

2009 Museums Alaska/Alaska Historical Society Annual Conference

Detailed Schedule:

Conference locations:

UHSA Unalaska High School Auditorium

UHSG Unalaska High School Gym

LRHR Library Ray Hudson Room

LCR Library Conference Room

MOTAMuseum of the Aleutians

BRC Burma Road Chapel

GAL Grand Aleutian Lobby

CCH City Council Chambers

Wednesday, September 16

8:00-4:00 **Workshop: *Mount-making in the Bush* (UCSD Shop)**

Chris Hanson (Ketchikan Museums) and Sven Haakanson (Alutiiq Museum) offer a hands-on workshop demonstrating simple, inexpensive mount-making in metal and plastic for use of exhibits in small museums.

9:00-3:00 **Workshop: *Collections Care* (MOTA)**

Scott Carrlee (Alaska State Museum), Maria McWilliams (Registrar, Anchorage Museum), and Monica Shah (Conservator, Anchorage Museum) deal with accessioning, condition reports, teaching handling to volunteers and museum staff, basic preventative conservation for collections, policies and forms development.

12:00-4:30 Registration/information desk (GAL)

2:00-4:00 Tours: WWII Sites (Jeff Dickrell), Unisea Plant (Don Graves), Hiking (CVB)

2:00-4:00 ASHRAB meeting

4:30-6:00 MA Board Meeting (LRHR)

4:30-6:00 AHS Board Meeting (LCR)

5:00-7:00 **Community Science Night** (Elementary School Gym)

6:00-8:00 **Opening Reception** (Makushin Room, Mayor Shirley Marquardt);
“Aleutian Islands Wildlife: Above and Below” slideshow (Makushin Room, Reid Brewer)

Thursday, September 17

7:00-8:00 Trade Show & Auction Setup (GAL, Makushin Room)

7:30-5:00 Registration/Information Desk (GAL)

8:00-5:00 Trade Show

8:00-5:00 Silent Auction (Makushin Room)

7:45-8:30 **Morning coffee (GA)**

8:30-9:00 **Conference Opening (UHSA)**

9:00-10:00 **MA Keynote address:** Opportunities for Future Collaboration

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-12:00 MA & AHS Sessions

AHS: **Session: *Encounters between Modern Humans and the Animal World: The Ethics, Economics, and History of Appropriating Nature in Alaska*, (UHSA)**

Wolves as Members of Mixed Communities with Alex Simon; *Examining Historic Fisheries, Hatcheries, and Climate Change to Better Understand Changing Landscapes & Ecologies* with Daniel Montieth; *Economic Valuation of Non-marketed Environmental Services of Alaskan Wildlife* with Britteny Cioni; and *Otterly Crazy: The Hitherto Untold Inside Story of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Sea Otter Rehabilitation Project* with Shana Loshbaugh.

MA:

A: **Session: *Up-close with Keynote Speaker, Yuri Berezkin*. (BRC)**

B: **Session: *Deaccessioning Policies and Programs*, (CCH)**

Angela Linn (UAF Museum of the North): Deaccessioning is a responsible form of collections management, which we should all participate in. The session will touch on the ethics of deaccessioning, how to write a deaccession policy (as a part of a collections management policy), the process (identifying appropriate objects, filling out paperwork, getting the appropriate approvals, “removing” the object from the collection), and determining the mode of disposal.

12:00-1:30

Lunch

Focus on CCMC Institutions (GA, Cape Sarychev)

1:30-2:30

AHS Keynote: *Patriot Games: Alaska in Modern Russian Nationalist Rhetoric*, (UHSA)

With Dr. Andrei Znamenski (University of Memphis; author of *The Beauty of the Primitive: Shamanism and Western Imagination*)

2:30-3:00

Break

3:00-5:00

MA & AHS Sessions (UHSA)

AHS: **Session: *When East Meets West: Russian America*, (UHSA)**

Unearthing Encounters at the Baranov Museum, Kodiak with Mark Cassell and Katie Oliver; *Exploring China’s Tea Road to Russian America through Investigations on the Mongolian-Russian Border* with Dave McMahan; *An Analysis of the Kolmakovskiy Blockhouse Exhibit at the University of Alaska Museum of the North* with Salena Kaye Bias; *Lisianskiy’s Mountain: Changing Views of Alaska’s Nature in Russian America* with Ryan Jones; *Encounters Through a Melting Ice Curtain: The Sister Cities Experience of Yakutsk and Fairbanks* with Melissa Chapin; *Presbyterian-Orthodox Competition in 1890s Alaska* with and Alexander Krivonosov.

MA:

A: **Session: *E-learning for Museum Professionals*, (BRC)**

Herminia Din (UAA): This session will focus on e-learning as a means for museum professional development in on-demand and real-time online environments. Participants will hear about various museum experiments

and innovations including different e-learning models, synchronous and asynchronous teaching methodologies, course/program design and development and evaluations. This session will reflect various issues and aspects of these matters and help participants gain insights on how to initiate and implement their own e-learning program.

B: **Session: *Exploring Partnerships in Museum Science Education, (UHSG)***

Laura Carsten Conner (UAF Museum of the North): Partnerships with universities, industry and agencies are a great way for museums to leverage outside expertise and resources to create high quality projects with limited resources. This session will focus on how specific partnerships have produced compelling and meaningful science education initiatives within Alaska's museums. Presenters will talk about current and past projects, focusing on outcomes achieved, lessons learned, and tips for successful collaborations. This session will feature a short demo of a 'community science night' presentation in a portable planetarium, collaboration between the UAF Geophysical Institute and the Museum of the North.

6:00-9:00 **Dinner – cultural centers, museums, local societies**

- A. Museum of the Aleutians
- B. WWII Center: Movie: The Aleut Story
- C. Alaska Ocean Film Festival @ 6:00 & 8:30. (GA, Shishaldin Room)

7:00-8:00 **Public Presentation (UHSA)**

Yuri Berezekin on *Unangan and Alutiiq Treasures in St. Petersburg.*

Friday, September 18

7:00-8:15 Breakfast Roundtables & Joint Board meeting (GAL)

7:30-5:00 Registration/Information Desk (GAL)

8:00-5:00 Trade Show

8:00-8:30 Silent Auction (GA, Makushin Room)

7:45-8:30 **Morning coffee (GA)**

8:30-10:30 MA & AHS Sessions

AHS: **Session: *Pacific Encounters: Competition and Collaboration, (UHSA)***

Glasnost 1904: John Rosene and the Northeastern Siberian Company with Elizabeth Tower; *Robert Fiske Griggs in Alaska* with Lee Higbie; *From Spiritual Representation to Art Object: Documenting Transition in Northern Native Alaskan Artistic Expressions through Letters in the Donald Burrus Papers* with Anastasia Tarmann Lynch; *When Crab was King: An Oral History of the Kodiak King Crab Fishery* with Toby Sullivan; *East Meets West: Alaska's Timber Resources* with Patricia Roppel; *Louis Bales: Early 20th Century Bear Hunter on the Alaska Peninsula* with Steve Henrikson

MA:

A: **Session: *International Museums and Alaska Native Communities-New Collaborations, (BRC)***

Yuri Berezekin (Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography), Aron L. Crowell (Arctic Studies Center, Smithsonian Institution), and Sven Haakanson (Alutiiq Museum).

B: **Session: *Ethics of Fund Development in a Difficult Economy*, (CCH)**
Michael Hawfield (UAA), Laurie Wolf (Foraker Group), Norm Lagasse (Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum), and Jim Pepper Henry (Anchorage Museum) show how museums should respond to budgeting crises when the economic downturn reduces financial resources. Maintaining ethical standards prevents short-term fixes from becoming long-term damage control

11:00-12:00 ***State of the State of Alaska's Cultural Resources Programs*, (UHSA)**

Judy Bittner and Linda Thibodeau

12:00-1:30 **Lunch**

1:30-3:00 MA Annual Meeting (CCH)

AHS: **Panel: *Primary Encounters: Picturing the Aleutians*, (UHSA)**

1:30 *Alaska and the Pacific World: Moving Beyond the Frontier Narrative* with Katie Ringsmuth

1:50 *Panel Discussion: Picturing the Aleutians* with Anne Foster & Jeff Dickrell.

3:00-3:30 Break

3:30-5:00 AHS Annual Meeting (BRC)

MA: *Developing Exhibits*, with Alan Ransenberg and Deb White, the Alchemy of Design (CCH)

6:00-9:00 AHS/MA Awards Dinner (GAL)

Silent Auction ends

Saturday, September 19

8:00-9:00 AHS Board Meeting (LCR)

MA Board Meeting (LRHR)

9:00-9:30 Morning Coffee

9:30-10:30 MA & AHS Sessions

AHS: **Session: *Tragic Encounters: World War II and its Wake*, (UHSA)**

The Long Trip Home: The Crew of the Iceberg Inez, B-24 #42-40910 with Doug Beckstead; *Mission to the Kuriles, the Secret War of Deception in the North Pacific* with John Cloe; *"If One Should Come Your Way, Shoot It Down": The Alaska Territorial Guard and the Japanese Balloon Bomb Attack of World War II* with Ross Coen; *"The Simple Honor: The Life of Dashiell Hammet"* with Leighton Quarles.

MA: ***Q & A on Museum Matters*, (BRC)**

With Scott Carrlee

11:00-12:00 AHS: **Session: *Alaska Native Objects in the Peter the Great Museum: A View from Alaska*, (UHSA)**

With Steve Henrikson

12:30-4:00 Tours:

WWII Sites, with Jeff Dickrell

Hiking Tours, with CVB

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