

## Grant Awards

*The Alaska Historical Commission awarded \$257,308 for 25 projects to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession in 2015, 2016, and 2017. The purpose of the program is not only to commemorate the treaty but to contribute to better understanding it and Alaska at the time.*

### ***Exhibit projects:***

**Alaska Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums, Juneau, paper conservation exhibit.** The first project using the new facility's paper conservation laboratory will repair and treat materials from the late 1800s, followed by an exhibit about the conservation work and the importance of original documents.

**University of Alaska, Museum of the North, Fairbanks, Life in Interior Alaska c. 1867 gallery and online exhibits.** Exhibits in summer 2017 will use artifacts from excavations at three mid-19<sup>th</sup> century Interior Alaska sites.

**Anchorage Museum, Polar Bear Garden exhibit.** Bring the Treaty of Cession and cancelled U.S. Treasury check paying for Alaska for the museum's major summer 2017 exhibit.

**Sheldon Museum, Haines, Across the Shaman's River exhibit.** To open in fall 2017, the exhibit will address the culture of the Northern Tlingit people at the time of the Treaty of Cession, and cultural exchange the people had with Russians, British, and Americans that led to the founding of today's town of Haines.

**Robert Banghart, Emanuel Leutze's Purchase of Alaska painting exhibit.** Bring this iconic 1868 painting for the first time to Alaska, exhibit in Fairbanks in early 2017, Anchorage in summer 2017, and Juneau in fall 2017. In association with the painting the museums will host public and school programs in each community.

**Seward House, Auburn, New York.** Meet with Alaska museum representatives to explore exhibiting Emanuel Leutze's painting and Alaska artifacts from Seward's visit to Alaska in 1869 (only the painting to be loaned).

### ***Student and public education projects:***

**Anchorage School District, Curriculum and activity guide.** This resource is for secondary education teachers with resource materials and lesson plans about the treaty and the Russian and early American periods of Alaska. The guide will be available to teachers statewide.

**Pratt Museum, Kenai Peninsula History Conference, April 20-21, 2017.** Presentations will be about the different peninsula communities in the mid-nineteenth century. [www.kenaipeninsulahistory.org](http://www.kenaipeninsulahistory.org)

**Tlingit Readers, Treaty of Cession Cause and Consequences program.** As part of the *Sharing Our Knowledge, Tlingit Tribes and Clans* biennial conference, a panel of Alaska Native leaders will talk about the Treaty of Cession and its impact on their people over the following 150 years. There will be associated presentations by Russian and American historians and anthropologists to further the discussion.

**Alaska Library Network, Online With Libraries (OWL) statewide videoconference.** A discussion of the Treaty of Cession, the times, and remembering and interpreting the event, building on a discussion of William Seward and the treaty filmed in September 2016. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIeofN6LX04](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIeofN6LX04)

**Alaska Children's Institute for the Performing Arts, Kenai, History, Our Link to the Future.** A play performed by high school students and written for fourth grade students about the treaty and some of the historical figures involved with it.

## ***Community heritage and public outreach projects:***

**Juneau Community Foundation, William H. Seward statue.** This statue for Alaska's capital is of the U.S. Secretary of State who negotiated the treaty to acquire Alaska from Russia in 1867.

**Juneau Community Foundation, interpretive signs.** Two signs will complement the statue of Seward.

**Kodiak Historical Society and Baranov Museum, *Kodiak Then and Now* booklet.** The publication will show and describe where buildings of the Russian trading post and U.S. army post once stood.

**Alaska Historical Society, online history and calendar of commemoration events.** The calendar, documents, articles, and links to websites are at [www.alaskahistoricalsociety.org/about-ahs/150treaty/calendar/](http://www.alaskahistoricalsociety.org/about-ahs/150treaty/calendar/)

**Sitka Historical Society, planning community events.** Community events to commemorate the treaty start in January and culminate in the Alaska Day Festival in mid-October. [www.alaska150.com](http://www.alaska150.com)

**Sitka Historical Society, audio walking tour and other commemorative events.** The tour narrative will describe mid-19<sup>th</sup> century historic places in the community. There will be a monthly speaker series and other commemoration programs as well.

**Institute of the North, *Looking Forward* meeting.** Alaskans and Russians will meet in Alaska in spring 2017.

**Barbara Propes, Washington, D.C. events.** There will be a luncheon at the National Press Club and an evening reception to recognize Secretary of State William H. Seward and the signing of the Treaty of Cession on March 30<sup>th</sup>, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event.

## ***Research and public outreach projects:***

**Kodiak Historical Society.** Research the records of the U.S. Army's fort at Kodiak that existed from 1868 to 1870, make public presentations about the findings, and write an article for the Alaska Historical Society's webpage

**Gary Stein.** Research the 1867 Southeast Alaska tour of the U.S. Revenue Cutter *Lincoln* and Captain John White. An article on the cruise and captain will be published in *Alaska History*, spring 2017.

**Jenya Anichtchenko.** Research artists of Russian America in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and write an article for publication.

**Rebecca Poulson.** *Battle for Alaska in the decade after the Treaty of Cession* research, to be shared with public presentations and an article for Alaska Historical Society's webpage.

**Pennelope Goforth.** Research on Hayward Hutchinson, a founder of the Alaska Commercial Company, to be shared with a presentation to the Alaska Historical Society at its fall 2017 conference and with an article for its webpage.

**Anjuli Grantham.** Research ten museum and archival collections with papers and objects from the time of the Treaty of Cession, and produce radio programs and podcasts about the collections for Kodiak's public radio station.

*This list current as of January 13, 2017. Grants are in various stages of completion.*