

# FIRESIDE LECTURES 2009

**Friday, January 9 6:30pm & 8pm**  
**Postcards from Juneau's Past**

Travel back to Juneau's early days with historian Jim Geraghty as he examines two longterm photographic partnerships that preserved our history in postcards. Photographers Case & Draper and Winter & Pond left a legacy of imagery.

**Friday, January 16 \* 6:30 & 8pm**  
**Beavers by the Mendenhall**

Explore the lives of Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area's beavers with Bob Armstrong and Mary Willson. Learn how many beavers live in the area, how they communicate and play, what they eat, how they build their lodges, dams and much more. Discover the beneficial effects of the beaver's dam building activities on other creatures.

**Friday, January 23 \* 6:30 & 8pm**  
**Water, Water Everywhere**

What happens to the Tongass National Forest's abundant freshwater when it flows into the Pacific Ocean? Dive into the temperate rainforest's special oceanic contributions with Rick Edwards of the Pacific Northwest Forestry Sciences Lab.

**Friday, January 30 \* 6:30 & 8pm**  
**Mendenhall's 2008 Changes**

University of Alaska faculty and student researchers unearth the changes in the Mendenhall Glacier during the summer of 2008. Experts share the results of their glacier and lake surveys. Time-lapse photography illustrates the story of recession.

**Friday, February 6 \* 6:30pm & 8pm**  
**Glaciers of Alaska**

See glaciers from space! Get the satellite view with geologist Bruce Molnia, author of the new US Geological Survey's publication revealing images of Alaska's glaciers. Website is [www.usgs.gov/global\\_change/glaciers/default.asp](http://www.usgs.gov/global_change/glaciers/default.asp)

**Friday, February 13 \* 6:30 & 8pm**  
**Juneau's Winter Whales**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration researcher John Moran studies humpback whales in Juneau. Do they all swim to Hawaii for the winter? Plunge into the information on where they are, what they are doing, and why scientists are studying them. NOAA's website to identify local whales is [www.afsc.noaa.gov/ABL/Humpback/JuneauCatalog.htm](http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/ABL/Humpback/JuneauCatalog.htm)



**Friday, February 20 \* 6:30 & 8pm**  
**Black Bears for Neighbors**

Alaska Department of Fish and Game biologist Ryan Scott and his associates have radio-collared several Juneau black bears over the past five years. Dig into the behavior and habits of our urban black bear neighbors with data collected from the radio collars. See how this information will be used in the future management of Juneau's black bears.

**Friday, February 27 \* 6:30 & 8pm**  
**Giant Pacific Octopus: The Elusive Cephalopod**

Sherry Tamone and her colleagues at the University of Alaska have marked and recaptured giant Pacific octopus in Kachemak Bay. Sherry will share details about the population of these marine super cephalopods and their migrations in the Gulf of Alaska.

**Friday, March 6 \* 6:30pm & 8pm**  
**Mendenhall's Black Bears**

Join visitor center rangers Doug Jones and Laurie Craig for a 2008 update of the glacier area's wild black bears. Get acquainted with this year's 13 bears through stories and photos.

**Friday, March 13 \* 6:30pm & 8pm**  
**On Your Knees Cave and the Shuka Kaa Honor Ceremony**

Explore one of Alaska's most fascinating archaeological discoveries with Terry Fifield, Forest Service archaeologist. Forest Service staff, researchers, and Tribes have worked together in the study and ultimate reburial of 10,300 year-old human remains. Terry has been with the project since its beginnings in 1994. He will explore the project's history and discuss its many scientific, social, and political outcomes.

**Friday, March 20 \* 6:30pm & 8pm**  
**Singer in the Stream: American Dippers in Juneau**

Our only aquatic songbird, the American Dipper nests on streamside cliffs and forages for stream insects and small fish. Get an inside look at the lives of local dippers through photos and stories with Mary Willson and Kathy Hocker. Learn the results of a five-year study of Juneau's dippers including details about their nesting biology and survival and the factors that limit the local population.

**Friday, March 27 \* 6:30pm and 8pm**  
**The Glacier Wolf: Tales from Southeast Alaska**

Listen to writer/photographer Nick Jans read from his soon-to-be-released collection of Southeast Alaska essays. Enjoy a slide show of the wildlife and landscapes that inspired this latest book, his ninth.

**Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center**  
**Winter Hours Thursday -- Sunday 10am -- 4pm**  
**907 789-0097 [www.mendenhallglacier.org](http://www.mendenhallglacier.org)**