



Friday Night Insights March



Programs begin at 7:00 PM and are open to the public free of charge and held in the theater at the Southeast Alaska Discovery Center, 50 Main Street, Ketchikan, AK. Call 228-6220 for more information. Each week guest presenters cover an array of topics on the natural and cultural heritage of Southeast Alaska.

○ **March 6th - Swan-Tyee Intertie: A Hydro-electric Power Project in Southeast Alaska**

The Swan-Tyee Intertie when completed will run 57 miles over land and water connecting Ketchikan's Swan Lake hydroelectric facility with the Tyee Lake facility serving Wrangell and Petersburg. Currently, Swan Lake hydroelectric power is not adequate to meet Ketchikan's needs, while Wrangell and Petersburg do not use all of Tyee Lake's generating capacity. Do you wonder where these two hydroelectric powerhouses will finally meet? Learn the answer from Dean Scott, lead Engineer for the project, as he discusses the current status of the Swan-Tyee Intertie.

○ **March 13th - Secrets of Deer Mountain Hatchery**

The Deer Mountain Hatchery when it was first open was operated by the State of Alaska until 1997. Today the Ketchikan Indian Community manages the hatchery with an interpretive center highlighting operations and the life cycle of salmon. Damon Hampel, Curator for the Center, will reveal what goes on at the hatchery both behind the scenes and during the busy summer tour season.

○ **March 20th - Alaska Oceans Film Festival: A series of short films relating to the oceans of the world.**

****Note early time: Doors open at 5:30 pm and the program begins at 6:00 pm**

Butch Allen, organizer for the Alaska Oceans Film Festival, will present two hours of ocean short films covering coastal cultures, marine science, and saltwater adventure. This program is a showcase of world oceans in a series of short films presented by SeaWeb, a nonprofit organization with the goal of advancing ocean conservation. A few titles from the festival include: "Guardians of the Seas" Hawaii's legendary lifeguards, "Ice Bears of Beaufort" captures the year round lives of the Polar Bear living near Kaktovik, Alaska, and "Proteus" documents inventor Ugo Conti's development of the ship of the future-a vessel that can transport landlubbers free of sea sickness.

○ **March 27th - We were here too! Historic Alaskan Women and "Arctic Dance: the Mardy Murie Story"**

****Note early time: Doors open at 6:00 pm and program begins at 6:30 pm**

Join Gerry Knasiak as she provides an introduction to some prominent women who helped shape the history of Alaska. Afterwards, enjoy "Arctic Dance," a 75 minute film documenting Mardy Murie's documenting her childhood in Alaska, her life with her husband Olaus studying the Alaska wildlife, and finally reflecting on her years working to protect the land she loved.