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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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Art exhibit closing at State Museum

Earth, Fire and Fibre XXVII, a juried exhibition featuring works in clay, fabric, wood, chain saw blades, drill bits, metal and other materials, will have its last day for viewing at the Alaska State Museum on Saturday, April 3.

Earth, Fire and Fibre is organized every two years by the Anchorage Museum at the Rasmusen Center as a competitive showcase for Alaska artists who work in traditional genres such as jewelry making, ceramics, quilting and wood carving. Selected artworks often challenge the usual preconceptions, blurring the lines between art and craft.

This year's juror was Patricia Watkinson, the former executive director of the Pilchuck Glass School, near Seattle. She has served as a reviewer for many state and national art agencies including the National Endowment for the Arts.

Ellen M. Anderson is the sole Juneau artist represented in the exhibit, with her piece, "Minerality," made of hand-painted silks, net, beads, and distressed felt.

"Earth, Fire and Fibre" is funded in part by a grant from the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Winter hours at the Alaska State Museum are 10 a.m. to 4:00 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. For assistance, or further information, please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901.

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