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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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## **December Gallery Walk at the Alaska State Museum**

JUNEAU –The Alaska State Museum will be open until 7:00 p.m. for Gallery Walk on Friday, December 7. Admission is always free on First Friday between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.

On temporary display at the museum are two exhibits in which science meets art, as well as *Alaska Positive*, a juried photography exhibition.

*Notes from Nature: A Naturalist-Artist in Alaska's Wilderness* – a solo artist exhibit by Alaska science illustrator Kristin Link – presents a body of work inspired by field sketches from Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. She uses her training as a naturalist to create accurate representations, elicit emotional responses and share a passion for natural Alaska. A graduate of the Science Illustration program at California State University Monterey Bay, Link works out of McCarthy, specializing in illustrations, murals, interpretive signs and other graphic work.

*Coastal Impressions: A Photographic Journey Along Alaska's Gulf Coast* is a photographic exhibit of images collected as part of a major biological and geological survey of Alaska's coastal zones. Selected from tens of thousands of digital photographs obtained during aerial surveys in the Gulf of Alaska and Southeast Alaska, *Coastal Impressions: A Photographic Journey along Alaska's Gulf Coast* presents the diverse natural history and spectacular scenery of a remote area inaccessible to most visitors and residents. This exhibit is sponsored by the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council and developed in partnership with NOAA Fisheries, AFSC Auke Bay Laboratories and the Alaska ShoreZone program, which, through its work imaging the Gulf Coast, has developed an incredible archive of high-resolution photos.

*Alaska Positive 2012*, now in its 40th year, is the Alaska State Museum's biennial photography competition open to entrants from across the state. 45 photographs reflecting Alaska's breathtaking scenery, spectacular wildlife, and colorful people living and working against some of the most stunning backdrops on Earth make up the exhibition.

Winter hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. 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 by contacting Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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