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Alaska State Museum Announces

Alaska Positive 2012 Photo Contest Awards and Exhibit

JUNEAU – Breathtaking scenery, spectacular wildlife, colorful people living and working against some of the most stunning backdrops on Earth—all this, and more, makes Alaska a photographer's dream. Of course, a statewide photography contest, with prize money, doesn't hurt, either.

Today, the Alaska State Museum announces the 2012 award winners and selections for Alaska Positive, a biennial photographic competition open to all Alaskans, now in its 40th year. Selected for awards were:

- Juror's Choice Award (\$300): Loren Holmes, Anchorage, *Butchering the Whale*
- Award of Recognition (\$150): Ben Huff, Juneau, *Mile 250, Idling Trucks, Chandalar Shelf*
- Award of Recognition (\$150): Deanna Lampe, Juneau, *Lost, Found*
- Honorable Mention (for Body of Work): Loren Holmes, Anchorage
- Honorable Mention: Douglas Yates, Ester, *Main Street, Ester, Alaska*
- Honorable Mention: Clark James Mishler, Anchorage, *Winter Dogs*

"Every submission to Alaska Positive 2012 reflects pride in the state's unique culture, industry and landscape," said this year's juror Holly Andres, an accomplished professional photographer from Portland, Oregon. "The judging process gave me a whole new appreciation for the contemporary Alaskan experience."

The Juror's Choice and Recognition Awards are sponsored by the Friends of the Alaska Museum. All photographs selected by the juror will be displayed as part of the Alaska Positive 2012 exhibit, which opens at the Alaska State Museum on November 2 and travel around the state for the next two years. Alaska Positive will be on display at the museum until January 5, 2013.

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