



Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum

April 2025 E-Newsletter

Share Your Culture/ Share Your Research



Sheldon Jackson Museum spring speaker series

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

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

JAN 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 called Share Your Culture Share Your Research is going strong with one program last month and three this month. Links are available through our website, and all programs are recorded and added to our online archive.

View the FoSJM calendar of events friendsofsjm.com/calendar
View recorded programs online youtube.com/@friendsofSJM

Annual Meeting on May 3rd

Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum Annual Meeting

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



Guest Speaker

**Mike *iqya̋*
Livingston** ^{PhD}

Join us next month! Our annual members meeting is the first Saturday of May at 2:00 pm in the museum. Doors open at 1:30.

The business meeting is anticipated to be 30 minutes followed by Guest speaker Mike iqya̋ Livingston, PhD, giving a presentation entitled, "Honoring Benny Benson on July 9, 2027" about the Unanga̋ 14-year-old designer of the Alaska state flag. He is scheduled to begin at 2:30 pm.

The FoSJM annual meeting will give a brief review of 2024, including the election of board members for 2025, and membership will vote on a resolution

of support to change the name of the Sheldon Jackson Museum. friendsofsjm.com/annualmeeting

Mr. Livingston will talk about how July 9, 2027 is the 100-year anniversary of the raising of Alaska's flag by Benny Benson. Benny was the seventh-grade Alaska Native boy who won the flag contest in 1927 in a time when racism against Alaska Natives was in-your-face and aggressive. The panel of three judges in Seward did not want a dark-skinned Alaska Native boy to win. What can we do before the 100-year anniversary to honor this 14-year-old Alaska Native boy who rose above and continues to stand tall today as a healthy role model for all Alaskans?

Special thanks to Aspen Suites Hotel Sitka, for sponsoring lodging for our guest speaker and traveling board members.

Visit Sitka Features SJM



The Visit Sitka 2025 annual visitor guide features the SJM! The article encourages a visitor to walk right up to a "glass case where the intricate detail of Tlingit regalia is on full display." Our Native Artist Residency Program is highlighted as a great cultural offering for tourists and visiting artists alike. Visitor guides are available in print and viewable online at visitsitka.org/visitor-info/maps-guides/

New Board Member



The Friends of SJM board of directors had a resignation and an appointment last month. Thanks to Barth Hamberg for his service on the board, and welcome to Steven Johnson. Steve Johnson is a Tlingit fisherman who grew up learning how to catch and preserve wild foods in Southeast Alaska. Steve is a culture bearer and brings tribal values into everything he does. He also serves on the STA tribal council. Steve's grandfather was AP Johnson (Tlantech) Ixt'Ik'Eesh, the valedictorian of the first graduating class of SJ who later made many of the hunting and fishing implements in the museum collection.

Seeking Volunteer Greeters!

The Friends of SJM are looking for volunteer greeters for the summer season, as well as helping hands for events and projects throughout the year. Volunteer greeters welcome guests to the Museum, answer questions, and share information about the Friends. If you would like to learn more, please contact us at (907) 747-6233 or friendsofsjm@gmail.com.

Summer Hours & Admission



2025 SUMMER HOURS

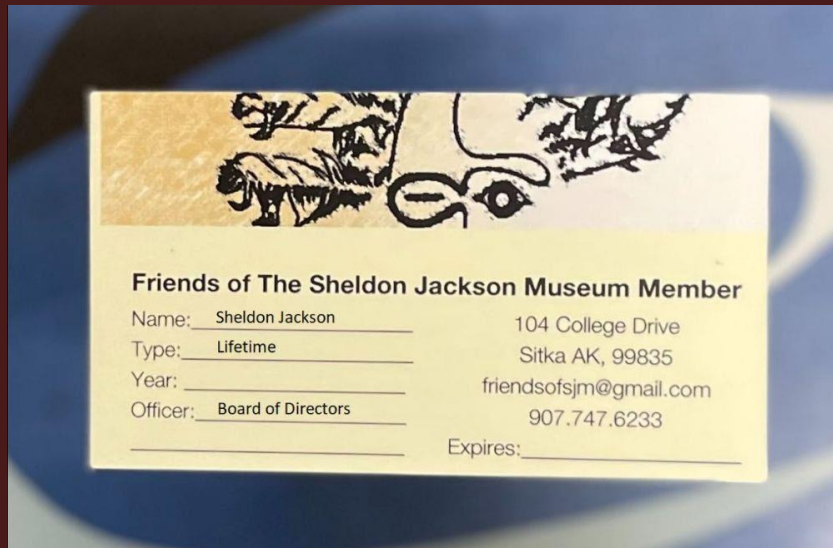
MON - FRI
9AM - 4:30PM

On May 1st 2025, summer hours start at the Sheldon Jackson Museum. Unfortunately, this year there is a reduction in open hours.

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.
Weekend hours cannot be facilitated this year.

General admission is \$9. Admission is \$8 for seniors and free for active-duty military, their families, and youth 18 and under. SJM is also closed on state holidays. Visit museums.alaska.gov or call 907-747-8981 to learn more about current hours of operations.

Become a Member!



Becoming a member of the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum helps 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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