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Press Release

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Bill Owens, noted photographer, to speak at museum

Bill Owens, a photographer known worldwide for his depictions of American lifestyles – most notably in the landmark book *Suburbia* – will give a free lecture and slide presentation on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m., at the Alaska State Museum. Owens is in Juneau serving as the juror for Alaska Positive 2008, the statewide photography exhibition, which opens at the museum in May.

Published in 1973, *Suburbia* documented life in a typical, newly-built, California housing tract. It established Owens as a photographer known for his ability to find the bizarre in the ordinary. He has since published other photography portfolios on themes such as work and leisure, and his photographs have been widely exhibited. He is currently working on a book about food and a book featuring cars from the 1950s and 60s.

Owens describes himself as a “photographer, brewer, distiller and raconteur.” He has been a key figure in the micro-brewery movement in the U.S. and wrote *How to Build a Small Brewery*. In addition, Owens founded three brew pubs and published American Brewer Magazine for 17 years. He has since become interested in micro-distilleries and is a founder of the American Distilling Institute.

Examples of Owens’ work can be seen on his Web site: billowens.com. For further information, please call 465-2901.

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