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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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## **IT'S ALL FUN AND GAMES (PLUS A TINY BIT OF EDUCATION)**

**Back by Popular Demand, Alaska State Museum Presents**

**“Alaska Games in the Art Room”**

JUNEAU – Looking for something to do with your kids over the holiday recess once the gifts have lost their novelty, you’ve sledded every hill in town, and you just can’t bring yourself to let them watch another cartoon?

Back by popular demand, the Alaska State Museums invites children of all ages to “Alaska Games in the Art Room,” that includes special hands-on learning and featuring “Giant Checkers,” Alaska-sized board games, Eskimo yo-yos, Yup’ik “story knives,” ring-toss and more.

The giant checkers set is new and improved this year, handcrafted by Exhibits Designer Aaron Elmore, with game pieces the size of tool cushions and a board made of carpet squares. Returning again only bigger: “The Whale Game” and “North to Alaska!,” both originally displayed as part of Jeff Brown’s “Great Alaska Game Show,” exhibited at the Museum in the fall of 2010.

In addition to Alaska Native games and craft stations, the Art Room will also set up two art activities—Still Life Drawing and Coastal Impressions Collage—based on current exhibits by science illustrator Kristin Link and NOAA’s coastal zone digital mapping initiative.

“Alaska Games in the Art Room” runs through Jan. 5, 2013, during regular Museum hours. The museum will be closed on Tuesday, December 25, and Tuesday, January 1, for the holidays.

The museum will not be open for extended hours on January First Friday, and will close at the normal closing time of 4 p.m. that Friday.

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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