



# Southeast Alaska Discovery

## Winter 2019 Schedule of Events



**Open and Free on Fridays from 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Friday Night Insight programs begin at 6 p.m. unless otherwise noted.**

**Friday, January 4: Cycle Touring The Golden Circle** Bicycle touring is an inexpensive, healthy and environmentally friendly way to explore the world. Join Tom Heutte as he shares stories and photos of a bicycle tour exploring the rich history of native and pioneer cultures including the Chikatan "Valley of the Eagles," Tatsensheni-Alsek Provincial Park, Kluane National Park, and the Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park. You will also take a visual tour of the Golden Circle, a route from Haines through Haines Junction and Whitehorse to Skagway Alaska, following historic trading and gold rush stampede routes through the heart of the largest protected wilderness area in the world, a UNESCO World Heritage Biosphere Preserve.

**Friday, January 11: Sailing the Mighty Pacific** Join Romanda Simpson, a Clipper Round the World Yacht Race '13/14 alumni, for stories of adventure on the high seas. Having never sailed before, Romanda jumped at the chance to learn the skill and join a race around the world via sailboat. She proceeded to sail over 12,000 miles in Leg 5 and 6 of the race, on a route that saw the crew navigate the waters from sunny Brisbane to sweltering Singapore, pushing on up to the frigid Qingdao, China and finally across the great Pacific to San Francisco. Through stories, pictures and videos, from the race she will share what it takes to be part of the race, offer up humbling tales of mountainous seas, lightning strikes, and brushes with nature.

**Friday, January 18: Tom and Ray's Excellent Adventures in a Land Down Under** In the spring of 2018 Tom Fowler and Ray Troll traveled to Australia with their much, much better halves Nycole and Michelle. The four of them managed to pack a lot in as they traveled the east coast of the magical land called Oz. Besides drinking a lot of fine local wine, they snorkeled and scuba dived on the Great Barrier Reef, fondled Koala bears, dodged salt water crocodiles, endured humiliations by giant fruit eating bats and hung out with their favorite ventriloquist.

**Friday, January 25: In the shadow of Dhaliguir: medical clinics in eastern Dolpo Region, Nepal, fall 2018** Local Dr. Peter Rice was privileged to be part of a combined Nepali and Western medical team, that traveled to the eastern part of Dolpo region, Nepal. For nearly 4 weeks, they conducted medical clinics in six of the highest, poorest, and most remote villages in Nepal. They saw over 1000 patients, in villages between 11,000 and 14,500 feet; providing dental, women's health care, pediatric and general adult care; and distributing solar lights, reading glasses and sunglasses. Follow the doctors as they visit many monasteries along the way with Rinpoche Dolpu Tulku, the Buddhist leader for the region along with three other monks.

**Friday, February 1: Ketchikan School District Spelling Bee (5:30 p.m. start time)** Can you spell surveillance, poinsettia and mirage? Last year, Ketchikan's own Grace Parrot competed in the National Scripps Spelling Bee in Washington, DC. Come support our local heroes! Champion literacy and a love of words and reading. Take a journey back to your own school days. The Scripps National Spelling Bee is a tradition that started in 1925. Students from each Ketchikan school will compete for a spot at the State Bee in Anchorage later this spring. Cheer on our youth, and match your wits with these word nerds.

**Friday, February 8: One of my favorite sings! (6:30—11:30 p.m.) & Saturday, February 9 (1:30 - 6:30 p.m.)** How do you solve a problem like winter? Let out your inner Julie Andrews and *Sing-A-Long-A Sound of Music* with one of cinema's best-loved musicals. First City Players (FCP) invites you to wear a *Sound of Music* costume (there's a contest!), grab an interactive goody bag of props and treats and enjoy participatory viewing of a classic film. *This* will be one of your favorite things. Contact FCP for tickets at 907-225-4792 or [www.firstcityplayers.org](http://www.firstcityplayers.org)

**Friday, February 15: 11 Whirlwind Days in Peru: Art and Sunsets in Lima, Exploring Machu Picchu, and Birding the Manu Cloud Forest** Join Ben and Nicole Limle as they take you on a photographic journey of their recent trip to Peru. The couple will focus on culture and cuisine, the sunny pacific coast, the Incan ruins at Machu Picchu, and the lush cloud forest in Manu National Park where they saw beautiful birds, unique insects, and acrobatic monkeys.

**Saturday, February 16: Elizabeth Peratrovich Day Celebrations** Join the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood to celebrate the life and legacy of Elizabeth Peratrovich, Ketchikan's own civil rights hero. Discover the ongoing struggle for Alaska Native civil rights through speeches, music, dancing.



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**Friday, February 22: KIC's Tribal Scholars Program - Education through Discovery** Follow the Tribal Scholars' students on their expedition to Chomondeley Sound. These students subsistence fished for halibut, explored traditional Native sites, as well as learned how to set shrimp/crab pots and kayak. Students will present a 15 minute video, as well as be available for a Q&A session afterwards.

**Friday, March 1: You did what? A 10,000 Mile Journey** The Mongol Rally offers those who are up for adventure an opportunity to explore regions of the world most would never explore. From London, England to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia this 10,000 mile journey is made all the more interesting by the size of the vehicle! Suzuki Altos, with a small 1 litre engine, are not normally designed for the off-road experiences of Khazakstan, the back-roads of Russia, or the never-ending bumps of the Mongolian dessert, but this was the car of choice for Romanda Simpson and her partner as they took on the challenge of arriving in a mere four weeks. Join Romanda for images of beautiful countries and people, and hear stories of travel trials and tribulations as well as heartwarming instances of connection.

**Friday, March 8: Kayhi's National Ocean Sciences Bowl** Kayhi's team will share their research on this year's question: *What type of ocean observing platform would you design to address an important marine issue that affects your community?* The team will compete in the Tsunami Bowl in Seward on February 21-25th and this research paper and presentation is part of their competition, in addition to the quiz bowl. They hope to contribute to our community's knowledge about bacteriological issues in our local waters.

**Friday, March 15: Climbing the Thumb** Devil's Thumb, a peak located in the Stikine ice cap region, is named for its thumb-like appearance that can be seen from Petersburg. First climbed in 1946 by the prolific mountaineer, Fred Becky, fewer than 60 people have reached the summit since then. In June 2016, Shawn McAllister and 2 partners, both of whom are photographers, made an attempt on the Devil's Thumb. Come hear about the adventures and see some incredible photography of this remote, iconic peak.

**Friday, March 22: Film - "Hooked" Opioid Use in Ketchikan** Every day, more than 115 people in the United States lose their lives after overdosing on opioids. The misuse of and addiction to opioids—including prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl—is a serious national crisis that affects public health as well as social and economic welfare. Presented by Reed Harding from the Wellness Coalition Task Force, "Hooked" will explore the impacts and outcomes of the opioid crises in our community.

**Friday, March 29: Film - "Girl Rising" - Educate girls. Change the world.** Travel around the globe and follow nine girls from Haiti, Nepal, Ethiopia, India, Egypt, Peru, Cambodia, Sierra Leone, and Afghanistan on their journey to education. Film and discussion presented by Janalee Gage.

**Friday, April 5: Alaska Hummingbird Festival Art Opening (5:00—7:00 p.m.)** Join us in celebrating spring and the return of the migratory birds to southeast Alaska. See artworks by Alaskan artists, vote for the People's Choice Awards and enjoy refreshments provided by the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau.

**Friday, April 12: Film - Noon: The Heartbeat of a Culture** KPUTV features artist, carver, and educator Mike Dangeli for a full length interview during his time teaching at the Totem Heritage Center. This short documentary takes an in depth look at Dangeli's teachings, background as an artist, and family history as he passes on his knowledge of drum making to Ketchikan students.

**Friday, April 19: Photographing Wild Birds** Local birder and photographer extraordinaire Jim Lewis presents sublime and spectacular Southeast Alaska birds as captured through his lenses.

**Friday, April 26: Birding in Western Mexico** Steve Heintl shares his experience watching birds in southern Nayarit, western Mexico - an area that supports rich and diverse birdlife, including a suite of birds found nowhere else, and where birds from the western U.S. and Canada (even Ketchikan) mix with tropical and subtropical species during the winter.