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BOLDLY GO WHERE NO KID'S GONE BEFORE
Friends of the Alaska State Museum Kick Off Youth Workshop Series
beginning with Dan DeRoux

JUNEAU – He's wacky, he's adventurous, he's playful and he can paint – he's Dan DeRoux and his Alaska State Museum exhibit "Dan DeRoux's History of Alaska" provides the inspiration for two separate youth workshops at the museum on Sat., October 13.

The morning workshop, "Redrawing History," runs from 9:30-11:30 a.m., and is specifically geared to students in grades K-2. Workshop facilitator MK McNaughton will lead students through an examination of DeRoux's work, as well as the objects and animals found in his paintings. Students will also handle and study hands-on objects from the Museum's educational collection and learn how to use soft charcoal and charcoal pencils to create drawings inspired by what they've seen.

DeRoux himself, leads the afternoon workshop, which runs from 1-3 p.m. for students in grades 3-6. This workshop, called "Out of the Box and Off the Wall!" challenges students to have fun exploring the creative process, language, intuition and chance using mixed media.

"The creative process can begin with anything: a line, an object, a color," said DeRoux. "As you create, the idea evolves. You make it fun. No one is allowed to be bored at these workshops!"

These workshops kick off an entire series of workshops called "Exploring the Arts," part of the Friends of the Alaska State Museum youth workshop program, paid for in part by the citizens of the City and Borough of Juneau through sales tax revenue.

Admission to both workshops is free. Registration is required. Please call the Museum at 465-2901.

Winter hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. 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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