



Arctic Ambitions Program Schedule

All programs listed take place at the Washington State History Museum at 1911 Pacific Avenue in Tacoma unless otherwise stated. They are included in museum admission and are free to WSHS members.

Public Opening

October 17 from 11am – 4pm

Learn about all aspects of sea exploration while getting a first look at the new exhibit chronicling Captain Cook's voyage to the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Harry Stern, a polar science expert and contributing author to Arctic Ambitions, will provide a presentation and a hands-on activity station examining polar ice. Stern is a contributing author to the book *Arctic Ambitions*, which complements the exhibit.

Gallery Talks

November 6 at 3pm: Redmond Barnett, Head of Exhibits, gives an intriguing in-depth look at this international showpiece exhibit.

December 4 at 3pm: Tour the *Arctic Ambitions* exhibit with a museum specialist to delve into some of the interesting figures from Captain Cook's final voyage.

History Speaks

October 22 at 12pm: "Correcting Cook?: The Origins of the Vancouver Expedition and the Evolution of the Northwest Passage" with historian Dave Nicandri. Was Cook mentally and physically unfit for his third, and final, voyage? Did Great Britain send George Vancouver to complete the shortcomings of Cook's exploration into the Pacific Northwest? Nicandri examines popular misconceptions of the famed sailor Captain James Cook and how they have shaped the legacy of one of history's great mariners.

November 24 at 12pm: "The Naval Heritage of Tattoos" with Megan Churchwell. Curator at the Puget Sound Navy Museum, Megan Churchwell explores how modern tattoo culture is rooted in the nautical world. Beginning in the era of Captain Cook's first voyage, British sailors adopted the practice following contact with Polynesian cultures. Tattoos quickly crossed the Atlantic and continued to follow a long

tradition among sailors, reflecting aspects of life at sea, before gaining mainstream popularity and expanding into all reaches of American Society.

Additional Programs

December 5 at 1pm: “Clothing in the Era of James Cook.” Swing by the museum to learn more about clothing styles from the period of Captain Cook’s famous expeditions. Local costumers will model 18th century clothing and discuss the elements that made the period’s fashions distinctive.

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