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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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DOCENT TRAINING WORKSHOPS TO BE HELD AT STATE MUSEUM

JUNEAU – Got a few stories about life in Alaska? Always wanted to see “the rest of the collection” not currently on display? Wouldn’t mind a discount in the Museum Store? All of these things and more are yours when you volunteer as a museum docent, or tour guide, with the Alaska State Museum.

Seven short workshops will take place May 8 – 18 to offer tips and techniques on giving cultural tours at the State Museum. With the construction of the new Library, Archives, and Museum building well underway, this will be the last chance to learn this unique skill in the current museum building.

The commitment of giving tours during the summer is flexible, since understandably Alaskans get busy in the summer. Typically, volunteer docents contribute anywhere from four tours per month to many more, depending on each individual’s personal schedule. Giving docent tours can be a terrific way to share your love of Alaska with others, and no prior experience is necessary.

If you’d like more information on becoming a docent at the State Museum, please contact the museum at 465-2901, e-mail mary.irvine@alaska.gov, or attend the first training session, Wednesday, May 8th, 8:00 – 11:30, on which day a sample tour of the galleries will be given, and the group will tour the Collections Vault behind the scenes in the basement.

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