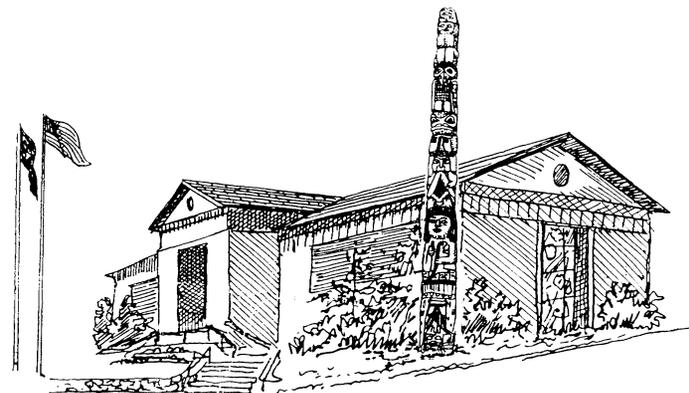


Map of History Detective: *I Spy Downtown*



A full map of downtown Juneau, plus other maps of the Juneau road system and of Southeast Alaska can be found at www.traveljuneau.com/maps.php.



Juneau-Douglas City Museum

HISTORY DETECTIVE: *I SPY DOWNTOWN*

This *I Spy* walk of the downtown neighborhood takes about 20 to 30 minutes and includes 6 stops in front of an historical building or landmark. For each stop there is a visual clue, a suggested question to ask children and some information about the landmark. In this brochure, the information in the grey boxes is either directions for the tour's guide or information to read aloud to the group. We hope you will enjoy some architectural history as you explore downtown Juneau!

Along the route, you and your group can be detectives in a number of ways. Hand-out all the clues to them before you take your walk, or bring out a single clue at a time. Walk to the historic landmarks. Look at the visual clues to find which matches where you are or *I Spy* the area until students discover the object through their visual clue. Have fun as you look, explore and discover your site with the help of your clue cards and the information that is provided for each site.

1. Go out the museum's front door and turn right down the ramp. You are looking for the **TOTEM POLE** at the bottom of the ramp.

VISUAL CLUE: A figure with a beard, crossing his arms.

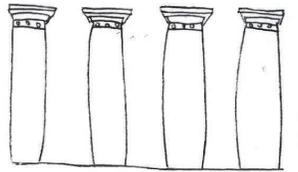


Totem poles are stories carved in wood. This pole, carved by Amos Wallace is titled, *Harnessing the Atom*. Totem poles aren't really "read", but the figures serve as reminders for people who already know the story. This pole tells of the origin of the universe, and the figure with the beard stands for the Russian Orthodox priests who were among the first outsiders to come to Alaska. The eagle at the top stands for the United States. The bottom figure, supporting the others is Raven, who in Tlingit legend is the creator of the universe.

QUESTION: How many figures are in the pole? (5)

2. Cross Main Street to the State Capitol building on Fourth Street between Main and Seward Streets. You are looking for the **MARBLE COLUMNS**.

VISUAL CLUE: Four columns.



This is the State Capitol Building, a five story building, where the governor, lieutenant governor and state legislators work. These columns are carved from Tokeen marble that came from Marble Island, near Prince of Wales Island down by Ketchikan. The State Capitol was built from 1929-1931 as the Federal and Territorial Building, and became the State Capitol in 1959.

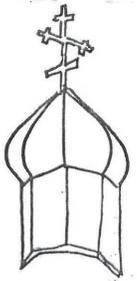
QUESTION: How many columns are there? (4)



Four Story Pole, carved by John Wallace.

Image from a postcard titled *Giant Frog Totem*, JDCM 2004.40.001

3. *Cross Seward Street and walk up to Fifth Street. Turn right, cross the street and keep walking along Fifth.* You are looking for **ST. NICHOLAS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH.**



VISUAL CLUE: A dome with an orthodox cross on top.

This is St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, the oldest church in Juneau. It was built in 1894, over 100 years ago. It was built by the Tlingit who belonged to the faith and Serbian miners. On top of the building is what's commonly called an onion-shaped dome with a Russian Orthodox cross on top. The correct term for the dome is a flame-shaped dome. The flame-shaped dome represents holiness coming into the world. The building has many sides, one for each day of the week and another for God.

QUESTION: How many sides on the building? (8)

4. *Walk down Fifth Street to Gold Street and turn right. Walk down to Third Street turn right toward Seward Street.* You are looking for the dates carved on the **B.M. BEHREND'S BANK: 1891-1914.**

1891

1914

VISUAL CLUE: 1891, 1914.

This bank was owned by B.M. Behrends, an early Juneau pioneer. He came to Alaska from Germany in the summer of 1887 to prospect for gold, and to Juneau in 1888. He became a store owner and then a banker. He built the bank, which also served as a post office in 1914, and a store across the street in 1891.

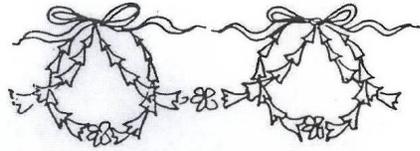
QUESTION: Add up the numbers in 1914. What do you get? (15)

5. Cross the intersection. Walk down Seward Street.

You are now looking for Seward and Front Street or the Juneau Drug Store. Stop before you cross Front Street.

VISUAL CLUE:

interlocking wreaths.



The Valentine Building was built in two phases in 1904 and 1913, it is another one of Juneau's oldest buildings. It is an example of Queen Anne style architecture, and is one of the most ornate buildings in Juneau. The property was one of the first lots staked in Juneau. It was originally owned by Joe Juneau!

The Valentine Building was named after Emery Valentine who started the famous Juneau Volunteer Fire Department, which was also called "Valentine's Volunteers." The Fire Department saved many of the old buildings in Juneau from burning down.

QUESTION: Why is the street named Front?

(When Juneau was first established as a town, this was the waterfront and if you went across the street you would have been standing in water! Everything to the south of this point is built on pilings and rock fill that came from the mines.)

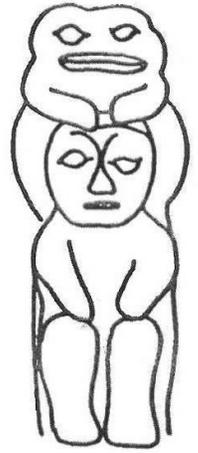
Return to the City Museum by walking to Main and turning right. Walk uphill to the City Museum for the sixth and final I Spy object. Along the way, notice on the right side of the street the life-size cast bronze bear.

This sculpture was created by artist Skip Wallen for the 25th Anniversary of Alaska Statehood. Alaska became a state in 1959. This bear is an Alaskan brown bear.

Courtesy of the Juneau-Douglas City Museum www.juneau.org/library/museum

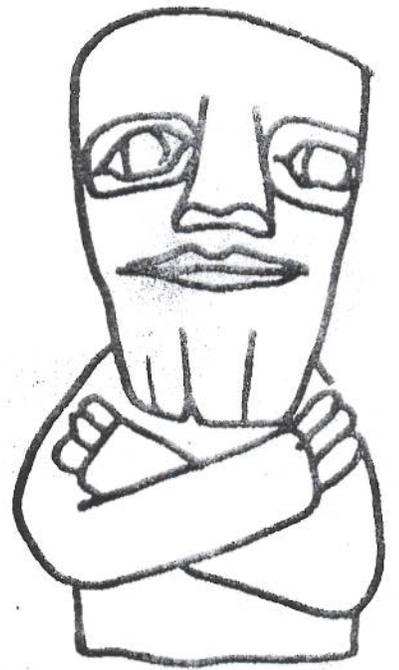
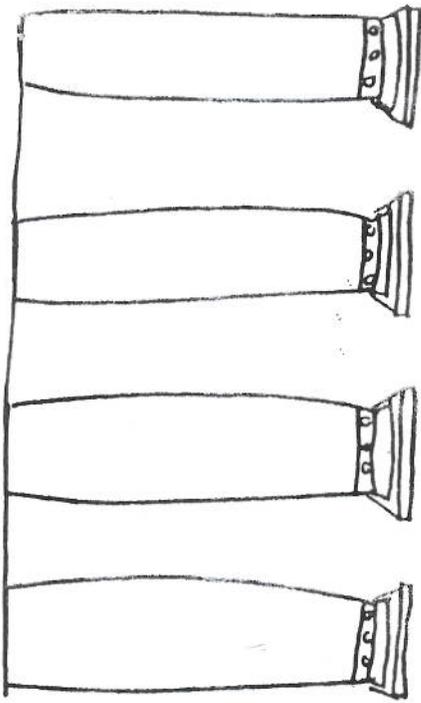
6. Walk to the corner of Main Street. You are looking for the **FOUR-STORY TOTEM**, located on the museum lawn at the corner of Fourth and Main.

VISUAL CLUE: A figure with a frog on top.



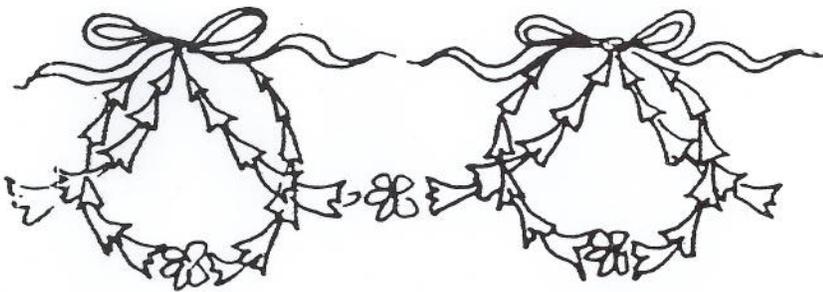
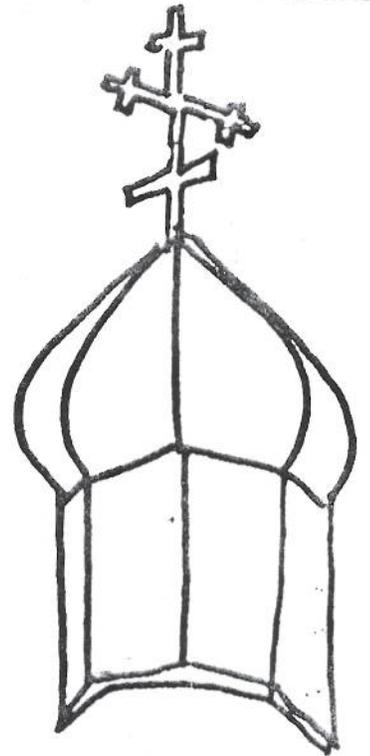
Natives of Southeast Alaska have made totem poles like this one for thousands of years. Some totem poles tell more than one story. This one carved by John Wallace tells **FOUR** stories from the Haida people. One is about a monster frog, one is about a tribe of bears, one is about the land otter people and magic halibut hooks, and one is about a magic mouse who changes into an octopus and halibut fishing. You "read" this totem pole from top to bottom. Restoration of this pole was completed in the spring of 2008 by John Wallace's grandson Lee Wallace, who is also a carver.

QUESTION: Can you find the little mouse and its mouse spirit? (Located near the base of the pole, on the halibut hook.)



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