

# City & Borough of Juneau

## Juneau-Douglas City Museum

### *Parks & Recreation*

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# Juneau-Douglas City Museum Overview

- ❖ Founded in 1976 by a community effort to preserve the cities mining heritage
- ❖ 1984 mission changed to collect and preserve all of Juneau culture and history
- ❖ 1989 moved to its current home in the Juneau Memorial Library
- ❖ 1991 the museum began to administer the Juneau-History grant. Yearly award up to \$1000 for local history projects
- ❖ The Historic Resources Advisory Committee serves as the Museum's Advisory committee



# Juneau-Douglas City Museum Overview

- ❖ 19,429 visitors in FY06
- ❖ Approximately 1,000 school children visit the Museum yearly
- ❖ Current collection is 10,000 objects and growing
- ❖ Our museum gift shop offers publications and crafts by local authors and artists
- ❖ 2 full and 3 part time staff
- ❖ 1-2 interns a year
- ❖ 50 volunteers annually (1 FTE)



# Juneau-Douglas City Museum Exhibits Overview

- ❖ Exhibits feature local history, art and culture
- ❖ New 500-700 year old fish trap and replica have been put on exhibit
- ❖ New Capital City Exhibit, *Personalities, Politics, Personalities and Power*
- ❖ Hands-On History Room
- ❖ Yearly summer exhibit
- ❖ Winter solo art exhibits monthly
- ❖ 5' x 7' topographical map of Juneau
- ❖ General History gallery
- ❖ Mining Gallery
- ❖ 26min video *Juneau: City Built on Gold*



# Juneau-Douglas City Museum Public Programs Overview

- ❖ The Museum offers fall and winter community programming
- ❖ Adult and children classes
- ❖ *Juneau Explorers* week long summer program for kids
- ❖ Educational tours
- ❖ Tourguide Trainings for local tour providers
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> grade Sea Week in coordination with the Juneau School District
- ❖ New summer walking tour *Genuine Juneau 1925*
- ❖ Annual volunteer recognition event, summer and holiday potluck



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## Preserving and Disseminating Juneau History

- ❖ *Historic Downtown Juneau Guide*, a guide to Juneau's historic sites, buildings on the national register, totem poles and public art
- ❖ Juneau History grant administered by the Museum has awarded over \$17,000 to pursue local history projects
- ❖ *Digital Bob* new online archive of over 600 Juneau history articles by historian Bob DeArmond
- ❖ New online *Historic Structures Database* with over 2400 records
- ❖ The Museum regularly responds to Juneau history questions with the aid of its research library and collections



Bob DeArmond

# Juneau-Douglas City Museum 2006 Highlights

- ❖ The Museum received the American Association of State and Local History merit award for its Montana Creek fish trap replica project and an additional *WOW* award
- ❖ *Digital Bob* received the Pathfinder Award from The Alaska Historical Society
- ❖ Assisted and exhibited *BraDazzler* Team Survivor Perseverance breast cancer awareness exhibit
- ❖ Housing the restored Francis Davis altar paintings, displaying one while Holy Trinity church rebuilds
- ❖ The Veterans Memorial Building nominated to the National Register of Historic Places



Museum receives award in Phoenix

# Juneau-Douglas City Museum 2006 Highlights

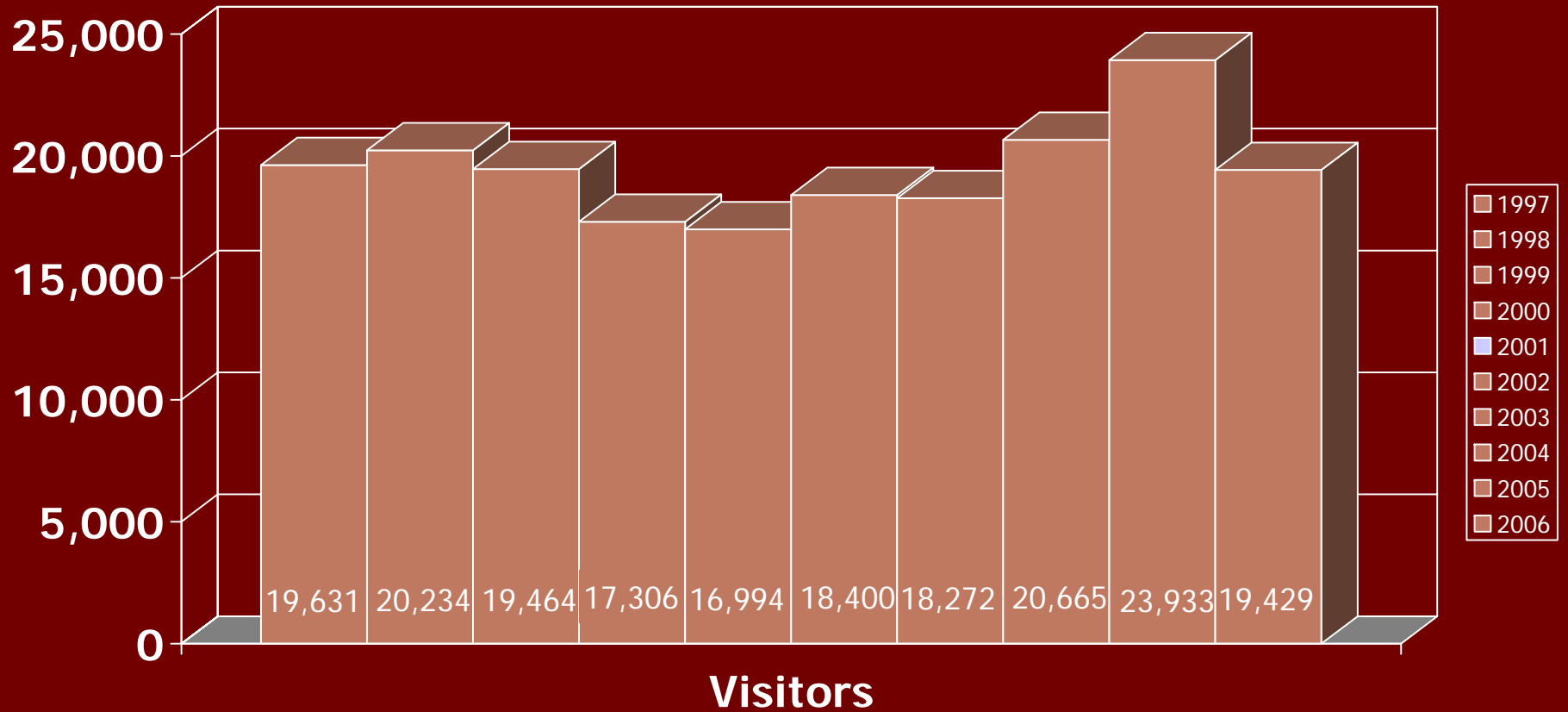
- ❖ The Museum along with the Gastineau Channel Historical Society hosted the Museums Alaska/Alaska Historical Society conference in Juneau
- ❖ The Museum is storing the six Frances Davis paintings that were being restored when the Holy Trinity church burnt down, and exhibiting one
- ❖ This year is the sixth year of Free Winter Admission, a program funded by local community sponsors October-April
- ❖ Museum's fourth year obtaining the Rasmuson Art Initiative grant that supports the purchase of contemporary Juneau art



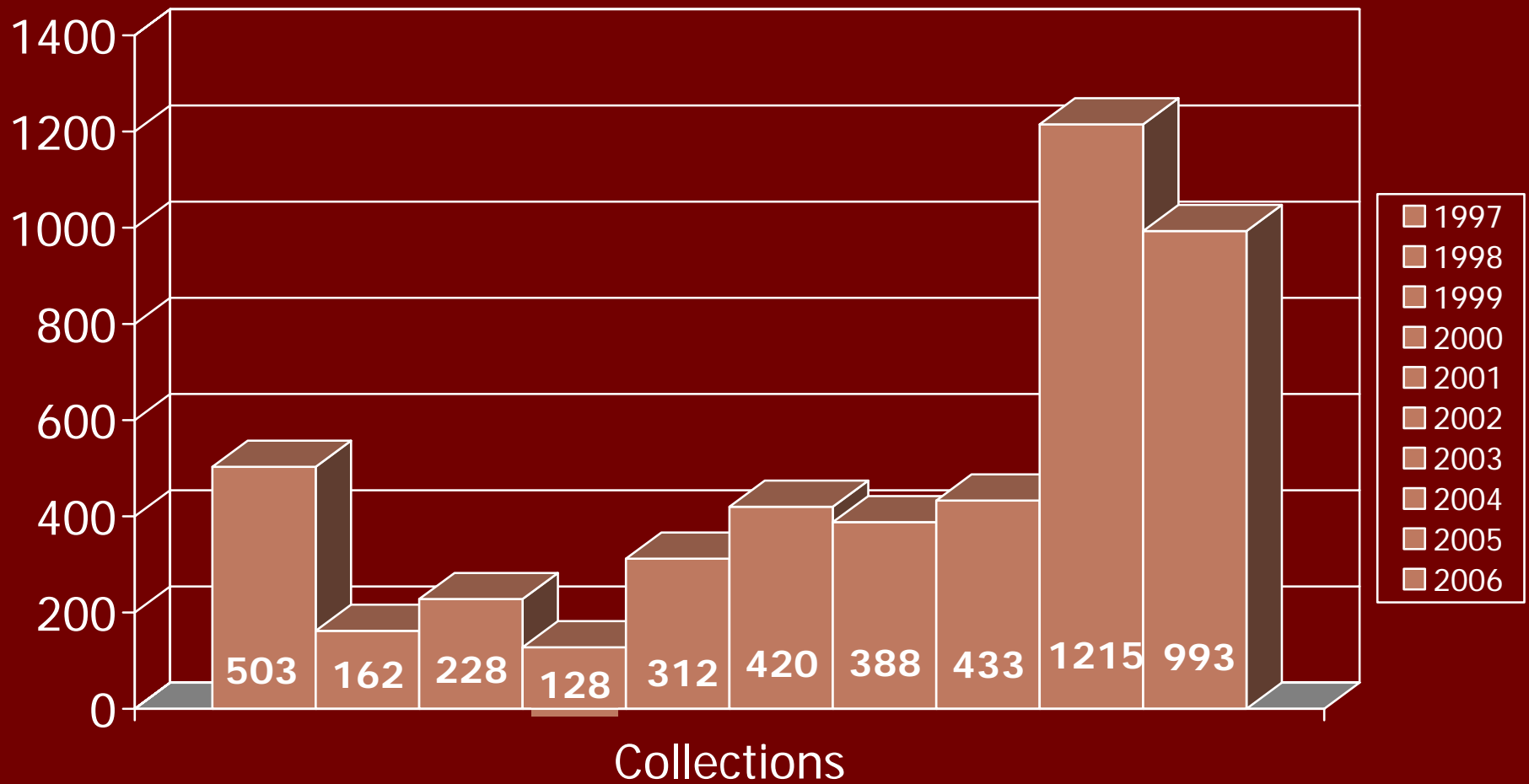
Chilkat headband by Anna Ehlers



# Juneau-Douglas City Museum 10 year comparison



# Juneau-Douglas City Museum 10 year comparison Collections



# Juneau-Douglas City Museum Goals

- Upgrade the building's HVAC system
- Upgrade all part-time staff to full-time
- Upgrade permanent exhibits with a focus on storytelling and hands-on interactives
- Establish a Museum endowment fund
- Continue to offer and expand web based Juneau history
- Expand exhibits into the community
- Secure a larger institution for future collections and exhibit growth
- Expand heritage tourism

*The Juneau-Douglas City Museum as a facility of Juneau Parks & Recreation thanks all of our users, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, the Historic Advisory Committee and volunteers for your magnificent contributions to our community*

