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ONE EVENING, THREE SHOW OPENINGS ASM Opens Three New Exhibits on April First Friday

JUNEAU – Frozen landscapes, mixed media installations, handmade artisan crafts—made by Alaskans, inspired by Alaska. Celebrate the opening of three new exhibits with a reception and informal artist meet and greet as the Alaska State Museum hosts April First Friday, April 6, 2012 with free admission from 4 to 7 p.m.

The three new shows, which also enjoyed a “soft” opening on March 23, are: “Landscapes,” a solo exhibit by Cordova landscape painter David Rosenthal; “An Alaskan Book of Hours,” a solo exhibit by Fairbanks mixed media artist Margo Klass; and “Earth Fire and Fibre XXVII,” a traveling version of one of the state’s longest running juried exhibitions for artists working with traditional materials such as fiber, clay and wood.

Rosenthal presents a voluminous collection of work from all his travels since his last major ASM show in 1987, including the polar regions of Alaska, other Arctic areas and Antarctica—“all the extraordinary places landscape painting has taken me.” Klass’ exhibit seeks to evoke a cathedral-like experience through a series of “box constructions” based upon a medieval text and influenced by Alaska’s natural environment. This year, 92 Alaskan artists submitted 273 handmade objects to “Earth, Fire and Fibre,” from which 82 were selected to the original Anchorage Museum exhibit, including two local artists: Kay Field Parker (who also won one of the exhibit’s six \$500 awards) and Rachael Juezeler.

Earth, Fire, and Fibre runs through April 21 while the two solo shows run through April 28, 2012. 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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