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Ghost in the Graveyard children's activity at the Alaska State Museum

Elementary-aged children are invited to celebrate the opening of mixed media artist Jackie Manning's solo exhibition at the Alaska State Museum with a youth activity that is directly linked to the subject of her work. "Ghost in the Graveyard" is the name of her show, which will feature a series of about a dozen large-scale paintings inspired by a childhood game of the same name.

The game is common and is played by children all around the world in differing variations. Manning's version was a combination of hide-and-seek and tag, and the game can be successful with any number of players.

The designated game area for the November 6 event will be outdoors in the midst of a specially created graveyard on the museum grounds, no matter the weather. Players are encouraged to dress with the fall weather conditions in mind.

One player will be chosen to play the role of the ghost, who will hide while everyone else counts around the clock. Once the group counts up to midnight, each child must run around the perimeter of the game play area without being caught by the ghost. Anyone who is caught by the ghost becomes a ghost as well, and the game is played until only one non-ghost remains.

Two gaming sessions will be held for two different age groups. Kindergartners through second-graders will play from 10 a.m. to noon; while third- through fifth-graders will play from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Prior to each group's game time, children will create ghostly masks to wear during game time.

Parents are encouraged to attend. Please pre-register by calling 465-2901.

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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