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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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Jackie Manning hired as Alaska State Museum Exhibit Specialist

Jackie Manning has been hired as Exhibit Specialist for the Alaska State Museum. The position was previously held by Paul Gardinier, who presently holds the Curator of Exhibits title. Manning will work with Gardinier and other museum staff to complete graphical and installation duties for future exhibits at the museum.

Manning grew up in Juneau with parents who were involved in the local arts. Her mother and father have both worked as high school art teachers, and her father was twice an employee of the museum. As a child, she would visit the museum with her family, creating memories that she carries with her to this day. Now, as Exhibit Specialist, she will have a part in creating those memories for other museum patrons.

Manning's education includes undergraduate studies at the University of Alaska Southeast with an emphasis in fine arts and French. She also obtained a master's in drawing and painting from the Academy of Art in San Francisco.

Upon completion of her degree, Manning moved to Denver, where she operated a studio gallery with two other artists. Since moving back to Juneau last summer, she has filled her days by teaching drawing and painting classes at The Canvas Community Art Studio and Gallery, creating work of her own and volunteering at the museum.

"Helping with exhibits has helped me to get the feel for what it takes to put up a show and what it takes to create exhibits," Manning said. "Each show has its differences," Manning said. "I want to continue to learn about anything I can do to expand upon my skills to create exhibits that are going to best benefit the artwork."

Winter hours at the museum begin September 27. Discounted winter admission is \$3. Summer admission is \$5. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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