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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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Hats take center stage at the Alaska State Museum

JUNEAU – The Alaska State Museum will be open with extended hours on May 6 during the First Friday gallery walk with free admission from 4 to 7 p.m. The event will mark the opening of a new exhibit, “Just Old Hats: Headgear in Alaska History.”

On display as a part of the “Hats” exhibit will be headwear worn in the past by Alaska Natives, Russians, Siberians and Sámi people, as well as more recent fashions donned by military members, miners and everyday Alaskans. The exhibit will highlight details about how the hats were designed and used as well as their meanings and associations.

Notable pieces include a beret worn by former Gov. Jay Hammond, a handmade gut piece in the form of a Russian sailor’s hat, a beaded Tlingit headdress and many other ceremonial Alaska Native pieces. Visitors are encouraged to show off their stylish toppers at Friday’s Parade of Hats and Tea Party, sponsored by the Friends of the Alaska State Museum. Ribbons will be awarded to the best hats in attendance.

Summer hours at the museum will take effect on Juneau Museum Day, May 14. Summer admission is \$5. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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