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Alaska Artists Awarded Solo Exhibits at State Museum

JUNEAU – Every two years the Alaska State Museum solicits Alaskan artists to submit their portfolios for solo exhibitions. This year the museum's review committee reviewed 36 submittals from artists across the state and selected eight individuals to show their work. The first of this series of solo exhibits will open in November 2012. The series will conclude in the spring of 2014. Dates for the individual exhibitions are still being arranged with the artists. The selected artists are:

- Nicholas Galanin – Tlingit/Aleut multi-disciplinary artist from Sitka
- Ben Huff – Photographer from Juneau
- Drew Michael – sculptor from Anchorage
- Dave Rubin – painter from Ketchikan
- Kay Field Parker – Raven's tail weaver from Juneau
- Dick Benedict – painter from Juneau
- Kristen Link – artist, naturalist and scientific illustrator from Glennallen
- Nancy P. Burnham – encaustic painting and sculpture from Ester

Nicholas Galanin

Tlingit/Aleut multi-disciplinary artist

Concepts drive his medium. Having trained extensively in 'traditional' as well as 'contemporary' approaches to art, Nicholas draws on a wide range of indigenous technologies and global materials to explore his ideas.

Ben Huff

Photographer

Exploring the people and landscape of Alaska's Dalton highway, Ben's work attempts to portray the road as the physical and psychological line between oil and frontier.

Drew Michael

Sculpture

An Alaska Native, Yupik/Inupiaq, and Polish European, Drew combines different forms of customary and contemporary design using wood, ivory, feathers, found objects, stone, metal, plastic and bone.

Dave Rubin

Painter

Long time Ketchikan painter, teacher and musician who said, “Everyone starts off coloring – I just never stopped.”

Kay Field Parker

Raven’s tail weaver

Kay will present Raven’s tail robes, tunics, aprons and other selections woven during the last twenty years.

Dick Benedict

Painter

Dick has worked as a painter, cannery worker, stable hand, school janitor, garbage man, laborer, and landlord, all the while painting beautiful and surreal painting in classic oil and egg tempera on panel.

Kristen Link

Artist, Naturalist and Scientific illustrator

A 2013 Rasmuson Foundation Individual Artist Project Award winner, Kristen will present a body of work from field sketches from the Wrangell-St. Elias.

Nancy P. Burnham

Encaustic painting and sculpture

Nancy works with wax and porcupine quills. “The wax and quills combined represent a merging of Beauty and pain.” The artist will present large scale, three dimensional hangings, relief and floor pieces based on family and personal ideology, beauty and pain.

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