



GLOBAL *village* MUSEUM
of arts and cultures



July 2014 Newsletter
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Happy Independence Day!

Global Village Museum Celebrates Independence Day!

Friday, July 4th Free Admission 11 - 8 pm

INSIDE with Cool Jazz by *Le Jazz Band* Fort Collins Gallery Walk 4 - 8 pm



Parents & Grandparents, Bring the kids for activities at Global Village Museum.

Story Time at the Museum

Saturday 11 am

July 5, August 2 & September 6

The first Saturday of every month at 11 am, Global Village Museum will host Story Time at the Museum. The event includes a story, snack, and a craft related to the Museum's newest exhibit *Alaska ~ Enduring Traditions*. View the traditional lifestyles of Alaskan Natives through hunting and fishing, celebrations, and art. Story Time is free admission. Perfect for children of all ages and the family is welcome. For more information visit our website www.globalvillagemuseum.org or call 970.221.4600.



Downtown Summer Sale Days July 17, 18, 19 11 - 5 pm

Special Treasures and Museum Shop items priced to sale!

Wanted! Donate your travel treasures and international artifacts to our annual Sidewalk Sale!

If you have something to donate (without restriction) please bring it to the Museum by July 12. We are hoping to "raise the bar" by collecting really outstanding items for this year's sale table as part of the Downtown Summer Sale days: July 17, 18, 19. Naturally, a beautiful travel treasure will bring more treasure to the Global Village Museum.

Create a Treasure Bag

Thursday, July 24 2 pm

A Treasure Bag is a small bag made to hold valued treasures close to your heart. Traditionally called a Medicine Bag it was used by Shamans to carry 'medicine' or symbols of animal spirits used for treating sickness and disease. They also came to be used by boys starting their spiritual journeys on a vision quest. Today's Treasure Bags are used to store precious memories. Parents may put a lock of their child's hair in it; children may put a favorite memento such as a marble, charm, toy, or pebble in their Treasure Bags. What will you put in yours?



Admission fee of \$5 includes craft materials, snack, and admission to the Museum's four galleries. Open to children 5 and up; class size limited to 20. Call 970.221.4600 to reserve your space.

Healing Journeys and Water Strategies: The SNOWY Project

**Professor Melinda Laituri, Ecosystem Science and Sustainability Director
Geospatial Centroid, CSU Natural Environmental Science**

Thursday, August 7 6:30 pm Members free; \$5 public



Yukon River Communities are on the cutting edge of climate change where adaptation is essential, change is constant, and a subsistence lifestyle is under threat. Professor Melinda Laituri will describe the current situation in three communities in the lower Yukon River delta as they adapt to climate change. In partnership with the Yukon River Inter-tribal Watershed Council, researchers are examining changing snow conditions and water quality in the Yukon River. Working closely with local communities, healing journeys have been launched to link communities and share stories of resource use and needs.

Small Faces - Cultural Masks and Heads

Hall Gallery - Ends September 20

“Shrunken” heads, miniature masks, and a 300 BC Roman head fragment are featured in this fascinating exhibit, *Small Faces ~ Cultural Masks and Heads*. Used in drama or dances, as disguises or decorative objects, masks are handcrafted in many countries. Indonesia, South and Central America, the United States, and Africa are among the many cultures represented through human, animal, demon and mythical

images, made of mediums from wood to fur and caribou hide. The exhibit features a selection of masks by Francisco Sainz.

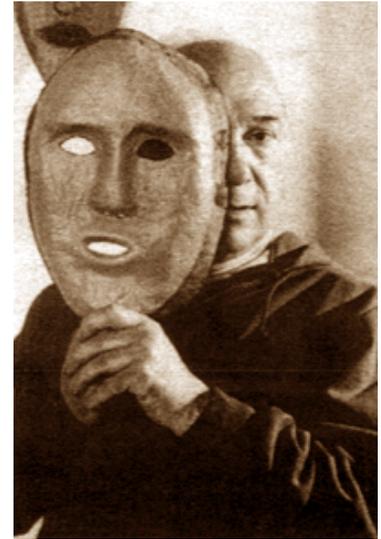
Francisco “Paco” Sainz

Santander, Spain 1923 – New York, NY 1998

At the age of 48 Francisco Sainz decided to push aside his usual abstract art and devote himself solely to the creation of masks. By the age of 63 he had amassed over 500 masks. Sainz believed culture and masks were linked, that they were the most universal form of art. He did not believe they brought wealth or could heal the sick as Shamans did, simply they brought him luck.

Sainz drew inspiration not only from materials but from those closest to him. He used items that would often be discarded such as marbles, rope, paper clips, and broken glass along with a variety of wood, metal, and wire. When Sainz was asked if he had a favorite mask he said, “They are like my children and I love them all. How could I pick a favorite? The rest of them would be jealous.”

When Sainz was alive he sold his masks from \$400 to \$1,500. His artwork lives on in various public and private collections.



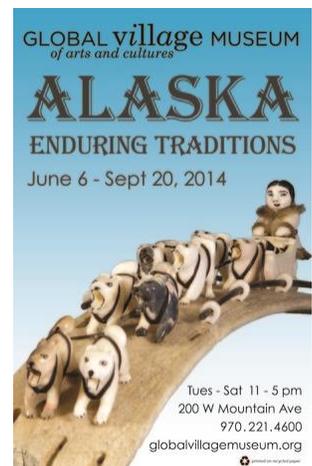
Your purchase of a “Paco” mask for \$100 will support the Global Village Museum!

Main Gallery *Alaska – Enduring Traditions*

Explore the incredible culture of the Alaskan Natives who have survived for millennia in their harsh, yet beautiful, land of snow and ice, sky, and sea.

Discover the traditional lifestyles and rich heritage of Alaskan Natives as shown through their hunting and fishing practices, home life, celebrations, and art. A whale baleen, fishing tools, hunting weapons, ivory carvings, sculpture, fabric dolls, and photographs are included in this eye-opening exhibit, which explores cultural groups, theories of prehistoric migration, and contact with western civilization.

Especially captivating for children are a child-size dog sled, matching & scavenger hunt, and an “igloo” building activity using blocks of styrofoam. Children’s Story Time with an activity related to Alaska is offered the first Saturday of June, July, and August. The exhibit runs through September 20, 2014.



Young Minds Grow with Cultural Museum Experiences

Thank you to The Rotary Club of Fort Collins! The Global Village Museum is grateful to receive one of seven grants awarded by the Rotary's initiative "*Relevant to the Communities We Serve.*" To support *Education and the Arts* the Museum's six month project (June – November) will strengthen the children/youth cultural outreach in Fort Collins and surrounding communities.

Families with children and groups of school age children are encouraged to visit the Museum to experience cultural exhibits and educational programming such as Story Time with an activity related to Alaska (**FREE the first Saturday of every month**). The current *Alaska: Enduring Traditions* exhibit offers several youth activities including scavenger hunts, build an igloo, make a mask, and "Count the Gnomes" for children learning to count. The Global Village Museum is part of the Fort Collins *5x5 Initiative* to provide children under the age of five and their families, opportunities to visit five cultural events.



Message from GVM Volunteer Coordinator Rich McCombs

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for your precious time at the Global Village Museum. Without you Global Village Museum could not exist. If you are aware of a friend or neighbor who would be interested in volunteering please notify LaVon Blaesi, director, or myself Rich McCombs, volunteer coordinator.



There are SPECIAL shifts that need to be covered for our Sidewalk Sale Days July 17 – 18 – 19. We are scheduling two to four people during each shift. Shifts that need to be covered include:

- **Thursday, July 17,**
 - 11 – 2 pm, 1 person needed
 - 2 – 5 pm, 2 people needed
- **Friday, July 18:**
 - 11 – 2 pm, 2 people needed
 - 2 – 5 pm, 1 person needed
- **Saturday, July 19:**
 - 2 – 5 pm, 1 person needed

If you, or a friend, can help us out please call or leave a message for me or LaVon at Global Village Museum, 970.221.4600.

Special Thanks to our Volunteer Professional Photographer Mike Barry

I enjoy taking pictures of beautiful and interesting objects, and especially people. The Museum gives me the opportunity to learn about other cultures through their artifacts as I photograph them. Most of the Museum's artifacts come with stories, sometimes researched by the Museum staff, but the most interesting stories are more personal and come from the people who loan or donate the objects for an exhibit.

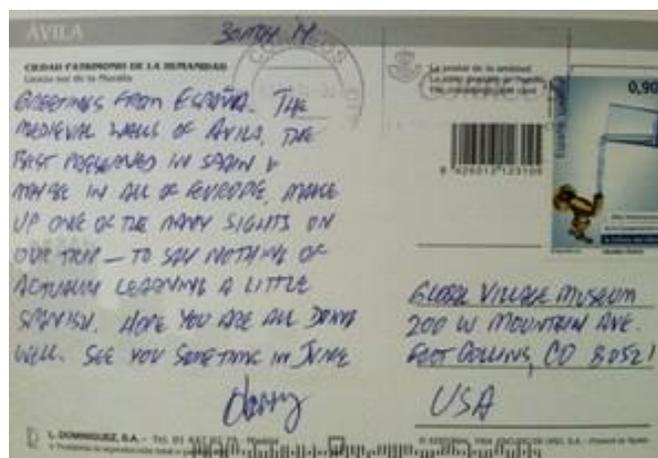


When I'm not at the Museum taking pictures I also create websites for small businesses in the Fort Collins area. My business gives me the opportunity to work with many people, helping them promote their businesses on the Internet. If you need help with a website you can find me on the Internet at FortCollinsWebWorks.com.

GVM Seeking Mexican Art & Artifacts *Mexico: Objects for Living, Objects for Life*

The Global Village Museum is featuring an exhibit entitled *Mexico: Objects for Living, Objects for Life* from October 3, 2014 to January 24, 2015. The exhibit will look at how different people assign different meanings to objects. Items may be utilitarian or the exhibit. Please call her at 970.221.0489 or leave a message at the Museum 970.221.4600 if you esthetic. Curator Martha Denney wants your assistance in identifying both objects and programs that would enhance have objects to loan. She is also seeking people with experience or expertise in Mexico to serve as co-curators of the exhibit. Take a look at your collections and see if you have something that will help us learn more about our closest neighbor-- Mexico!

Postcard From Spain



Don't forget to send us a post card during your summer travels! We'll post it on our map.

"Museums Make You Happier...."

<https://www.freelancersunion.org/blog/2014/03/26/museums-good-for-you-happier-community/>

Community Announcements:

The Global Village Museum as Muse: A Writing Workshop

Workshop Leader: Kathleen Willard

July 13 1 – 2:30 pm Admission \$3

Spend time with your muse at the Global Village Museum. Surrounded by masks, sculpture, folk art, and other objects from around the world, writers will inhabit and be inspired in the Global Museum to write poetry and short fiction. Kathleen Willard, poet and writer, knows the alchemy of art and objects and has written a series of poems based on the Giotto frescoes of St. Francis of Assisi in Assisi, Italy, her autobiography inspired by Etruscan artifacts, and the art of Georgia O'Keefe and Paula Rego.



Writing inspired at this workshop will be published on Wolverine Farm and the Global Museum's websites. Cupcakes and lemonade will be served.

Workshop Leader: Current Pushcart Prize nominee, Kathleen Willard has published poetry in *Bombay Gin*, *Landscape and Place*, *Matter*, the *Flint Hills Review*, *The Poetic Inventory of Rocky Mountain National Park* and elsewhere. She received fellowships to attend Vermont Studio Center, an artist colony, and the Disquiet International Literary Program in Lisbon, Portugal.

International Book Club 2014 Reads

Ten Thousand Villages and the Global Village Museum team up to bring you a book club with an international flavor. Club members receive 20% off club selections at Old Firehouse Books located at 232 Walnut Street. Meetings are at the Global Village Museum, 200 W. Mountain Ave, at 5 pm. For more information: InternationalBookClub80521@gmail.com

July 20 *behind the beautiful forevers* by Katherine Boo

In this brilliant, breathtaking book by Pulitzer Prize winner Katherine Boo, a bewildering age of global change and inequality is made human through the dramatic story of families striving toward a better life in Annawadi, a makeshift settlement in the shadow of luxury hotels near the Mumbai airport. (India)

September 21 *Fast Times in Palestine* by Pamela J Olson

For much of her life - like many Westerners - most of what Pamela Olson knew of the Middle East was informed by headlines and stereotypes. But when she traveled to Palestine in 2003, she found herself thrown with dizzying speed into the realities of Palestinian life. (Palestine)



**Christmas
in July**

GVM is celebrating "**Christmas in July**"
Renew or become a **New** member
Receive a month free!

Offer ends July 31

Benefits of a Museum Membership:

- Free admission to the Museum's four galleries for a full year (**13 MONTHS**) if joining in July 2014
- Advance notice of Museum exhibits and events
- 10% discount at the Museum gift shop
- Invitations to Member Only events
- Discounts on Museum lectures, programs, and classes

Membership Levels:

- \$45 Individual
- \$65 Family (two adults and minor children)
- \$100 Sponsor (one adult and 2 guests)
- \$500 Sustaining (2 adults with up to 4 guests each visit)
- \$35 Senior 62+
- \$45 Senior Couple 62+
- \$20 Student with valid I.D.

For more information or questions please contact LaVon Blaesi, info@globalvillagemuseum.org or call 970.221.4600.



Tuesday - Saturday 11 - 5 pm

Admission: \$5 Adults • \$3 Seniors 62+/Students • \$1 Children 4 - 12

The Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures and Intercultural Resource Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to showcasing international folk art & artifacts.

Exhibits are created to engage and inspire visitors to learn more about world cultures, people, art, and history in order to promote world understanding and peace.

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