

Shaman's box acquired

Among the important recent acquisitions to the Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum is a Northwest Coast shaman's box of unknown provenience.

This type of box represented by very few specimens in American museums, is a gift of the Anchorage Fine Arts Museum Association. Other recent gifts to the collections include two pairs of mukluks from the 1950s, one donated by Joan

Sieginski and the other by Mrs. Grace Metcalf.

Purchases have included a late 19th or early 20th century ivory pipe with incised views of Eskimo life; an Athabaskan beaded babiche bag from the Peel River area; an untitled oil painting of an Arctic scene by Frank Stokes, dated 1893; and three lithographs with views of Sitka, dating from the Russian voyage of exploration by Captain Fedor Lutke in 1826-27.