



March 20 - 23, 2010



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SNHP celebrates
100-Year Anniversary March
20-23, 2010

On March 23, 2010 Sitka National Historical Park celebrates its 100 year anniversary. To mark this historic occasion, nationally-renowned artist and Tlingit weaver, Teri Rofkar, will dedicate her newest Raven's Tail robe. The robe's dedication is just one in a series of local events starting March 20 and culminating on March 23, 2010. The Raven's Tail piece is a commissioned robe that reflects her interpretation of the story of the National Park in Sitka over the last 100 years.

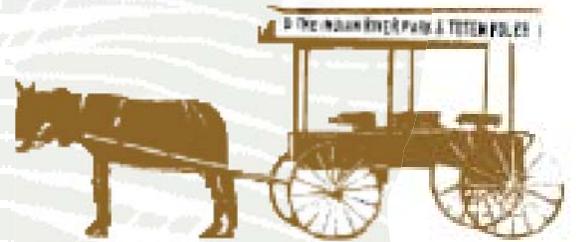
March 20, 2010
Saturday

Event: Kick-off Celebration

Time: 11 am - 4 pm

Location: Harrigan Hall/Sitka National Historical Park
Visitor Center

Join us at Harrigan Hall for a 1910 Carnival - games, food and music to celebrate our last 100 years and kick off the next 100 years. A special 1910-style buggy will offer rides past the Russian Bishop's House "to the Indian River Park & Totem Poles" - just like in the old days.



March 21, 2010
Sunday

Event: Robe Dedication

Time: 2 - 5 pm/7-9pm

Location: Harrigan Hall

The anniversary celebration returns to Harrigan Hall for the dedication of the Raven's Tail robe. This unique piece of art will be officially dedicated and presented to Sitka National Historical Park. An evening of community cultural dancing and celebration will follow.



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March 22, 2010
Monday

The public will be invited to an Open House with free tours of the Russian Bishop's House and the Sitka National Historical Park Visitors Center exhibits, as well as demonstrations by artists of the Park's in-house partner, the Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center (SEAICC). Rangers will lead interpretive walks through Totem Park focused on nature, culture, the totem pole collection and the Battle of 1804.

March 23, 2010
Tuesday

The formal anniversary of the Park will be marked by a series of events at the Sitka National Historical Park Visitors Center. At noon, the Park will open the Merrill Exhibit, a six-week-long rotating exhibit of the stunning photography of E.W. Merrill, Sitka's most renowned early photographic artist and the man commissioned by Territorial Governor John Brady with arranging the totems along Totem Trail - a signature view in Sitka for more than 100 years. The evening will feature experts talking about the Battle of 1804, the Russian and Tlingit cultures and a special performance by Tlingit and Russian dance troupes.

Raven's Tail robes—an overview

An original and true form of Tlingit art is the Raven's Tail weaving. Robes are woven pieces of art which tell stories and preserve aspects of Tlingit culture, much like the totem poles today. The robes are hand-woven without a loom.



Close-up image of the Raven's Tail robe
Photo courtesy of Teri Rofkar

For more information on Sitka's 100 year anniversary, please contact us:

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