



# 2018

A YEAR IN REVIEW  
AND A LOOK AHEAD TO 2019

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

Jaw-dropping spectacular. That's how I'd describe the Friends of the Alaska State Library, Archives and Museum (FoSLAM), the nonprofit organization that supports the Alaska State Library, Archives and Museum in the award-winning Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff building (APK). I am wowed by all we have accomplished in 2018. We're vibrant. We're dedicated. We make stuff happen.

When the Legislature threatened cuts to the Grant-in-Aid program, FoSLAM wrote letters to help reinstate \$105,600 for museums throughout Alaska, including \$10,000 for Juneau-Douglas City Museum. With the JAHc, FoSLAM hosted a reception thanking Senator Lisa Murkowski for her support of Alaskan art and culture. We also purchased Alaskan art, books, maps and artifacts for the library and museum this year from Dee Longenbaugh's beloved Observatory bookstore. We've included photos of some of our more memorable activities on the next pages.



Because of the constant activity, my husband dubbed me "president of the world." To spread the glory, we envisioned a strategic plan with board members, staff and volunteers serving on action committees in Communications, Fundraising, Hospitality, Board Development and Programming/Education. Our revised easy-to-remember mission statement is

***Connecting people to Alaska's diverse history, art and cultures by supporting the Alaska State Library, Archives and Museum.***

Synergistic board meetings are filled with laughter, tantalizing treats and positive suggestions to help FoSLAM grow into the future. Join us as a board member or on a committee. We want you!

Thank you. Serving you as your president the last two years has given me a profound sense of accomplishment and a delightful new group of friends. I did nothing alone. I am indebted to and awed by the energy and ideas of Deb Reifenstein, Virginia Stonkus, Marjorie Menzi, Sarah Asper-Smith, Ben Huff, Anjuli Grantham, Dee Ellen Grubbs, Toni Mallott, Jackie Schoppert in Anchorage and all the staff members, especially Patience Frederiksen, Addison Field, Claire Imamura with Youth Activities and Lisa Golisek-Nankervis. Anjuli and Jackie left the board, but we welcome Kurt Fredriksson and Alysia Jones. A vibrant organization needs diverse leadership. I'm old school; I don't even tweet. So please welcome your new president, Ben Huff. You'll love him.

You helped make all of this happen. Your membership fees, your donations and legacy gifts pay for our endeavors. Thank you for being a Friend.

Mary Lou Gerbi

## HOSTING ARTISTS AND LECTURERS

This year has been a whirlwind of activities. In January, the Friends collaborated with Con Brio and Juneau Cabaret. On First Fridays, we welcomed visiting artists, lecturers, and guests (you, I hope) with delectable treats, paid speaker fees and published exhibit booklets. The topics were diverse. My favorite was U.S. Poet Laureate Tracy K. Smith, who, like Maya Angelou, made me laugh, choke up and then chuckle with her thought-provoking Pulitzer prize-winning poetry. In December, we offered a morning preview of Amy Meissner's exhibit to life members. We plan to do more "appreciation events" in 2019.

*Clockwise from top: Tracy K. Smith, Amy Meissner, Con Brio, Dee Ellen and Virginia hosting First Friday.*



## YOUTH ACTIVITY WORKSHOPS

On First Saturdays October through May we sponsored Youth Activity Workshops with children drawing dogs, painting landscapes, fashioning masks, creating salmon can labels, and oh, so much more. Kids love to learn.

*Clockwise from top: Kathy Hocker, Daniel Papke, Dog portraits.*

# 2018 FOSLAM EVENTS

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## WE'RE 50!

On a warm sunny Juneau day in May, FoSLAM celebrated our Fabulous Fiftieth birthday with music from the Flustered Cluckers, speeches, booths, balloons, cake and Coppa ice cream for the community in APK's Pivot Plaza, thanks to business and community supporters.

*Clockwise from top: Mark Wheeler donates ice cream from Coppa, the Flustered Cluckers, James Houck gives rides in his pedi-cab.*



## APK MARKETPLACE

We teamed with Public Market to present *Marketplace at the APK*, a venue for artists and authors to sell their treasures. Artists, Store at the APK and Raven Café had good sales, so look for it again in 2019.

*Deanna Lampe and Lily Hope sell artwork in the atrium.*



## THE MASK-ERADE BALL

We had a ton of fun in October, rivaling the revelry of Venetian carnivals at our MASK-erade Ball. Party-goers never before in the APK, many in fancy dress, costume or masks, danced as soon as Susu and the Prophets began playing, inhibitions tucked behind masks. People bid on beautiful Alaskan artist-designed masks and bought raffle tickets, the top prize Alaska Airlines tickets, to help pay for the event. Mark your calendars for MASK-erade II on October 19, 2019.

**Thank you for  
your support!**

**Have you renewed your  
membership for 2019?**

Register online at  
[foslam.org/membership](http://foslam.org/membership)

### FRIENDS' MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Admission to the Alaska State Museum
- Educational opportunities through lectures, workshops, and volunteer service
- Advance invitations to exhibit openings and other special events
- Friends' online or printed newsletter
- Vote at membership meetings
- Tax-deductible membership fees and contributions. The Friends of the Alaska State Library, Archives & Museum is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization directed by a board of volunteers.

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### 2018 BUSINESS SPONSORS

Alaska Litho	Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska
Alaska Airlines	ECI
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### LIFETIME MEMBERS

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Charlie and Mary Lou Gerbi	Kathy Nielsen and Loren Domke	Kurt Tripp
	Elfrida Nord	John and Dawn Walsh
		Terry Wanzer
		Candace Waugaman

*The Friends of the Alaska State Library, Archives  
and Museum*

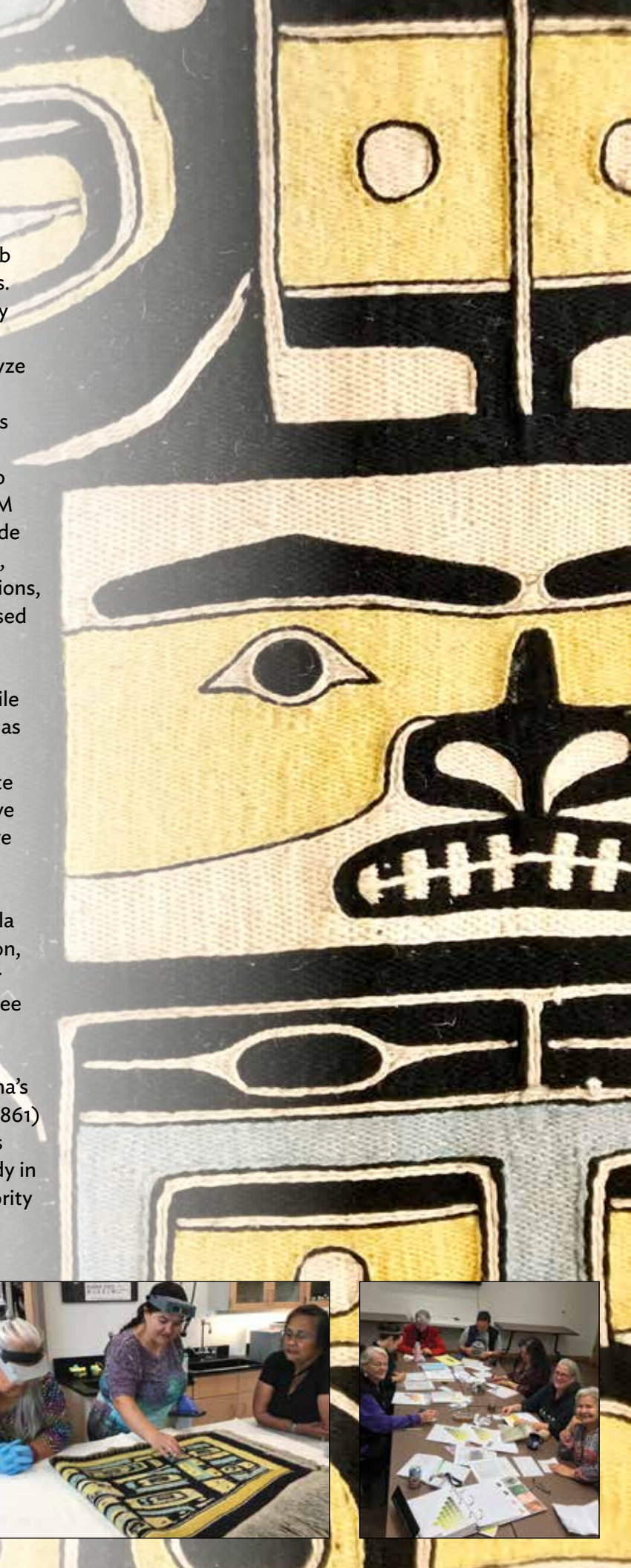
- Supports the Alaska State Library, Archives and Museum
- Educates Alaskans and visitors
- Expands statewide collections through acquisitions
- Accepts donations, grants and legacy gifts
- Hosts free exhibit receptions, lectures, music performances, artist demonstrations
- Offers the Ethel Montgomery scholarship to Alaska Native students pursuing library or museum studies
- Promotes, publicizes, and advocates for the library, archives and museum

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## CHILKAT WEAVING RESEARCH IN THE CONSERVATION LAB

by *Ellen Carrlee*

The Alaska State Museum conservation lab has been working on some Chilkat projects. We are partnering with a consortium led by chemists at Portland State University who have been awarded a Mellon grant to analyze cultural heritage materials. Liana Wallace and Ellen Carrlee proposed analysis of dyes in Chilkat robes and established a Chilkat Dye Working Group that meets monthly to collect samples and study robes in the ASM collection. The phases of the project include analyzing reference material from weavers, sampling historic robes in museum collections, and sharing the findings. The Portland-based conservation consortium will be meeting in Juneau in June 2020 to coincide with Celebration and a summer exhibit on Textile Regalia. The Chilkat Dye Working Group has about a dozen weavers participating so far and hopes to develop culturally appropriate sampling protocols this spring as well as dye some wool together at the museum. Active participants have included weavers Lily Hope, Della Cheney, Yarrow Vaara, Liana Wallace, Marsh Hotch, Patty Fiorella, Pamla Credo-Hayes, Irene Lampe, Pattie Adkisson, Nancy Keen, Kay Field Parker, Marcia Stier and Suzi Williams. Conservator Ellen Carrlee is also working with Chilkat weaver Anna Brown Ehlers to co-author a paper for the Alaska Journal of Anthropology about Anna's treatment of the Chilkat Robe (ASM II-B-861) currently on exhibit in the clan house. This paper uses the collaboration as a case study in making space for greater indigenous authority in treatment decisions and explores the challenges and benefits of engagement.



# 2019 CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

**FRIDAY**  
**1**  
4:30-7

**First Friday at the APK**  
**The Crybabies**  
Donald Varnell  
On exhibit through April 6

**MONDAY**  
**25**  
-  
**MARCH**  
**4**

**The Giant Octopus**  
A North Pacific giant octopus is destined for the museum's Discovery Room. There will be interactive art events with Tanna Peters, Riley Woodford and Sherry Tamone.

## MAY

**FRIDAY**  
**3**  
4:30-7

**First Friday at the APK**  
**Cruisin' the Fossil Coastline**  
Ray Troll  
On exhibit through October 19. Organized by the Anchorage Museum.

## OCTOBER

### Archives Month

Check out the blog for Alaska history updates: [akstatearchives.wordpress.com](http://akstatearchives.wordpress.com)

**SATURDAY**  
**19**

**2nd Annual Mask-erade**  
with Susu and the Prophets

## NOVEMBER

**FRIDAY**  
**1**  
4:30-7

**First Friday at the APK**  
**All Alaska Biennial**  
Organized by the Anchorage Museum. Guest Curated by Candice Hopkins

**FRI-SAT**  
**29**  
**30**

**APK Marketplace**  
Alaskan artists and authors sell their work during Public Market

## DECEMBER

**FRIDAY**  
**6**  
4:30-7

**First Friday at the APK**  
**Alaska Positive 2019**  
Annual statewide photography competition

Cover image Construction of the Alaska State Museum, just over 50 years ago. Don Steffa Photograph Collection, ASL-PCA-283. Find more historic photos at [vilda.alaska.edu](http://vilda.alaska.edu).

Below: Photos from the installation and preview of Amy Meissner's exhibit: Inheritance: makers, memory, myth. on display until February 9, 2019.



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