

# Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center

# Fireside Lectures 2016



**Friday, January 8 \* 6:30pm and 8pm**

### **Watch the Fur Fly!**

Northern flying squirrels are elusive forest dwellers found rarely around Juneau but abundantly in other parts of Southeast Alaska. Researcher Winston Smith explains how his studies help us understand these mammals and their habitat needs.

**Friday, January 15 \* 6:30pm and 8pm**

### **Secretive Kittlitz's Murrelets**

US Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Michelle Kissling researches Kittlitz's Murrelets, rare stocky seabirds endemic to Alaska and Russia. Discover their association with ice.

**Friday, January 22 \* 6:30pm and 8pm**

### **The History of Alaska's Capitol**

Using historical photos and drawings architect Wayne Jensen describes the 1939 construction of Juneau's federal and territorial building and its current restoration.

**Friday, January 29 \* 6:30pm and 8pm**

### **Exploring Polar Bear Territory**

Guide and photographer Laurent Dick escorts us on a photographic journey to some of Alaska's best polar bear viewing sites.

**Friday, February 5 \* 6:30pm and 8pm**

### **Arctic Ocean Phytoplankton Reveal Changes**

Dr. Zach Brown explains his research on how Arctic Ocean ice loss and rapid warming are changing Arctic ecosystems and threatening Alaska Native communities.

**Friday, February 12 \* 6:30pm and 8pm**

### **Making a Splash: Humpbacks and Dolphins**

Juneau's waters are home to increasing numbers of humpback and killer whales and several species of dolphins. UAS biologist Heidi Pearson studies these marine mammals' behavior to learn why they are successful here.

**Friday, February 19 \* 6:30pm and 8pm**

### **Thinking Photos**

Juneau's award-winning photographer Mark Kelley illustrates how he conceptualizes a photo and explains his thinking process before pressing the camera shutter button.

**Friday, February 26 \* 6:30pm and 8pm**

### **Yellow Cedars: Treasured Trees**

Prized for centuries for their special qualities, Alaska's yellow cedar trees are rare in Juneau. John Krapek speaks about local cedar grove establishment and their spread around town.

**Friday, March 4 \* 6:30pm and 8pm**

### **Mountain Running in Southeast Alaska**

Juneau runners Dan Lesh and Geoff Roes take us on some of their favorite routes through unique, challenging and inspiring running terrain in Southeast Alaska.

**Friday, March 11 \* 6:30pm and 8pm**

### **Taku: The Juneau Icefield's Only Advancing Glacier**

University of Alaska professors Jason Amundson and Martin Truffer explain how glacial dynamics are pushing up large amounts sediment in front of advancing Taku Glacier.

**Friday, March 18 \* 6:30pm and 8pm**

### **Thomas Corwin Mendenhall: The Man Behind the Name**

Historian Jim Geraghty illuminates the life of renowned scientist and US Geological Survey superintendent whose work helped keep Southeast Alaska in American territory, not Canadian.

**Friday, March 25 \* 6:30pm and 8pm**

### **Investigating the 1813 Wreck of the *Neva***

Russian-American Company sailing ship *Neva* wrecked in 1813 near Sitka. Dave McMahan shares work an expert team conducted through archival research, interviews and investigations.

## **Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center**

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