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SILVER BRACELETS JULY ARTIFACT OF THE MONTH

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The Sheldon Jackson Museum's Artifacts of the Month for July are two Northwest Coast style silver bracelets.

Harriet S. Patrick of Charlotte, Vt., donated the bracelets to the museum in August 2001 while visiting Alaska. She purchased them from an antiques dealer who usually deals in Southwest jewelry. Both bracelets may have been made from coin silver around the turn of the 20th century. Fold marks can be seen in the silver on the inside. One bracelet is engraved in script on the inside: "Alice Satterlee Gales Ferry Conn." The engraving appears to be later commercial work.

A split hawk or eagle figure is engraved on one bracelet and the other is a broad band carved with foliate design. Both are fairly typical of the late 19th or early 20th century designs employed up and down the Northwest Coast and sold in the art market. Artists wishing to view these more closely may contact Curator of Collections Rosemary Carlton for an appointment.

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 bracelets may be viewed at the Museum from July 1-31. Summer hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and admission is \$4. Youth 18 and under and those with passes are admitted free.

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