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VISITING ANTHROPOLOGIST TO OFFER TALK, EXHIBIT WALKTHROUGH, AT THE ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

Ann Fienup-Riordan, the guest curator of the exhibition, “Yuungnaqpiallerput *The Way We Genuinely Live: Masterworks of Yup’ik Science and Survival*” will offer a special preview talk at the Alaska State Museum on Monday, May 4 at 7 p.m. Although the exhibition will formally open on Museum Day, May 16, the public is invited to come hear Ms. Fienup-Riordan speak about putting the show together, working with elders and youngsters from the Y-K Delta, and borrowing objects for the exhibit from over a dozen different American and European museums.

The exhibit presents scientific concepts in the framework of traditional Yup’ik knowledge and explores Yup’ik technological inventions specially designed for living and thriving in the harsh sub-arctic environment of western Alaska. Ms. Fienup-Riordan will present a brief overview of the exhibition curation process, and then conduct a tour through the exhibit, highlighting particular objects. Exhibition catalogs will be available for purchase that evening and throughout the summer.

Winter hours at the museum are normally 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Discounted winter admission is \$3. Summer hours, daily from 8:30 to 5:30, begin May 10, and admission will be \$5. Ann Fienup-Riordan’s talk and exhibition walkthrough on May 4 is free.

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