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Press Release

SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

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KAYAK LECTURE AT THE SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

Author and researcher Harvey Golden will give a presentation on the history and development of Alaskan hunting kayaks at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, at the Sheldon Jackson Museum. The free event is sponsored by The Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum. Following or preceding the talk, The Friends organization will hold their annual meeting.

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 kayaks representing numerous arctic cultures, a process he says is the best way to understand the differences between kayaks, and what they mean.

Golden first began building kayak replicas in 1994. Within ten years he had build around 60 kayaks. He says: "The research that building a replica requires is fairly extensive if it is to be done properly – especially in cases of kayak types that aren't too-well documented. I try to use the same joinery methods as used in the originals, even down to the knots and lashing-patterns if the information is available. The kayaks are wooden, although the 'skins' and lashing materials I use are of modern materials (like) nylon or canvas, instead of from animals."

The Friends lecture series will continue in February with the speaker to be announced.

Regular winter hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Discounted winter admission is \$3; visitors 18 and younger, Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum, and those with passes are admitted free of charge.

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