



Haines Sheldon Museum 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The Haines Sheldon Museum, an educational institution of the Haines Borough, is committed to collecting, preserving and interpreting the history, art and unique blending of diverse cultures within the Chilkat Valley region.

The Sheldon Museum's presentation of artifacts, clan trust property, art and memorabilia enhances quality of life for area residents and visitors; informs researchers and historians; inspires artists and creative writers; and encourages community pride through permanent, temporary, and traveling exhibits, and through a variety of outreach programs for schools and the public.



Mildred Sparks' baskets were donated to the museum this summer by David and Barbara Fraser. Intern Regi Johanos helps unpack the fragile spruce root baskets.



Oversized flat files, purchased with a Rasmuson Foundation Tier I grant, are the latest storage updates for the Haines Archives and Research Center. The drawers are large enough to store a Chilkat Robe or button blanket flat.



Grossology camp participants made slime, learned about spit, and dissected owl pellets during this summer's most popular Haines Science Camp.

The year began with a community-driven exhibit commemorating the 25th anniversary of when Hollywood came to Haines to film *White Fang*. In the *White Fang* exhibit, extended until May 26 due to its popularity, visitors wrote and edited labels with sticky notes, helping us identify people in photographs. The exhibit generated new donations of *White Fang* paraphernalia and images.

ExhibitAK staff installs large graphic panels for the *Everything From Afar Drifts Ashore* sesquicentennial exhibit.



Haines 50: Objects of Our History was in our East Gallery until the end of September. This exhibit, on display for two visitor seasons, contributed to an increase in the quantity and quality of visitor comments about the museum. One summer visitor wrote that we were “The best museum on this cruise!”.

In the new Haines Archives and Research Center, located in the museum’s lower level, staff, volunteers and interns completed our first full collection inventory in over a decade. This important work confirmed that our records and collection were in good shape.

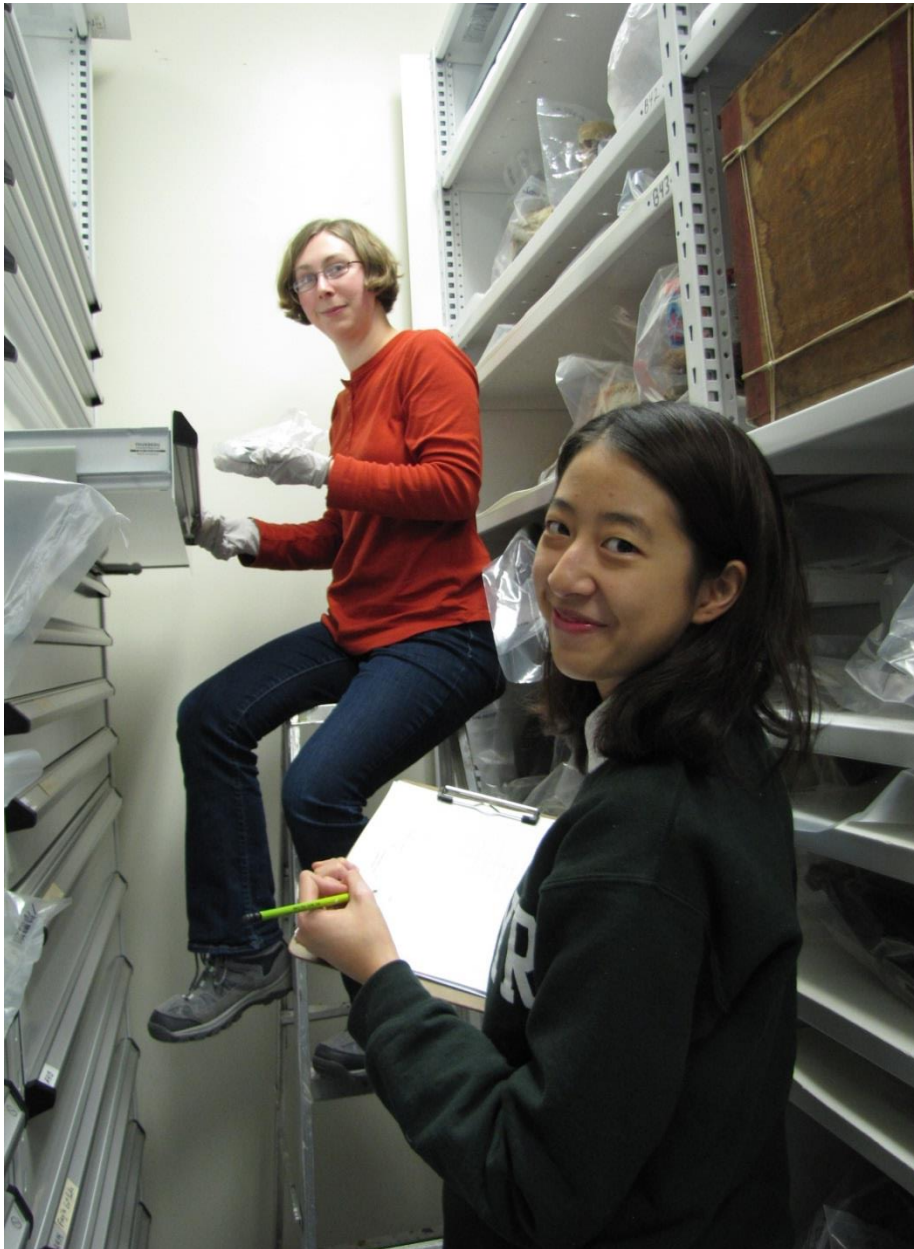
A professional archivist joined our staff for six weeks this summer to process a number of large collections and teach us how to write finding aids. We posted six finding aids on our website due to her work. These collections, which came into the museum in acidic banker boxes, were rehoused into acid-free folders and boxes for preservation.

We held 10 camps this summer, hosted international skiers at the Free Ride World Tour reception, incorporated a new logo, ate Greek food at a Valentine’s Day fundraiser, and mourned the death of our gardener and board member Diana Kelm.

We ended the year with a beautiful new exhibit, *Everything from Afar Drifts Ashore*, in our Main and East galleries. An ambitious exhibit, it highlights the last half of the 19th century and the events leading to the formation of the town of Haines. Special thanks to Sarah Asper-Smith and her ExhibitAK team for bringing this rich and vibrant time in history to life.

5,447 objects and books were inventoried during 2017.

68 researchers used the collection in 2017.



Collections Assistant Aly Zeiger (on ladder) and intern Ruoli Yang started inventorying the collection in January.

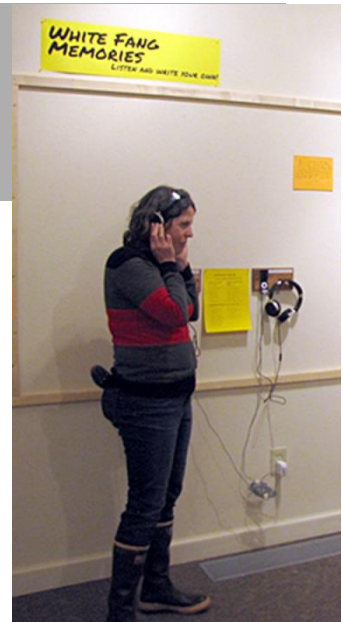
44 donors gave 2,150 items to the Haines Sheldon Museum in 2017.

Gifts included:

- A beaded Eagle (Kaagwaantaan)/Brown Bear vest from Caetana Jimmy
- An M/V Taku Life Ring from John Kanaar
- Frances Muncaster photographs and toiletry set from Louise Cranston-Smith
- Audio records of borough and planning commission meetings from the Haines Borough clerk's office
- 11 of Mildred Sparks' spruce root baskets from David and Barbara Fraser
- A Haisler's Hardware sign from Chris Thorgeson
- White Fang materials from Dan Egolf
- Skis and Splitboard from Fairweather Ski Works and the Rasmuson Foundation
- A Wayne Price dugout canoe from the Rasmuson Foundation
- A Chris Nowicki Mezzotint from Lynn Canal Corporation
- Edward Vogel interview transcript from Greg Podsiki
- A Fort Seward Medical Department platter from Phyllis Byrum
- A spruce root berry basket and Tlingit doll from Shannon Willard

Director/Conservator Helen Alten sews a Velcro backing onto a Chilkat Blanket loaned to the museum by Judy Heinmiller.





“You have made the museum come alive.”

- “Awesome!”
- “Beautiful”
- “Very informative!”
- “Great museum!”
- “Very interesting & educational. Thanks!”
- “Really nice”
- “Well DONE!”
- “Thanks! Great Job!!”
- “WOW!!”
- “Fascinating!”
- “Love all the utilitarian goods & crafts. Thanks!”
- “Best museum on this cruise”
- “Wonderful”
- “Very good info about Tlingit’s culture!”
- “Excellent historical information”
- “Wonderful baskets & presentation”
- “Super place!!”
- “Absolutely outstanding history! Buenisimo!”
- “Amazing!”
- “Impressive preservation of history!”
- “Love it. Thank you.”



New Plexiglas covers, courtesy of a 2016 Chilkat Valley Community Foundation grant, protect fragile items on display in the *Haines 50* exhibit.

May 2016 – September 22, 2017	Haines 50: Objects of Our History	East Gallery
October 22, 2016 – October 2019	Chilkat Valley Discovery Room	Children’s Gallery
December 2 – May 27, 2017	White Fang	Hakkinen Gallery
May 19 – June 3, 2017	Haines Student Art Show	Hakkinen Gallery
June 2 – July 28, 2017	Portrait Society of America: Alaskan Members Show	Hakkinen Gallery
August 4 – September 22, 2017	Six Week Spotlight - Chris Nowicki Mezzotints	Hakkinen Gallery
October 20 – December 2, 2017	Six Week Spotlight – Robin Grace and Dana Van Burgh	Hakkinen Gallery
October 20, 2017 – October 2019	Everything from Afar Drifts Ashore Sesquicentennial Exhibit	Main Gallery and East Gallery
Dec. 15, 2017 – Jan. 27, 2018	Six Week Spotlight – Tia Heywood	Hakkinen Gallery

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2017 EXHIBITS



Everything From Afar Drifts Ashore

is the realization of a number of different people's vision, commentary, funding and other support. We couldn't have done it without the following people and institutions:

Dan Henry
Nathan Jackson
Zack James
Alan Traut
Cynthia (CJ) Jones
Lee Heinmiller
Cherri Price
Wayne Price
Marsha Hotch
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Brandt Alten-Huber
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Christopher Kelly
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Gavin McGuire
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Joe Hotch
Charlie Williams
Richard Young

In Memory of Martin A. and Allie Cordes

In Memory of John and Erma Schnabel

Lynn Canal Corporation

Kim Chetney and Viking Cove Guest Homes

Lucy Harrell

Roger Beasley and Karen Pospisil

The Alaska Historical Commission

The Alaska State Museum

Alaska Indian Arts

The Alaska Historical Library and Archives

Eldred Rock Lighthouse Preservation Association

The Haines Borough

ExhibitAK: Sarah Asper-Smith, Ariel Rolfe, Christine Carpenter,

Matt Klostermann, Aaron Suring, Anjuli Grantham

Haines Sheldon Museum Board: Michael Marks, John Carlson,

Kelleen Adams, Lorraine Dudzik, Tim Ackerman

Haines Sheldon Museum Staff: Sarah (Aly) Zeiger, Regina Johanos, Briana Wright, Austin Neal, Helen Alten, Madeline Witek

Thank you.





Chikat Blanket, 1950s
A large, full-sized Chikat blanket made in the 1950s. The design includes a central figure in the center and several rows of stylized faces on either side. This blanket was used by the Chikat Dancers of Port Chirikof.

Chikat Sampler, 1930
A small woven basket "sampler" made of mountain goat wool. The design is that of a bear face. This sampler was made for Elizabeth Bentley, made in when she left for college and hung on her dormitory wall for 4 years. It is now in the Smithsonian collection.

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KASÉK'XU (DYE)
Blanket colors came from natural materials. "Yellow" came from lichens called wolf moss. "Square" dark brown, was produced from hemlock bark and sometimes mud or iron. "Green" a greenish blue came from oxidized copper. All of the dyes were set with urine.

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FUNDRAISERS

The start of the fourth annual Totem Trot half marathon, which runs past 16 totem poles, was delayed by 30 minutes as participants watched a mother bear fish for salmon, throwing two fish to her cubs waiting on the shore.

The August 12th fundraiser's 79 participants came from:

- New York City, New York
- Los Angeles, California
- Norfolk, Virginia
- San Anselmo, California
- Anchorage, Alaska
- Tallahassee, Florida
- Rimouski, Quebec
- And our favorite near neighbors - Whitehorse, Skagway and Juneau

Dinner-and-a-Movie fundraisers included a White Fang Pizza Party and a Valentine's Day Greek meal cooked by the Alten-Huber family. A spring flowers Paint Night fundraiser led by Board President Kelleen Adams encouraged local creativity.



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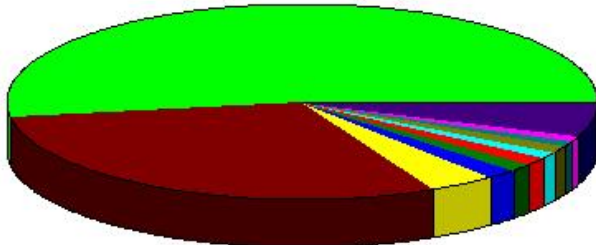
JOIN OUR TEAM: BECOME A MEMBER!

Become a member of the Haines Sheldon Museum and support a great community resource while receiving these perks:

- Membership discounts on store items, museum events, camps and facility rentals.
- Free admission to our museum and, for our elite members, 973 other museums.
- Museum Travel Network tours.
- E-mails about events and opportunities.
- More perks at higher membership levels.
- Join us online at sheldonmuseum.org/membership.htm.

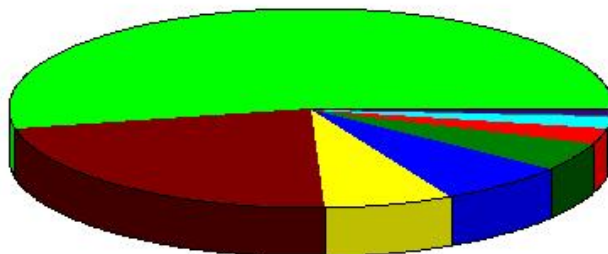


Expense Summary
January through December 2017



Personnel Costs	52.81%
Grant Expenses	29.70
Utilities	3.83
Administration	1.68
Rent Expense	1.37
Insurance	1.29
Fundraising	1.23
Telephone, Fax, email	1.15
Exhibits	1.11
Depreciation Expense	0.88
Other	4.95
Total	\$403,684.64

Income Summary
January through December 2017



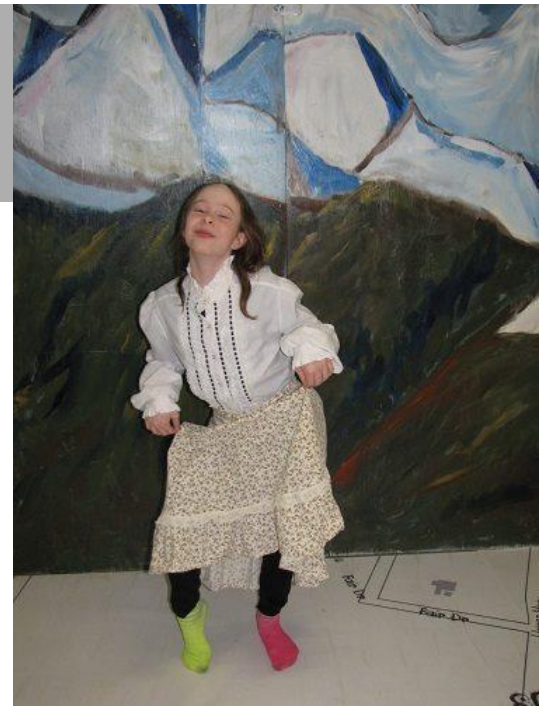
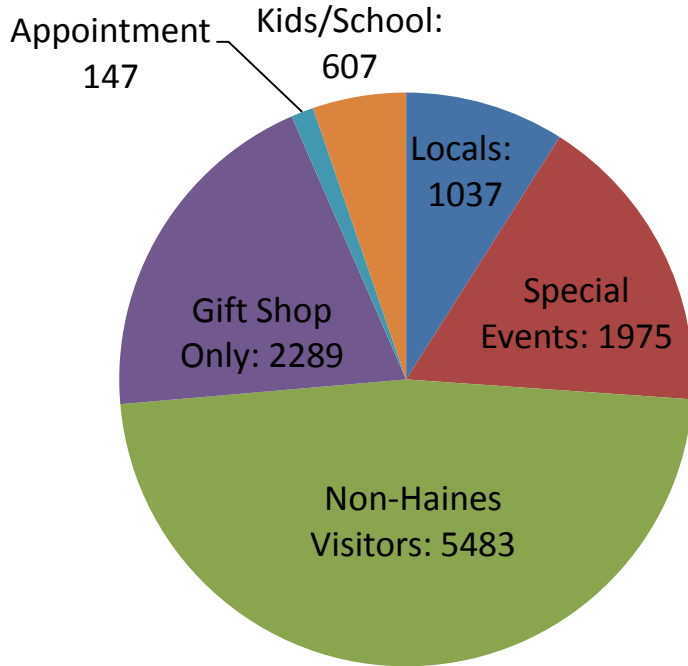
Haines Borough Appropriation	53.42%
Grants	22.59
Admissions	7.10
Donations	7.00
Sales, Store	4.89
Special Events	2.51
Fundraising Income	1.98
Rent	0.31
Copies/Reproductions/ Research	0.20
Miscellaneous Income	0.02
Interest	0.01
Total	\$441,867.65

2017 Grants Received

Alaska Humanities Forum (Sesquicentennial Grant)	\$ 14,000.00
Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board Grant	\$ 7,500.00
Alaska Community Foundation Hakkinen Travel Grant	\$ 1,885.60
Museums Alaska	
Collections Management Fund (2 grants)	\$ 17,861.00
Art Acquisition Initiative Awards (2 grants)	\$ 44,223.00
Donna Mathews Professional Development Fund	\$ 810.55
National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance	\$ 2,264.00
Alaska State Museum: Grants-in-Aid	\$ 13,467.78
TOTAL	\$ 102,011.93



In June and July archivist Jessie Hopper cataloged boxes of unprocessed papers and photographs with funding from the Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board.



Haines Science Camp

10 summer camps had 82% enrollment, with 68 out of 91 spaces filled, serving 37 unique children.

“Sapphire had a good time at Science Camp this summer. Thanks to Jackie St. Clair and Helen Alten of the Sheldon Museum for having something for the little kids to do!” – Yvonne Edie Granger-Ordonez

Improving collection security is a top priority for the start of the year. We will be installing new security cameras thanks to a Museums Alaska Collections Management Grant. We will also secure our digital collection materials within a new server.



2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the S.S. Princess Sophia. We are planning an exhibit and events to commemorate this event.



October 22, 2016 – October 2019	Chilkat Valley Discovery Room	Children's Gallery
October 20, 2017 – October, 2019	Everything from Afar Drifts Ashore (Across the Shaman's River) – Sesquicentennial Exhibit	Main Gallery and East Gallery
December 15, 2017 – January 27, 2018	Six Week Spotlight – Tia Heywood	Hakkinen Gallery
February 2 – March 24, 2018	Alaska Positive	Hakkinen Gallery
March 2 – March 24, 2018	Local Artists' Response to Alaska Positive	Hakkinen Gallery
April 6 – May 19, 2018	Six Week Spotlight	Hakkinen Gallery
May 21- May 28, 2018	Haines Student Art Show	Hakkinen Gallery
June 1 – November 2, 2018	The Sinking of the Princess Sophia	Hakkinen Gallery
November 9 – December 2, 2018	Six Week Spotlight	Hakkinen Gallery

Haines is a special community full of creative individuals. We are proud to be the organization that stores the community's stories and history for future generations. We couldn't do our work without the support of many people and organizations, first and foremost being the Haines Borough.

Donations

Alaska Historical Commission
Alaska Power and Telephone
Alaska State Museum
Alten-Huber Family
Aspen Hotel

Omar Cordes In Memory of Martin A. and Allie Cordes
Lorraine Dudzik
Carol Duis
Eldred Rock Lighthouse Association
First National Bank of Alaska

Lutak Lumber
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Museums Alaska
Karen Pospisil



In Memoriam: Diana Kelm
October 9, 1944 – June 7, 2017

We lost a good friend when board member Diana Kelm died in early June. She began as a museum volunteer in 2013. In 2014 she took over management of our gardens, keeping them weeded, fertilized and watered. Later that year she joined our board, providing thoughtful consideration of policy issues. She was a strong supporter of the museum and an advocate for our historic apple tree. She is sorely missed.

Roger Beasley
Babbling Book
Patty Brown
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Chilkat Valley Community Foundation
Richard and Laura Clement
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Loans for Exhibits

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Tracy Wirak
Madeline Witek
Mark Zeiger

After 39 years, Joan Snyder retired as a museum volunteer this spring.

Thank you, Joan Snyder, for the time and commitment you have given to the Sheldon Museum.

Stephen Williams
Richard Young, Sr.

Volunteers

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Brian Adams
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