



ASM Museum Chat

Dec. 11, 11 am
Session 37

Erika Brown

10:48 AM

Morning

Scott Carrlee (ASM)

10:48 AM

Hi Erika

How are things in Ketchikan?

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Erika Brown

10:50 AM

Pretty well, thank you. Storming and blowing right now. Same in Juneau?

Scott Carrlee (ASM)

10:50 AM

Yes it is the same

It has been fun working with Ann this week

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I think she is really enjoying things here

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Erika Brown

10:51 AM

I am partial but I think she is great

Scott Carrlee (ASM)

10:51 AM

You will be here the first week in Feb. right?

Erika Brown

10:52 AM

I'm glad. I thought she would enjoy the experience

Yes, Feb. I am looking forward to it. How is the process going?

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Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:53 AM

It is really going well. I think most people who have come down (or up) to help us have really enjoyed the learning experience

and we have been making significant progress towards getting our 35,000 plus collection packed up 10:53 AM

and ready to move 10:53 AM

It is kind of a daunting task and when you look at the whole of it you just want to run away screaming 10:54 AM

but when you break it down into individual goals it becomes manageable 10:54 AM

Erika Brown 10:54 AM

Ha! yes I would have had a break down when faced with your task

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:55 AM

Having these groups of other museum professionals come down and help us pack has really be good at getting us organized

- Bethany joined the Main Room. (10:55 AM) -

- Della Hall joined the Main Room. (10:55 AM) -

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:55 AM

Hi Bethany

Hi Della 10:55 AM

Della Hall 10:56 AM

Hi Scott

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:56 AM

We are just talking about people coming down and helping us pack for the move

Erika Brown 10:56 AM

Morning Bethany & Della

Bethany 10:56 AM

Morning Scott, Della and Erika. How are things in your necks of the woods

- Jan Yaeger joined the Main Room. (10:56 AM) -

Bethany 10:56 AM

I am looking forward to the next step.

Hi Jan! 10:56 AM

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:56 AM

Hi Jan

Jan Yaeger 10:57 AM

Hi folks!

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:57 AM

Yes the next step will be a big one. We close the museum at the end of February

- Erika Brown left the Main Room. (10:57 AM) -

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:57 AM

Then it will really get hopping

How are things in Seldovia Jan? 10:57 AM

Jan Yaeger 10:57 AM

Slippery.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:58 AM

Yes here it has been right around freezing so it comes down as Snain (snow and rain)

- Wendy Goldstein joined the Main Room. (10:58 AM) -

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:58 AM

Hi Wendy, welcome to the chat

Wendy Goldstein 10:59 AM

Hi there! How's everybody, today?

Bethany 10:59 AM

It is 25 and WINDY here in Wasilla. Ugh! Luckily we zip tied the ornaments to the city tree for the lighting ceremony this past weekend. I will have to find more wreaths though as they blew away.

Hi Wendy 10:59 AM

- Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) joined the Main Room. (10:59 AM) -

Bethany 10:59 AM

Hi Andrew

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:59 AM
That is so funny, having to zip tie the ornaments to the tree, good idea though

Hi Andrew 10:59 AM
are you and Wendy in the same place? 10:59 AM

Wendy Goldstein 11:00 AM
Ha! no.

Bethany 11:00 AM
I know, I got a lot of looks, but today a lot of people are saying good idea

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:00 AM
Hello

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:00 AM
How much snow is in Valdez?

Wendy Goldstein 11:00 AM
not enough

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:00 AM
Not too much, been a weird winter so far

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:00 AM
say what?

Bethany 11:00 AM
Really? I thought you all had 25 inches or so?

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:00 AM
Lots of wind right now

Wendy Goldstein 11:01 AM
oh yea, I guess. 25 inches sublimates quickly, though.

Bethany 11:01 AM
It has been a weird winter. too warm. Dare I say.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:01 AM
yeah for you sled dog mushers it is probably too warm

Bethany 11:01 AM
True Wendy. Didn't think about that. We are almost back to seeing grass here in places with the wind and the rain the past few days.

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:01 AM
I prefer the snow rather than rain

Bethany 11:01 AM
Me too Andrew. ME too! 11:01 AM
I know Scott, we have not been able to take the dogs out on the lake since it is so slippery and there is not enough snow to really run a snow machine behind the dogs either. May need to just use the four wheeler. Grr. 11:02 AM

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:02 AM
We will just wait a few more minutes to see if anyone else joins us

Bethany 11:02 AM
Ok.
- Angela Demma joined the Main Room. (11:02 AM) -

Bethany 11:02 AM
Hi Angela

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:03 AM
Hi Angie

Angela Demma 11:03 AM
Hi Everyone!

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:03 AM
Hi Angie

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:03 AM
We are just chatting about the weather to see if anyone else will be joining us

This is a good crew though, I appreciate all of you joining in 11:03 AM

Bethany 11:04 AM
So Scott, is the entire second floor of ASM closed already?

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:04 AM
No not quite, all of the permanent exhibits are closed but we still have the two temporary galleries open
- Katherine McConkey joined the Main Room. (11:04 AM) -

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:04 AM
Those will close the first of January

Hi Katherine, welcome to the chat 11:05 AM

Bethany 11:05 AM
Oh. How is the rest of the packing going?

Hi Katherine! 11:05 AM

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:05 AM
The packing is going really well.

Katherine McConkey 11:05 AM
Thanks

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:05 AM
We have been using the Exos (outside museum professionals) to help pack down in collections

Since we can't get at any more of the permanent exhibits until Feb 11:06 AM

Katherine, remind me again where you are from? 11:06 AM

Katherine McConkey 11:06 AM
Ahtna Cultural Center, Museum & Library

Bethany 11:06 AM
That must be a big help though, to have them working in collections.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:06 AM
Oh yeah, that is right, you were in Haines

What has the weather been like in your neck of the woods? 11:07 AM

Katherine McConkey 11:07 AM
Warm, foggy and snowing

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:07 AM
What do you do at the Ahtna center? Is Tanya still there?

Katherine McConkey 11:08 AM
I am the Cultural Center Director and Tana is on leave for the month of December, technically she is still here!

Bethany 11:10 AM
Della, where do you work? 11:10 AM

Della Hall 11:11 AM
At the UA Museum of the North, and part time at the Pioneer Air Museum

Bethany 11:11 AM
Cool! I want to stop by the Pioneer Air Museum next time I am in Fairbanks. How is your weather?

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:11 AM
Della was one of my internship program interns this past summer and they liked her so much they kept her on 11:11 AM

Della Hall 11:12 AM
It's warm...or so I am told (I am new to Alaska winters!)

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:12 AM
I am sure she just could not wait to see if the winters were really as bad as they say

Della Hall 11:12 AM
Haha yep. So far, not so bad...

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:12 AM
Ok so I bet we have most everyone on who will be joining us

I wanted to take a moment to ask the group about the chat times 11:13 AM

Do you think it would be easier to do the chat if it were at a different time? 11:13 AM

don't all answer at once 11:13 AM

Katherine McConkey 11:14 AM
This time is good

Angela Demma 11:14 AM

Doesn't really matter to me; just depends on the day

[Della Hall](#) 11:14 AM
This time is good for me

[Jan Yaeger](#) 11:14 AM
Works for me

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:14 AM
As you noticed I have been trying to encourage more people to join in rather than just reading the transcript

[Bethany](#) 11:14 AM
This is good. Then I know I get to go to lunch afterward

[Andrew Goldstein \(Valdez Museum\)](#) 11:15 AM
Same here

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:15 AM
It always surprises me how many people tell me they read the transcripts

[Angela Demma](#) 11:15 AM
I read them when I can't make it

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:15 AM
But if no one participates then there is no transcript

Anyway that is good to know that the time works for you all. 11:15 AM

That is kind of obvious seeing as how you have joined in 11:16 AM
today

But I am wondering if more people would join if it were in 11:16 AM
the afternoon or at the end of the day

[Bethany](#) 11:16 AM
Maybe they feel they don't have anything to contribute? Or are afraid to join in? Hmm. Could you send out a survey?

[Jan Yaeger](#) 11:16 AM
The end of the day can be a little chaotic

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:16 AM
That is a good idea

I thought so too Jan, that is why I scheduled it in the morning right before lunch 11:17 AM

I know some people are busy no matter when 11:17 AM

[Bethany](#) 11:17 AM

I know some of the chats have a theme, maybe a reminder about one main topic that will be discussed and then branch out from there?

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:17 AM

I guess it could be a problem no matter when

Yes I could try and do more of that. 11:17 AM

I like it being free form though so anyone can join in 11:18 AM

[Bethany](#) 11:18 AM

What about at Museums Alaska taking a poll of what people want to learn and talk about and maybe make the chats about those items? One a month?

True, but some people need structure (ahem, me for example). 11:18 AM

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:19 AM

I could do more structured chats after the move

I think I will have more time then 11:19 AM

[Bethany](#) 11:19 AM

Just one major topic to start people and bring them to table, then you can digress after that.

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:19 AM

What do others think about structured chats vs free form?

[Bethany](#) 11:19 AM

Maybe 10 minutes on the main topic and rest of time for other questions or concerns?

[Angela Demma](#) 11:20 AM

Sounds good to me Bethany

[Katherine McConkey](#) 11:20 AM

I am in a learning mode so most all information is helpful to me

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:20 AM

I like the unstructured chats

I generally don't attend the structured ones unless it is a topic of interest to me 11:20 AM

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:21 AM

That is good to know. I have the same feelings about the structured ones, people tend to pick and choose

Bethany 11:22 AM

But even a structured chat you can chime in with information that could benefit everyone? I like free form, but a main topic would be helpful.

Just to get the ball rolling... 11:22 AM

Della Hall 11:22 AM

Maybe it doesn't need structure, but a brief description of "Feel free to bring a question or topic of interest, or just sit in."

which should be obvious, but maybe isn't. 11:23 AM

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:23 AM

Well speaking along those lines, does anyone have a topic or question they would like to raise?

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:24 AM

I have one

Bethany 11:24 AM

I would like to know how the planning is coming along for the 1964 Earthquake exhibits and commemorations if any. Have not heard anything recently

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:24 AM

It's a longshot, but...

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:24 AM

go ahead Andrew you start

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:24 AM

Thanks, then I'll answer Bethany

I've been looking into purchasing some of those Mila-Wall panels, but they're kind of pricey. Does anyone know of an alternative, cheaper product? 11:25 AM

Or better yet, know of anyone who is surplussing? 11:25 AM

[Angela Demma](#) 11:25 AM

What are Mila-Wall panels?

[Bethany](#) 11:25 AM

Norm gave us plans to use hollow core doors and they are FABULOUS!

[Della Hall](#) 11:26 AM

yes, I have also seen a tutorial on hollow core doors

[Bethany](#) 11:26 AM

My maintenance guys built them for us. Norm made the Palmer Museum walls.

[Andrew Goldstein \(Valdez Museum\)](#) 11:26 AM

Hmm, I'll have to look into that. Is this tutorial online?

- Eleanor 3 joined the Main Room. (11:26 AM) -

[Della Hall](#) 11:26 AM

yes, let me find the link...

[Bethany](#) 11:26 AM

I love mine. I have the mila-walls. They are now PERMANENTLY in one spot. They are way too heavy and I could not move them by myself.

[Andrew Goldstein \(Valdez Museum\)](#) 11:26 AM

Mila Wall panels are moveable wall panels

[Angela Demma](#) 11:26 AM

cool. thanks

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:27 AM

That is a really good point Bethany

[Andrew Goldstein \(Valdez Museum\)](#) 11:27 AM

I've used them before and I like them, but I know they're cumbersome. It can be a problem if you don't have extra help

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:27 AM

I remember see your Mila Walls and thinking they were really well built. Maybe too well built

So on the hollow core doors, don't they get dinged up when you put nails through them to hang stuff? 11:28 AM

Della Hall 11:29 AM

This one was created by a student from my master's degree program. Scroll down to "Exhibits on a Budget":

<http://sustainingplaces.com/watch/project-videos/>

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:29 AM

How sturdy are they? And how do they stand? The ones we currently have use feet that stick out and people trip over them.

Thanks Della! 11:29 AM

Bethany 11:30 AM

We have two types. I have two doors that have a large pedestal. Hard to trip over. They other two are hinged together and are sturdy. But as with any walls that are not attached to anything, you don't want people leaning on them. Even the mila walls are not totally study.

When we had kids in the gallery, those walls would sway and scare me to death! I was always afraid it would topple over. 11:31 AM

As we can see, I can't spell today. 11:31 AM

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:32 AM

Don't worry Bethany, I do a spell check before I send out the transcript

Bethany 11:33 AM

I was looking for replacement pieces for the Mila Walls. Trying to get in touch with anyone was difficult. And the replacement pieces (the coverings for one side of the walls, two connectors and two side covers to cover the metal) would have cost me about \$2500 with shipping. And I only have 8 walls.

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:34 AM

Yes, they are pricey...the shipping especially has me worried.

But if you're looking to get rid of any.... 11:34 AM

Bethany 11:35 AM

The doors, I just use wood filler or putty. And when it gets too bad, I will paint. (Right now I left them natural with a light finish.) Then I can paint them white or replace the whole door a lot cheaper.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:35 AM

So these are just doors that you get at Spenards or Home Depot?

Bethany 11:36 AM

Sorry Andrew, they are installed as permanent walls for our upcoming Iditarod Exhibit with a dog sled experience.

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:36 AM

That's okay

I wonder if it would make things easier to have the doors cased with drywall? 11:36 AM

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:37 AM

It would make them a lot heavier

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:37 AM

As far as maintenance, that is.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:37 AM

Which might defeat the purpose of using the hollow core doors

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:37 AM

True

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:37 AM

And you would have to protect the edges somehow. Edges of drywall are very delicate

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:38 AM

But as Archimedes said, "Give me a big enough lever and I can move the moon"

That is also a good point 11:38 AM

Bethany 11:38 AM

I am not sure where the guys got them. I will ask. I think it was a

local millworks place here in town that specializes in doors and windows. I know they special ordered them for us.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:39 AM

ok that was a good topic, now Andrew do you want to update us on the 1964 earthquake?

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:39 AM

To answer Bethany's question, my whole life these past few months has been about 2014 earthquake commemoration.

Bethany 11:39 AM

I was wondering.

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:39 AM

We are doing an upgrade to our permanent earthquake exhibit

Bethany 11:40 AM

Ah, so the need for walls???

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:40 AM

And we are producing a traveling exhibit of artists from around the state on the theme of "Communities, Disaster and Change"

That is what I need the walls for. 11:40 AM

Bethany 11:40 AM

That is an interesting theme.

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:41 AM

We are also developing educational materials, and plan to have a slew of programs throughout the year

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:41 AM

I love that title, sounds like something all Alaskans can get behind

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:41 AM

Yes, the art exhibit is also going to have a published catalogue

Bethany 11:41 AM

How many artists are participating?

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:41 AM

Thanks Scott, we broadened the theme to be more inclusive

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:41 AM
Where will it travel to?

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:41 AM
It is traveling to Homer, Cordova, Fairbanks, Juneau, and two out of state locations

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:42 AM
Where in Juneau?

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:42 AM
Juneau Douglas Museum

Bethany 11:42 AM
So is a big portion emergency preparedness for the educational activities?

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:42 AM
We could do a whole conference around that theme

Bethany 11:42 AM
Or more science based items?

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:43 AM
The educational materials are still in development, but both us and the City of Valdez already have interpretation about preparedness

Bethany 11:43 AM
True Scott.

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:43 AM
Our focus for the coming year is more historical

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:44 AM
thanks for the update Andrew

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:44 AM
You're welcome

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:44 AM
Does anyone have a new topic or question?

Della Hall 11:44 AM
I have a question that Angela Linn and I have been throwing around

for a while

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:44 AM

Please ask Della

Angela Demma 11:45 AM

Did you ever re-schedule migratory bird speaker?

Della Hall 11:45 AM

What is the different between "miniature" and "model"

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:45 AM

That is a good one to Crows Source

Crowd Source 11:45 AM

No crows needed 11:45 AM

Della Hall 11:46 AM

Yes, Angie had thought about writing a blog post to get comments back

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:46 AM

Are you looking at it for cataloging purposes?

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:46 AM

I would guess that a model is a replica of something specific.

Della Hall 11:46 AM

yes, for cataloging

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:47 AM

Yes I think Andrew is on to something

A model is a model of something but a miniature does not have to be a model of something 11:47 AM

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:47 AM

Like a particular building or ship

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:48 AM

When I think of miniatures I think it could be anything that normally is large but is being done small. Like portrait miniatures

or a set of miniature table ware or something 11:48 AM

you would not call it model tableware 11:49 AM

Della Hall 11:49 AM
hmm ok

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:49 AM
or some people specialize in miniature basketry

just small baskets 11:49 AM

Bethany 11:50 AM

My weird two cents. When I think model, I think scale model of a place or structure (i.e. model airplanes, trains, scale model of a building or a city.)

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:50 AM

But if they were exact replicas of famous baskets then they might be called models

Della Hall 11:50 AM

we ran into the question with a model umiak. It is made exactly as a full size umiak would be made, but it is not necessary to any specific scale, as I would expect a model airplane to be

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:50 AM

I see what you mean

- Wendy Goldstein left the Main Room. (11:50 AM) -

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:50 AM

A lot of people do call those model umiaks or model kayaks or model boats

Bethany 11:50 AM

Miniatures, I think of as things would find in a doll house (furniture, paintings, dishes, etc.)

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:50 AM

even if they do not represent a specific boat

Della Hall 11:51 AM

we also wondered if a model is made from manufactured parts, whereas a miniature is manufactured as one piece. But the miniature baskets changes that....

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:51 AM

Maybe we are just so used to the term model when talking about boats that it seems more appropriate

I think it would be a little strange to call it a miniature kayak 11:52 AM

so miniature umiak sounds strange too 11:52 AM

like you are really trying to say something with that term 11:52 AM

Eleanor 3 11:53 AM

by definition - a miniature is a "representation or image of something on a small or reduced scale.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:53 AM

But a miniature basket is still a basket

where as a model boat is not really a boat 11:53 AM

or at least the model umiak is not really an umiak 11:54 AM

Della, I can see where this is pretty tricky 11:54 AM

Della Hall 11:54 AM

it would probably still float like an umiak - it has the water proof seams.

well, I can report back everyone's input, and maybe we'll come up with something! 11:54 AM

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:55 AM

I think it would make a great blog posting

Angela Demma 11:55 AM

I have to sign off. Thanks everyone!

Bethany 11:55 AM

model - a usually small copy of something, or a particular type or version of a product.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:55 AM

List out all the possibilities for the meanings

- Angela Demma left the Main Room. (11:55 AM) -

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:55 AM

Good point Bethany

Eleanor 3 11:56 AM

I too have to log off - great getting back in touch with you.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:56 AM

I think that for cataloging purposes you may need to take the standard definitions into account but they may not be the be all and end all

- Eleanor 3 left the Main Room. (11:56 AM) -

Bethany 11:56 AM

miniature - a representation or image of something on a small or reduced scale or a greatly reduced or abridged form or copy.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:57 AM

Well it is coming to the end of our chat time, thanks for joining in. These have been very interesting topics

Della Hall 11:57 AM

thanks Scott!

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:57 AM

I hope you all have a great holiday season

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:57 AM

Thanks everyone, talk to you soon -- have a great holiday season.

- Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) left the Main Room. (11:57 AM) -

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:57 AM

We will have another chat January 15th

Bethany 11:57 AM

Thanks Scott! Thank you everyone. Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and all that Jazz!

- Della Hall left the Main Room. (11:57 AM) -

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:57 AM

I can explain what happened to the Migratory bird lady then

take care bye all 11:58 AM

Bethany 11:58 AM

Cool