



Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum

March 2025 E-Newsletter

Building the Inupiaq Kayak

**Lou Logan
(Inupiaq)
boat builder**

Share Your Culture/
Share Your Research
spring speaker series

**IN-PERSON
ONLY**

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 12, 2025
1:00 - 2:00 PM**



**SHELDON
JACKSON
MUSEUM
204 COLLEGE DRIVE
SITKA, ALASKA**

Announcing a presentation Lou Logan, an Inupiaq qayaq builder. Courtesy of a Museums Alaska Access Collections Grant, Lou Logan will be conducting research at the museum between March 11 -13, 2025 and has graciously

offered to share some of his work with a free public program as part of the Share Your Culture/ Share Your Research spring lecture series.

May 3, 2025 Annual Meeting

Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum Annual Meeting

SJ MUSEUM
SATURDAY,
MAY 3, 2025
2:00-3:30 PM




Guest Speaker

**Mike *iqyaâ*
Livingston** PhD

The Friends of SJM annual members meeting is scheduled for the first Saturday in May. Please save the date. We intend to have a short 30-minute members meeting with brief updates on programs, advocacy, and elect board members in advance of a one-hour presentation by a guest speaker. We are pleased to announce the guest speaker as Professor Mike iqyaâ Livingston, PhD. He will give a talk entitled, "Honoring Benny Benson on July 9, 2027"


friendsofsjm.com/annualmeeting for more information.

Share Your Culture / Share Your Research



Share Your Culture/ Share Your Research

Sheldon Jackson Museum spring speaker series



LOU LOGAN (INUPIAQ)
"BUILDING THE INUPIAQ KAYAK"
MARCH 12TH AT 1PM, IN-PERSON

ADRIENNE FLEEK (TLINGIT)
**BEADING EDGEWORK AND CABACHON
APPLICATION EARRING TUTORIAL**
APRIL 2ND AT NOON, ZOOM ONLY

JANE STEINBRIGHT (NON-INDIGENOUS)
"THE FORGOTTEN CANOE"
APRIL 10TH AT NOON, ZOOM AND IN-PERSON

URSALA HUDSON (TLINGIT)
**"ELEVATING FEMALE-GENDERED ART
PRACTICES FOR COLLECTIVE PROSPERITY"**
APRIL 30TH AT NOON, ZOOM ONLY

The spring speaker series is upon us with Lou Logan (Inupiaq) on March 12th at 1:00pm giving a presentation titled, "Building the Inupiaq Qayaq". He will share photographs of his boat building and his research on watercraft. Logan has been making kayaks since 2019 and currently has a solo live working exhibit at the Alaska State Museum in Juneau that involves building a qayaq right next to a historical example from the collection. The talk will be only in-person at the museum due to the scheduled internet outage from March 7-17 in Sitka. The program will be recorded and archived on our YouTube channel.

Next month will have three SYC/SYR programs. Adrienne Fleek (Tlingit) on April 2nd at noon, zoom only, will give an earring tutorial focusing on Beading Edgework and Cabochon Application. Jan Steinbright (non-Indigenous) on

April 10th at noon on zoom and in-person will talk on “The Forgotten Canoe”.
Ursala Hudson (Tlingit) on April 30th at noon, zoom only, will speak to
“Elevating Female-Gendered Art Practices for Collective Prosperity”.

Visit friendsofsjm.com/calendar for details and zoom links for April programs.

2025 Native Artist Residency Program



The selection committee has met to review residency applicants. Thanks again to all who submitted applications. We anticipate announcing the 2025 Sheldon Jackson Museum Native Artist Residency Artists next month.

SJM Interpretive Plan



The SJM Interpretive Plan 2024 is published and outlining opportunities for implementation has begun with some short-term goals from the plan:

- **Name Change** In the planning survey, 71% of respondents were in favor of having the name changed from Sheldon Jackson Museum.
- **Welcome Exhibit** Update and replace the introductory exhibit in the lobby. Potential themes may include an explanation to visitors that we are on Lingít Aaní, the land of Sheet'ká Kwáan.
- **Signage** Replace dated exterior signage and create templates for interior signs. With templates, SJ Museum staff can make temporary signs about events and information.
- **Facility Planning** Hire a professional museum design firm to assist staff in pre-development planning to prepare conceptual design alternatives and cost estimates for museum expansion.

Join the SJM Visitor Services Team!



WORK AT THE SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

Gallery positions available for the summer season

The Sheldon Jackson Museum is recruiting for summer gallery staff to answer visitor questions about Alaska Native cultures, history, and art.

Seeking applicants with:

- Strong customer service skills
- Familiarity with Alaska Native cultural history and art



museums.alaska.gov

If you are interested in joining the SJM team, please grab your resume and stop by the museum at 104 College Drive any time during open hours to pick up an application. Pay is \$22.58 per hour. Full-time summer positions and year-round on-call opportunities are available. Contact Sue Conrad at (907) 747-8981 or sue.conrad@alaska.gov with questions.

Winter Hours & Admission

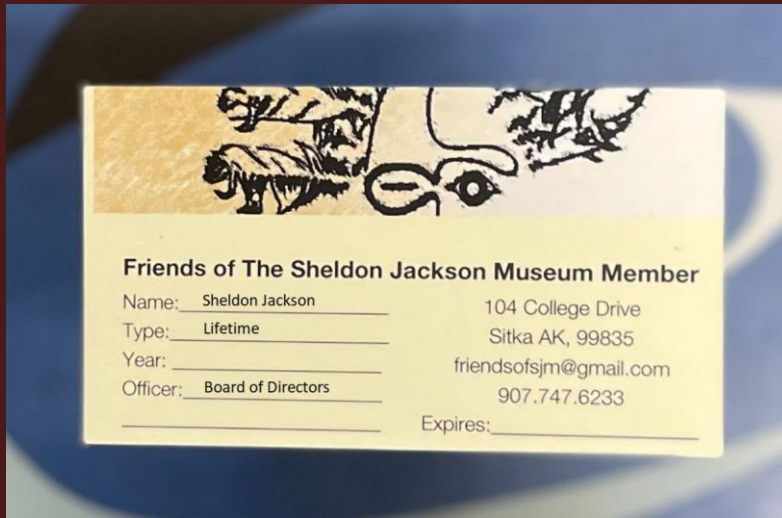


The Sheldon Jackson Museum is currently open from **10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Wednesday through Saturday** with closures on state holidays. Tuesdays are by appointment only. This time is reserved for independent research and school groups.

- General admission is \$7
- Senior admission is \$6
- Active-duty military and their family, admission is free
- Youth 18 and under, admission is free
- Friends of SJM Members, admission is free

Visit museums.alaska.gov or call 907-747-8981 to learn more about the current hours of operation. Please call museum staff if interested in a Tuesday appointment.

Become a Member!



Becoming a member of the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum helps the Friends support the museum by sponsoring free events, providing educational programming, supporting the Native Artist Residency Program, and advocating for the museum. It also provides member benefits like free museum admission and 10% off workshop materials! If you are interested in furthering our goals and supporting the museum financially, please visit our website at friendsofsjm.com/membership to become a member, or visit friendsofsjm.com/product/donation/ to donate.

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