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## Press Release

ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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### **November First Friday at the Alaska State Museum Jeff Brown's Great Alaska Game Show, and Jackie Manning's "Ghost in the Graveyard"**

The Alaska State Museum will be open with extended hours on November 5 during the First Friday gallery walk with free admission from 4:30-7 p.m. Two new exhibits will be unveiled: Jeff Brown's "Great Alaska Game Show," and "Ghost in the Graveyard," a solo exhibition by painter Jackie Manning.

"The Great Alaska Game Show" will be a multi-faceted exhibit featuring interactive opportunities for gallery-goers as well as an overview of the history of games in Alaska. Brown's collection of Alaskan-themed board games will be on display alongside photographs and gaming artifacts from the museum's collection. The show will not only celebrate amusement, but will also provide museum patrons the opportunity to learn how games have shaped the lives of Alaska Natives for thousands of years.

Visitors will be able to play special games during the show's opening reception, and the Friends of the Alaska State Museum store will provide gaming merchandise for sale. "The Great Alaska Game Show" will be on display through February 12.

Jackie Manning's "Ghost in the Graveyard" is a series of 13 large-scale paintings in mixed media. The work is based on the artist's favorite childhood game, the memories of which she explores as an adult, in this series of paintings and found objects. Manning combines the figure and nature while depicting game-play in a visual portrayal to which she hopes both children and audiences will relate. Viewers are encouraged to look closely at each painting; layered underneath the top coat of paint are various organic materials, cloth, broken ceramic pieces, found bones, items passed down from family members and even childhood locks of the artist's hair.

The styles of the pieces range from surreal to abstract, some more representational than others. Manning exchanged her previously-standard subdued palette for one with more of an electric feel, representing the heightened sensations that she associates with her childhood memories of the nighttime game.

Winter hours at the museum are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Discounted winter admission is \$3. 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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