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## Press Release

ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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### Curator Appointed at State Museum

The Alaska State Museum has announced that Paul Gardinier, long-time exhibits specialist at the museum, has been chosen for the position of Curator of Exhibitions. In his new position, Gardinier is responsible for the museum's temporary exhibition schedule as well as maintaining and upgrading the permanent installations of the museum's collection. He replaces Bob Banghart, who recently moved into the position of Chief Curator.

Gardinier has worked at the museum since 1981 and has been responsible for much of the design and technical work involved in the presentation of exhibitions. He has also served as a consultant to many museums across the state and has given numerous workshops on exhibition techniques.

He is a graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara and is also an artist, musician and chef. He and his wife Rhonda have been well-known members of the arts community in Juneau for many years. Paul has two children.

Hours at the museum are 10 a.m. to 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. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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