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Petterson Museum of Intercultural Art
at Pilgrim Place

Join us for our Grand Re-Opening Celebration!

Sunday, September 29, 2:00-5:00

Stop in to see our Museum Renovation
Enjoy the Opening of our Newest Exhibit: *Gods and Monsters*

Free • Fun for All • Commemorative Gift
Refreshments • Music • Brief Historical Presentation
Easy Parking on Eighth Street

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Gods and Monsters

**Through history and cultures, peoples have searched
the otherworldly for meaning.**

At first glance, the *barong ket*, pictured at right, seems to be a fierce and frightening monster. However, for the Balinese people in Indonesia, the *barong ket* is a welcome sight. Instead of being something to fear, the *barong ket* is a protective spirit that fights against evil beings, particularly ghosts, that might seek to harm humans. The *barong ket* is an important part of Balinese holidays and sacred ceremonies. The Balinese carve massive masks in the likeness of the *barong ket*. Then, wearing the mask and embodying this beneficial spirit, the Balinese take part in reenactments of the fight between good and evil. The *barong ket* mask illustrates the interaction between the human and the supernatural, and shows that beings that might seem monstrous and evil on the surface may be forces for good if you look beyond the sharp teeth!



**Visit the exhibition and see how humans revered
and feared both Gods and Monsters.**

Renovation Q&A with Kaitlyn Bylard



Kaitlyn Bylard has been the Petterson's Museum Specialist since March 2018. She oversees all things artifact-related and creates/installs exhibits. More recently, she's also been ensuring the

protection of the over 11,000 artifacts housed within the Museum's walls. Late last year a decision was made to renovate the Petterson, it's first facelift in decades. For the upgrades to take place, artifacts had to be relocated so work could begin. Over 300 boxes were filled!

Q: So, Kaitlyn, exactly what was refurbished?

Accessibility of artifacts was improved; storage units were coated with moisture barrier; new paint throughout; new lights; improved shelving of textiles.

Q: Any favorite pieces in the upcoming exhibit?

The large 1900s Thai dragon. With its carved wood and gold leaf it's striking and elegant.

Q: What are you most proud of accomplishing?

It's a privilege to be entrusted with this renovation because it's a very big change. I feel like I've made a difference. My goal for this museum is that it only gets better, that we continue to improve our exhibits, our collections, so that it's here for a very long time.



Pilgrim Place and the Petterson Museum would like to express appreciation and gratitude to the crew of Buildings and Grounds for their diligence and ongoing support.

Above: Kaitlyn works on packing some of the 11,000 items that needed to be safely packed into over 300 boxes before the renovations could start.

Thank you to volunteers from Pilgrim Place and the community for their help with this process.



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Friday, Saturday
& Sunday
2:00 to 4:00 pm