

Explorer prints can be viewed through summer

Throughout the summer a collection of prints by artists who accompanied early explorers to Alaska and the Arctic will be on display on the second floor atrium of the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. Among the highlights of this exhibit are a collection of copper engravings based upon drawings by John Webber, a Swiss artist who sailed in Alaskan waters with English Captain James Cook in 1778, and hand colored lithographs based on original sketches by Louis Choris who accompanied

Kotzebue's Russian-sponsored voyage of 1815-1818. Also included in the exhibit are the original drawings and subsequent aquatints and lithographs by Captain George Francis Lyon, R.N., who explored the Eastern Canadian Arctic in 1819-1822, and engravings illustrating the voyages of the French explorer La Perouse, 1785-1788. The final artist in the show is George Ogrissek, a gold miner who traveled through Southeast Alaska, the Aleutians, and to the Seward Peninsula in 1899-1901.