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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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Ravenstail Weaver Kay Field Parker to Conduct Exhibit Walk-through and Demonstration

JUNEAU – The Alaska State Museum will be open extended hours on First Friday, July 5th, with free admission between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. Master weaver Kay Field Parker will demonstrate her weaving and conduct a walk-through of her exhibit, “Playing with Lightning,” from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on this First Friday.

Ravenstail weaving is an ancient style of twining that creates dramatic geometric patterns in black and white with splashes of yellow highlights. This style of twining was done along the Northwest Coast until the late 1700s when Chilkat weaving began to flourish. Ravenstail weaving was dormant for almost 200 years until its revival by Cheryl Samuel in the 1980s when she published her book, “The Raven’s Tail,” and began teaching. Parker began taking Ravenstail weaving classes from Samuel and has since become a prolific weaver of the Ravenstail technique.

Two additional solo exhibits on display are “Rainforest Warriors: Tlingit Armor” by carver Tommy Joseph and “The State of Being, Displaced,” by Sitka artist Nicholas Galanin. Galanin’s exhibit consists of prints, monotypes, photographs and video. Also on display at the museum is “Bird in the Tree, Fish in the Water, Vase by the Wall” – a temporary exhibit of works by artists from The Canvas at R.E.A.C.H. All four of these exhibits will be up through the summer and will run through Oct. 12, 2013.

Summer hours at the museum are 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily. Summer admission is \$7, with a \$1 discount for age 65 and older. 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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