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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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**New Exhibit to Open at Alaska State Museum  
on May First Friday: Works by Artists from The Canvas**

JUNEAU – The Alaska State Museum will be open extended hours on First Friday, May 3, for the opening of an exhibit created by artists from The Canvas entitled, *Bird in the Tree, Fish in the Water, Vase by the Wall*. The Friends of the Alaska State Museum will host an opening reception beginning at 4:30 p.m. and there is no admission charge after 4:00 p.m. on First Fridays.

The Canvas is a community outreach and day program for REACH, an independent non-profit organization serving people who experience disabilities. The Canvas is dedicated to supporting the life-long discovery process through the arts.

The six individuals who chose to participate in *Bird in the Tree, Fish in the Water, Vase by the Wall* each brought their unique perspective to the ceramic pieces encompassed in this show. Each artist developed his or her own process to create the body of work that best expressed the artist's viewpoint and experience with the medium. The artists began by identifying a theme for their work, and the instructor and curator, Brandon Howard, helped to facilitate their process by pushing them to develop their individual style. The collection was created within a contained time frame, with the artists having only four months to develop their ideas and work toward completed projects. Working in clay allowed the artists to play with form, movement, and the interactive spontaneity of the medium. The tie that binds this show together is the diversity of ceramics and the individual expressions that arose from the process.

*Bird in the Tree, Fish in the Water, Vase by the Wall* will be on display through Oct. 12, 2013. Also on display throughout the summer at the museum: Kay Field Parker's exhibit of Ravenstail weavings entitled, *Playing with Lightning*, and Tommy Joseph's exhibit of Tlingit armor entitled, *Rainforest Warriors*.

Winter hours at the museum are 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Summer hours begin May 13 and will be 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily. 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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