

ASCA Newsletter

July 2008

MISSION

To foster the development of the arts for all Alaskans through education, partnership, grants and services.

A NOTE FROM CHARLOTTE:

First off, I want to apologize for the non graphics on this newsletter. We are between newsletter graphics contractors, and wanted to get this out in a timely manner.

As you may know, the Council awarded over \$500,000 in annual and quarterly grants at their meeting in June. We received \$40,000 increment in state general funds for FY 09, and this marks the 6th year that we have received an increase, and we hope this trend continues. Of course, a critical part of this funding is the recognition that each of you give to your elected officials about their support. I urge you to personally invite legislators to your openings, events, recitals, or even your studio! They need to know that we appreciate their support.

I also want to make sure each of you puts an important date on your calendar: January 29-31, 2009. That will be the dates of the statewide arts conference in Anchorage. We will be sending out some particulars in September, but please make sure it's in your budget. There are also some travel grant possibilities for you to attend, including the Career Opportunity Grant (with deadlines Sept. 1 and Dec. 1) and the Rasmuson Cultural Leadership grant.

I had the privilege of visiting Ketchikan in May, and the Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council has met their fundraising goal to purchase new digs for their offices and activities. It's an amazing community down there – one of many creative communities in Alaska. ASCA also had our annual meeting in Homer, splendidly hosted by the Homer Council on the Arts, with a dinner, reception and other activities. Our thanks to Hope Finkelstein, Diane Borgman and the HCOA Board, Lance Petersen, Asia Freeman, the Bunnell Street Arts Center Board and Heather Beggs for all their marvelous hospitality.

UPCOMING ASCA MEETINGS:

August 15: Noon-1:30, Council meeting via teleconference

September 19: Noon-1:30, Council meeting via teleconference

For information and agenda, contact ASCA at 1.888.278.7424 or 907.269.6610.

ASCA AWARDS OVER \$500,000 IN GRANTS TO ARTISTS AND ORGANIZATIONS AT ANNUAL MEETING IN JUNE

Details available at www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca

ASCA WELCOMES SUMMER INTERN, MELISSA SHAGINOFF

ASCA welcomes the addition of our summer First Alaskans Institute Intern Melissa Shaginoff. Melissa is Ahtna Athabascan originally from Chickaloon. She is attending UAA majoring in Fine Art and double-minoring in Alaska Native Studies and Psychology. During her internship Melissa will conduct a research project on Master Alaska Native Artists. She will be collecting information for ASCA primarily from the Ahtna region and compiling information through personal interviews. Melissa is very excited about her project and very grateful to ASCA and First Alaskans for this unique opportunity.

GOVERNOR PALIN ANNOUNCES COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Governor Palin appointed Patricia "Jinx" Whitaker, and reappointed Sven D. Haakanson Jr., Peggy Ferguson and Nancy M. Harbour to the Alaska State Council on the Arts in June.

The council's 11 members are charged with helping enrich the cultural life of the state by encouraging the practice, enjoyment and support of the arts in Alaska, and with ensuring that arts and culture continue to be an integral part of Alaskans' lives.

Whitaker, of Fairbanks, is a lifelong Alaskan who has been president since 1979 of the New Horizons Gallery in Fairbanks, an Alaska art gallery with roots in a Fairbanks art supply and framing business started by her parents in 1955. She and her gallery have been active supporters of Alaska arts and artists for decades, carrying artwork from across the state and hosting exhibitions, shows and First Friday open houses. Whitaker serves on the advisory council for the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) honorary

doctorate program, sits on Holland America 's local advisory committee for Fairbanks, and volunteers for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and a local hospice.

Haakanson, of Kodiak, is director of the Alutiiq Museum and Archeological Repository. An anthropologist with special interest in circumpolar Native art and culture, Haakanson has been a lecturer, manager of archeological digs in Kodiak and teacher on the culture of Arctic peoples in Alaska and Russia. He has held exhibits of Alutiiq cultural objects and art, exhibited his own photographs of Natives and reindeer herders, and done research in Kodiak and Russian Siberia. In 2007, he received the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship award, recognizing his creativity and promise for future accomplishments. Haakanson earned a bachelor's degree from UAF in 1992, and master's and doctoral degrees from Harvard University in 1996 and 2000, respectively.

Ferguson, of Fairbanks, is managing director of the Fairbanks Drama Association & Children's Theatre, and has been a force in Alaska community theater for more than 30 years. In addition to her work as a volunteer, director and manager of the Fairbanks Drama Association, she has been development director for the Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre and the Fairbanks Light Opera Theatre. She is also founding director of the Alaska Light Opera Theater in Anchorage and founder of the Looking Glass Group Theater, and has been managing director of the Valley Performing Arts Center in Palmer, director of the theater division of the Summer Fine Arts Camp in Fairbanks, and Fairbanks manager for the Alaska Repertory Theater. Ferguson has a degree in theater arts and speech from the University of Minnesota.

Harbour, of Anchorage, is president of the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. She has served in a number of positions with the Center, starting even before it opened to the public in 1988, rising from marketing/development director, to vice president, and to president in 1997. She has been involved in the arts in Alaska for nearly 30 years, first working in the University of Alaska Anchorage theater department in the 1970s, and rising from statewide touring director to executive director of Arts Alaska, Inc. from 1979-87. Harbour has studied English literature at University of Washington, and received undergraduate and graduate certifications in public assembly facility management in 2000 and 2007, respectively.

ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES:

Exhibition Prospectus, The Main Street Gallery in Groton, N. Y.
[National Photography '08 Exhibition from Oct. 23, 2008- Nov. 23, 2008](#)

Entry forms due September 13, 2008

Call for Entries, Night Visions III- Sept. 27-Nov. 6, 2008

Flagstaff Cultural Partners c/o Coconino Center for the Arts

ARTS ADMINISTRATOR PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Alaska Dance Theatre is seeking an energetic self motivated individual to run the office in the School of Alaska Dance Theatre. Job duties include working with the Executive and Artistic Director to schedule front office staff and pianists, keeping class records up to date, producing role sheets for instructors, registering students, overseeing any rental contracts, coordinating building maintenance, making deposits, working with the bookkeeper to keep financial records in order, coordinating the logistics for all auditions and the year-end Student Showcase.

[Submit a cover letter, a resume and three references to Alaska Dance Theatre.](#)

ATTN: Ruth Glenn, Executive Director

by email: info@alaskadancetheatre.org

fax: 907-274-3078

or mail: 550 E 33rd Ave. Anchorage , AK 99503

[Alaska Junior Theatre is currently looking to fill two positions for the following:](#)

-Marketing & PR Associate, full time

-Education Associate, full time

Send a cover letter, resume and three references by mail or email by

July 15th 2008 to: Lainie Dreas, Executive Director , AJT, 329 F Street, Suite 204, Anchorage, AK 99501. Lainie@akjt.org

CALLS FOR ART

[4Culture + Public Art Calls List](#)

[www. publicart@4culture.org](http://www.publicart@4culture.org)

A list compiled by Public Art 4Culture provides basic information about current Public Art Calls to Artists as well as current public art opportunities from fellow agencies. Please note each Call may have specific eligibility requirements including geographic restrictions. If you would like to receive this list directly from 4Culture, please contact Willow Fox via the web site www.publicart@4culture.org

ASCA DEADLINES:

August 29: Receipt deadline for FY 08 Final Reports. Forms are on the ASCA website. If you received a grant from ASCA during FY 08, this report must be in our offices by Friday, August 29.

September 1: Deadline for Career Opportunity, Workshop and Community Arts Development grant applications. Apply online at <http://alaska.cgweb.org>

July 15 and September 15: Cultural Collaborations Project Grant. Project Grants offer matching funds up to \$6,000 to support high-quality, longer-term experientially based arts and cultural projects or programs for youth outside of the school day. Applications and guidelines are available at: www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca under Arts Education. Please read all guidelines carefully.

November 1- Artists in Schools Residency Grant, Round II. Applications and guidelines are available at <http://alaska.cgweb.org>. Grant applications should be completed by schools wishing to host an AIS residency during the 2008/2009 school year. Please read the guidelines carefully prior to applying.

November 1- Artists in Schools Teaching Artists Applications. Each year the Artists in Schools Program solicits applications from professional teaching artists with a strong desire to share their passion, art and skills with Alaskan students and teachers through school residencies. Applications are due by November 1. Teaching Artist application forms are available at: www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca under Arts Education.

December 1- Cultural Collaborations Arts Educators Grant. Designed for permanently assigned Alaskan Arts Educators in K-12 settings to reconnect with their art form and immerse themselves in their own creative work and to create new energy and creativity. Offers grant funds up to \$3,000. Applications and guidelines are available at: www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca under Arts Education. Please read all guidelines carefully.

For more information about the Cultural Collaborations and Artists in Schools Program, please contact Susan Olson, Program Director at 1-888-278-7427 (toll-free in Alaska) or (907) 269-6682, or email at susan.olson1@alaska.gov.

ARTS IN EDUCATION

Please visit our website at www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca to view recent artist in schools photos!

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