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Mission

The Alaska State Council on the Arts exists to enhance cultural development in the state by ensuring that art of the highest quality is accessible to all Alaskans.

A Note From Charlotte

Last month I attended, along with five other Alaskans, the first Education Leadership Institute sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. The other Alaskans who attended with me were: Annie Calkins, an arts education consultant from Juneau; Carol Comeau, the Superintendent of the Anchorage School District; Esther Cox, Chair of the Alaska State Board of Education; Alaska State Representative Reggie Joule from Kotzebue, and Scott McAdams, President of the Alaska Association of School Boards. With us were teams from four other states; Kentucky, Nebraska, North Carolina and Wisconsin. We had been chosen from among over 25 states who had applied to attend this three day arts education intensive experience.

I won't go into detail here (but certainly will share details with anyone who would like to know more) but that experience shifted the way I look at arts education, and changed the way I'm looking at life in the 21st century. I have said before that our workforce is not building widgets on assembly lines much these days, but after listening to arts experts from around the U.S., I've decided that if we want to compete as a state and as a country, we better start providing more creative opportunities in our classrooms.

Alaska could be at the forefront of this movement, in preparing young people to cope with the challenges of the 21st century. The words Imagination, Creativity and Innovation were used throughout the few days of this workshop, and the words "arts education" used very little. Because

Representative Les Gara, ASCA Chairman Ben Brown, and Senator Hollis French at the recent legislative reception at Perseverance Theater

Theatre-lover Kayla Epstein and Perseverance Board Chair Terry Cramer with ASCA Chairman Ben Brown at the recent legislative reception at Perseverance Theater

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we all came to realize that the arts does play a critical role, both as a subject and as a teaching method throughout the curriculum. Repetitive, rote learning prepares students for – guess what? Repetitive, rote jobs.

In the end, our Team AK decided that in 2009, in honor of Alaska's 50th statehood celebration, we would be not only looking back, but, more important, we will be looking forward. We plan on hosting a Lincoln Center Institute daylong "Imagination Conversation" and the statewide conference in January, 2009 will have the theme of "celebrating the *next* 50 years of arts and culture in Alaska". Central to that theme will be nurturing creativity and innovation – throughout our education system and our economy. We'll be calling on many of you to share your ideas. Ideas, after all, are what the arts are all about.

Happy spring – keep thinking and creating.

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Upcoming ASCA Meetings:

April 21, 2008: Biennial and Large Operating Support Grant Panel Review (at BP Energy Center 9am-5pm)
April 22, 2008: Project Grants and Small Operating Support Grant Panel Review (at BP Energy Center 9am-5pm)
April 23, 2008: Artist in Schools Grant Panel Review (at BP Energy Center 9am-5pm)
June 13 & 14, 2008: Annual Council meeting in Homer, AK

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IF you bent a Rainbow
Katie Buchanan
2007 Dec. 8

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Program to certify Alaska Native art updates

Silver Hand bill updates, click here for the Anchorage Daily News article

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Recently Awarded ASCA Grants:

Career Opportunity Grants:

Holly McQuinn (Anchorage) $800; Trip to Portland to blow glass at Bullseye Glass Company; Lauretta-Beaton-MacBeth (Eagle River) $800; preparation for a video installation at International Gallery of Contemporary Art.

Community Arts Development Grants:

Ilanka Cultural Center/Native Village of Eyak (Cordova) $1,800; series of classes with carver Mike Webber focusing on NW Coast design.

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Organization Grant Opportunities

NEA Grant opportunity for music and literature organizations on Creativity and Aging in America

The NEA has just released information for grants on Creativity and Aging in America that target projects which actively engage older Americans in ongoing programming in the disciplines of literature and/ or music. Through this initiative, the Arts Endowment will support exemplary projects and partnerships that employ professional artists and involve older adults as creators.The application **deadline is May 23, 2008**. Access guidelines and application information by going to the ASCA Website at http://www.eed.state.ak.us/akscaor
http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/CreativityAging.html

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The Rasmuson Foundation, together with the Alaska Humanities Forum,present " ALASKA'S STATEHOOD EXPERIENCE GRANT PROGRAM". **Grants are due May 15, 2008**. Grant program guidelines and applications are at: http://www.akhf.org/

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The Alaska State Museum's Grant-In Aid applications are **due Monday, June 2, 2008**. For more information please visit http://www.museums.state.ak.us/

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Challenge America : Reaching Every Community Fast Track (CAFT) offers support primarily to small and mid – sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to undeserved populations.

For more information (and for projects starting after January 1, 2009,Grants up to $10,000)

contact: Erin Jenkins Waylor, NEA

Email: waylore@arts.endow.govWeb: www.arts.gov

Deadline: June 2, 2008

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Call for Art Opportunities

4Culture + Public Art Calls List

www. publicart@4culture.org

A list compiled by Public Art 4Culture provides basic information about current Public Art Calls to Artists as well as current public art opportunities from fellow agencies. Please note each Call may have specific eligibility requirements including geographic restrictions. If you would like to receive this list directly from 4Culture, please contact Willow Fox via the website mailto:www.publicart@4culture.org

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Request for Art Proposals Noatak School

Contact: Kathy Christy at christy@gci.net

Deadline: April 14, 2008

Click here for more information

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Proposals for Public Art Work for the Juneau International Airport

Deadline: May 8, 2008

For more information click here

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The Alaska Botanical Garden Art Show and Sale is looking for sculpture, mosaics, gates, kinetic pieces for inclusion in the outdoor exhibit and sale. Work must be durable with a retail value of over $300, 30% of purchase price is donation to Alaska Botanical Garden. Send up to three visuals to mailto:greglyall@gci.net

Deadline: April 18, 2008.

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The Main Street Gallery in Groton, N. Y. Exhibition prospectus

2008 National small art quilt works

Deadline: June 7, 2008

Click here for detailed information

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Munch & Music July 10- August 14,2008

Bend Memorial Clinic

Presented by: The Bulletin and

PacificSource Health Plans

Deadline: July 2, 2008

Contact: Lisa Hamel, (541) 647-7800

Additional information on their website at:

http://www.c3events.com/

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The Jabali Acrobats visit Dillingham, AK

The Jabali Acrobats came to Dillingham in February 2008 for a three day event. They were welcomed by 102 Dillingham residents at the Saturday evening community potluck. They ate and shared an informal exchange including Eskimo dancing by the middle and high school students. Over 1000 local residents attended the two public performances.

The Jabali Acrobats also visited the Dillingham Senior Center and enjoyed their experience with the community elders. Their visit to Alaska was a memorable one, commenting that they enjoyed their stay with great food, friendship and hospitality.

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Arts in Education

2008 Alaska Statewide Poetry Out Loud Competition

Alev Kelter, a junior at Chugiak High School, won first prize in the Alaska state finals of " *Poetry Out Loud* ," a national poetry recitation competition sponsored by the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the Alaska Humanities Forum. Kelter goes on to compete for a $20,000 college scholarship in the national finals, which will take place in Washington, D.C. April 27-29. Berett Wilber, a sophomore at Sitka High School received second prize. In addition to an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., Kelter will receive a $200 cash prize and Chugiak High School will receive $500 for the purchase of poetry books for its school library. Wilber will receive a $100 cash prize and Sitka High School will receive $200 for books.

Students from 11 Alaskan high schools competed in this third statewide competition of *Poetry Out Loud* . In addition to Kelter and Wilber, participants were Anitra Winkler, Cantwell School; Misty Chapman, Delta Junction High School; Tommy Hoppough, Lathrop High School; Marley Horner, Haines High School; Scott Schuler, Juneau Douglas High School; Crystal Alba, Ketchikan High School; Laura Ranney, Kodiak High School; John (Mac) McCullough, Petersburg High School and Chelsea Suydam, Susan B. English School, Seldovia.

The finals, attended by over 50 parents, teachers and supporters of the participants, were held at the Sydney Laurence Theatre of the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts in Anchorage the afternoon of March 3. Each competitor recited two works from the *Poetry Out Loud* anthology. They were judged on memorization, voice inflection, stage presence and other criteria. Contest judges included former Alaska Writer Laureate and playwright Anne Hanley of Fairbanks, former Alaska Writer Laureate and poet Jerah Chadwick of Unalaska, author and poet Emily Wall of Juneau, and poet/teacher Erin Hollowell of Cordova. *Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest* is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), a federal agency and the Poetry Foundation that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance and competition. Schools in each state participate in classroom and school wide contests, advancing to state competitions.

The next session of Poetry Out Loud will take place during the 2008-2009 school year. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible. Sponsors are the Alaska State Council on the Arts, the Alaska Humanities Forum, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. For more information, contact Susan Olson , (907) 269-6682 or toll-free in Alaska at

1-888-278-7424, or visit http://www.poetryoutloud.org/.

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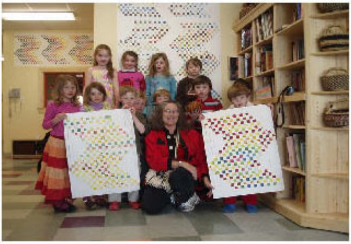
ASCA staff took a field trip recently

We visited Sitka's fiber artist, Teri Rofkar's "Artist in School residency" at Winterberry Elementary school during her presentation:

Welcome
Teri Rofkar



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The Alaska Contemporary Art Bank

Check out the Art Bank on the Web

The ASCA web site has a link to the Contemporary Art Bank, where you can view a good selection of art available through the program. In an effort to make the Art Bank more accessible to all our borrowers, the images will be updated regularly so that generally the work posted is work that is available for loan. The selections posted are representative of the collection as whole, with a variety of images, mediums and sizes. So even if you don't initially see something you like, check back as we hope to update the images monthly. The web site also has information on who is eligible for the program and how to contact the Art Bank.

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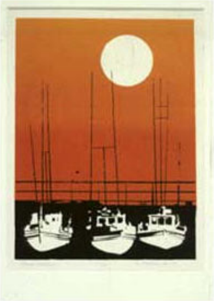

Artwork of the Month:

Alaska Contemporary Art Bank

Artwork of the Month: April

The Art Bank began in 1975 as a function of the Visual Arts Program. Have you ever wondered: What was the very first piece of art selected for the program? As the Art Bank assigns numbers in order, it's pretty easy find it. Art Bank piece 75.01 is Slattery's (now Alice Tersteeg) small silkscreen print: Three Trawlers. It was selected from an ASCA organized juried show by Keith Appel and was an award winner. At the time Alice made the print, she was teaching art at Sitka Community College. Alice currently resides in Juneau , and teaches art at University of Alaska Southeast. The Art Bank has five other works by Alice, including acquisition number two, "Russian Church". This artwork is available for loan to state and legislative agencies.

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