 1965 by William White of Seminole, Fla., in memory of his father, the Rev. John White. Rev. White was rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Nome from 1903 to 1906, and collected many Alaskan objects during that time.

The Athabascan-style moccasins came with a tag that explains their rather famous origin. "Hudson Stuck, Archdeacon of the Yukon, gave me these. He traveled, mused, in them."

Stuck was a famous Episcopalian minister, explorer and author who traveled extensively along the Yukon visiting churches under his domain. Among other notable events in his life, he was the first to ascend Mt. McKinley, in 1913, along with three others. The smoked moose-hide moccasins show extensive wear, with new soles applied over the originals.

The beadwork on the vamp is Yukon-Tanana style, with a star motif in the center surrounded by vines and petals in green, white, blue and cut brass beads. The moccasins have a high-top ankle and rounded toes.

The Artifact of the Month series at the Sheldon Jackson Museum offers visitors an opportunity to view various pieces that aren't on permanent exhibit or are new to the collection.

The moccasins will be on display Sept. 1-30. Summer hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and admission is \$4. Winter hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, begin September 15, and admission drops to \$3 for adults. Youth 18 and under or those with passes are admitted free.

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