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Earth, Fire and Fibre XXVIII Exhibit Celebrates Alaska's Artisan Craftmakers

JUNEAU –The Alaska State Museum is pleased to present Earth, Fire and Fibre XXVIII (28) with a “soft opening” on March 23 and a formal opening reception two weeks later hosted by The Friends of the Alaska State Museum on First Friday, April 6. Both the soft opening and the formal opening will be from 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. with free admission.

The biennial craft exhibition, organized by the Anchorage Museum, is one the state's longest running juried exhibitions, showcasing Alaska artists working with traditional materials such as fiber, clay and wood. Last year, 92 artists submitted some 273 different handmade objects, from which juror Andrew Wagner, former editor-in-chief of American Craft magazine, selected 82 exhibit pieces. Most of these pieces, ranging from wooden furniture to scarves spun from dog fur to a bicycle made with rope and found objects will be displayed at the Alaska State Museum.

Local artists featured in this year's Earth, Fire and Fibre include Kay Field Parker of Douglas, whose “Haida Lightning Dance Apron,” a traditional weaving with abalone buttons and deer hooves, was selected as one of the exhibit's six \$500 awards.

Juneau sculptor Rachael Juezeler, whose work has appeared at various locations throughout Juneau but never at the Alaska State Museum, will also have a piece displayed.

Earth, Fire and Fibre XXVIII runs through April 21, 2012. Join the ASM for the exhibit's opening reception on First Friday, April 6.

Winter hours at the museum are 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Regular 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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