

**Alaska State Council on the Arts
May 2009 Newsletter**

Our Mission

*To foster the development of the arts for all Alaskans through education,
partnerships, grants and services*

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A NOTE FROM CHARLOTTE

I have received inquiries from a number of arts organizations about the status of the stimulus National Endowment for the Arts funds that have been granted to ASCA. As of today (Friday, May 15), we are awaiting final approval from Governor Palin to receive those funds. Once that final approval is received, the grant criteria and timeline will be posted on our website. So I would encourage you to keep checking our website for that news.

The Council will be having their annual meeting in Anchorage on June 5 and 6, and you are welcome to attend any portion of the meeting. If you are a grantee, attending the Council meeting as an observer can be an educational experience. The Council will be voting on the annual grant awards to organizations, discussing policy issues and hearing from staff on the past year's programs and activities. I have found that often grantees only know about one aspect of the Council's work, and are often surprised by the many services and programs that are offered. You can contact our office for an agenda of the meeting.

If you are doing your organization's planning for next year, please remember that Arts Council staff is available to visit your community and meet with your organization or conduct community and/or artist workshops. We have a variety of expertise on the staff, and you can call me for more information.

There are other deadlines approaching that you will see in this *Communiqué* and on our website. June 1 is the deadline for our first FY 2010 quarterly grants, and our Community Arts Development grant limit has been raised to \$5,000.

June 5 is the deadline for the 2009 Governor's Awards for the Arts. This year the categories are Individual Artist, Arts Advocacy and Business Leadership in the Arts. We will also be awarding the Margaret Nick Cooke Award for Native Arts and Languages. This is our one opportunity to recognize individuals and companies in our state who have made a difference. Please nominate someone!

We also will be administering the Connie Boochever Fellowships this year, and that deadline is September 1. This year's categories are performing arts and literary arts.

Have a great summer!

SITKA WEAVER TERI ROFKAR RECEIVES 2009 NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE AWARD

Washington, DC – The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) today announced the 2009 recipients of the nation's highest honor in the folk and traditional arts, the NEA National Heritage Fellowships. Eleven fellowships, which include a one-time award of \$25,000 each, are presented to honorees from eight states and Puerto Rico. The NEA National Heritage Fellowships public programs are made possible through the support of the Darden Restaurants Foundation and its family of Red Lobster, Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, The Capital Grille, Bahama Breeze, and Seasons 52 restaurants.

The 2009 awardees were chosen for their artistic excellence and contributions to their respective artistic traditions. They represent a cross-section of ethnic cultures including Cambodian, North Indian, and West African, and promote such diverse traditional art forms as accordion-driven zydeco, willow basketry, and Yoruba sacred song and drumming.

National Endowment for the Arts Acting Chair Patrice Walker Powell said, "The NEA is proud to celebrate these artists whose lifetime of service and dedication preserve our nation's diverse cultural heritage."

JUNE 1 ALASKA STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS GRANT DEADLINE!

Grant Deadline for the following: Career Opportunity, Workshop, Community Arts Development, Master Artist and Apprentice, Cultural Collaborations Project, Cultural Collaborations Access (30 days prior to event)

ASCA'S ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN ANCHORAGE, JUNE 5th & 6th

The Alaska State Council on the Arts will be holding their annual meeting on Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6 at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Anchorage, Alaska. For details on the meeting, please contact the Alaska State Council on the Arts at 907-269-6610 or 1-888-278-7424.

2009 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS NOMINATION- DEADLINE: JUNE 5, 2009

Awards in the following categories: Individual Artist, Arts Advocacy, Business Leadership and the Margaret Nick Cooke Award for Native Arts and Languages. To get the nomination form or for further information, go to:
www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca

BOOCHEVER FELLOWSHIPS- SEPTEMBER 1 DEADLINE

The Connie Boochever Artist Fellowship- Mrs. Connie Boochever was an avid performer, director, and producer of community theater and a lifelong patron and advocate of the arts. Her devoted work in support of the arts laid the foundation for many cultural activities we enjoy in Alaska. Her crusading efforts gave the arts a voice in Alaskan government and she played a key role in advocating for passage of legislation mandating Percent for Art in Public Places. Connie's legacy can be seen in art installed in public buildings around the state. This Fellowship was established to honor and reflect the spirited passion of the arts Mrs. Boochever consistently demonstrated and to further the message she championed throughout her life: *That the arts are important to the citizens of our state and worthy of significant support from individuals, businesses and corporations.*

2009 Categories: Performing, Literary

Eligibility: Participation is limited to emerging artists pursuing an art form on an ongoing basis. For more information, go to: www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca

THE NEA ANNOUNCED GRANTS DIRECT TO ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE NATION-

FOUR ALASKA ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE RECEIVING GRANT AWARDS, INCLUDING:

Alaska Arts Southeast, Inc. (aka Sitka Fine Arts Camp)

Sitka, AK- \$50,000

CATEGORY: Learning in the Arts FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Learning in the Arts to support the Sitka Fine Arts Camp. A residential summer arts camp will enable middle and high school students from throughout Alaska to study Alaskan Native arts, dance, music, theater, writing, and visual arts with professional artists from Alaska and other states.

Alaska Junior Theater, Inc.

Anchorage, AK- \$10,000

CATEGORY: Access to Artistic Excellence FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Presenting To support performing arts presentations for children and families, with accompanying educational activities. Ragamala Music and Dance Theater and Japan's Wadaiko Ensemble Tokara will perform *Sva* (Vital Force) and children's theater group Visible Fictions (Scotland) will perform *Jason and the Argonauts* in schools and at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.

Sitka Summer Music Festival Inc.

Anchorage, AK- \$10,000

CATEGORY: Access to Artistic Excellence FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Music to support concert tours of chamber music in cities and rural towns of Alaska. The concerts will serve audiences in Anchorage, Gustavus, Kenai, Sitka, Talkeetna, and Tenakee Springs.

VSA arts of Alaska (aka Out North)

Anchorage, AK- \$10,000

CATEGORY: Access to Artistic Excellence FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Theater To support the development and tour of the play trilogy *Exploring Migration in Alaska* by Hmong playwright May Lee Yang and Y'upik Eskimo playwright Emily Johnson. The trilogy will address issues of migration, identity, and the concept of home, and will tour to rural Alaskan communities.

TAKE A LOOK AT THESE NEA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES!

Alaska Arts Organizations are strongly encouraged to apply for one of the three grant categories from the National Endowment for the Arts:

- **Access to Artistic Excellence:** To encourage and support artistic excellence, preserve our cultural heritage, and provide access to the arts for all Americans. **An organization may request a grant amount from \$5,000 to \$150,000. (Next Deadline: August 13, 2009)**
- **Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants:** To support projects that extends the reach of the arts to underserved populations. Grants are for \$10,000. **(Deadline: May 28, 2009)**
- **Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth:** To advance arts education for children and youth in school-based or community-based settings. An organization may request a grant amount from \$5,000 to \$150,000. **(Deadline: June 11, 2009)**

For complete information and to apply, go to

<http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/>

III DELPHIC GAMES 2009 IN JEJU- DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2009

Jeju City, Republic of Korea, Sept. 9-15, 2009- “Turning into Nature”
For more information and announcements, go to www.delphic2009.com or email at contact@delphic2009.com

% FOR ART CALL FOR PROPOSALS- DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2009

Gustavus School Art Installation- Gustavus, AK

Proposal Deadline: June 1, 2009 (postmark or hand deliver date) Total budget: \$8,000. Chatham School District and Gustavus School are requesting concept proposals for artwork to be commissioned for installation in the school. For further information, please visit our website at www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca or contact David McCourtney, Principal, by phone at (907) 697-2248 or email dmccourtney@chathamisd.org.

% FOR ART CALL FOR PROPOSALS- DEADLINE: MAY 19, 2009

Kongiganak K-12 Replacement School, Bethel, AK-

Deadline: May 19, 2009. Total budget: \$104,000. For further information, please visit our website at www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca or contact Bill Murdock at (907) 543-4966 or email bill_murdock@lksd.org.

UPDATE: *Please mail or deliver proposals to:*

*Alaska State Council on the Arts
411 W. 4th Avenue, Ste. 1E
Anchorage, AK 99508*

**CALL FOR ENTRIES- MATERIALS: HARD & SOFT-
DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2009**

23rd Annual National Contemporary Craft Competition and Exhibition, Denton, TX Feb. 5- April 1, 2010. Digital format only, \$30 entry fee. For more information, go to: <http://www.dentonarts.com>

MTS GALLERY- STEAMROLLER 2009

May 15-June 13, 2009- Opening reception is Friday, May 15th from 5-7pm. For more information contact Amanda Doiron at 613-947-7000 Ext. 845 or visit the website at www.magneticnorthfestival.com

PRATT MUSEUM JOB OPENING

Job title: Museum Director/CEO- To provide visionary leadership and management of a dynamic community based museum of art, science and culture. For details, contact Heather Beggs at 907-235-8635 or visit the website at www.prattmuseum.org

UPCOMING ARTISTS OPPORTUNITY

G. Street Summer Artists Fair- The Anchorage Downtown Partnership is sponsoring a 2009 G. Street Summer Artists Fair. The event showcases local Alaskan artists. Artists are invited to apply for the juried 2009 summer season art fair. The fair is held on Saturdays only 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from June 20th through August 15th. Artists are responsible for providing their own tables, display racks, chairs and any other materials. A \$75 fee per event is required. Canopy rental – which includes set up and break down – is available for \$30 on a first come first served basis. Call 279-5650 or email info@anchoragedowntown.org for more detailed information on how to submit an application.

CORDOVA CALL TO MUSICIANS & VISUAL ARTISTS

If you are an artist who knits, weaves, quilts or creates glass, pottery, jewelry or other fine art and would like to sell your work? **Copper River Wild! Salmon Festival** in Cordova, Alaska has sales booths available for Friday and Saturday, July 10 & 11, 4-10 pm. A 6' table with two chairs is \$30. To make a table reservation, call or email Julie at 907-424-5141 julie@jaseverson.com. Musicians are also invited to register to play. Contact Amy Lindsley at 907-253-4445 for information.

Visit www.copperriverwild.org for more information or to download a registration form. Artists are responsible for their own expenses and transportation to and from Cordova.

LONGHOUSE NATIONAL NATIVE GRANT PROGRAM 2009 AVAILABLE- DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2009

Evergreen State College Longhouse Education and Cultural Center, with funding support from the Ford Foundation, announces its third round of national funding for Native Artists (American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians) in the U.S. There are two grant programs available through the Longhouse.

The first program is the **National Native Creative Development Program**, which will award funds (up to \$2,000) to individual Native artists. This program was designed to address the professional development needs of individual artists, such as training in marketing, purchasing or harvesting supplies and materials, professional portfolio development, apprenticeships and other opportunities for advancement as an artist.

The second program is the **National Native Master Artist Initiative**: Artist Teaching Artists will award 6 grants (up to \$5,000). The program is designed to promote Native arts and cultures within urban and rural Native communities throughout the United States. This grant provides an opportunity for a Master Native Artist to teach other Native artists, whether established or emerging, within a community setting.

Forms and guidelines for both programs can be found online at:
<http://www.evergreen.edu/longhouse/grantprograms.htm> or

Contact Bobbie Bush, Native Grants Program Coordinator for more information (360) 867-5367 or bushb@evergreen.edu

ASCA CALENDAR

June 1- Grant Deadline for the following: Career Opportunity, Workshop, Community Arts Development, Master Artist and Apprentice, Cultural Collaborations Project, Cultural Collaborations Access (30 days prior to event)

June 5 & 6- ASCA Annual Meeting, Anchorage

June 5- 2009 Governor's Awards for the Arts nomination deadline

June 15- Deadline for Nonprofits to apply for participation in PFD contribution program

September 1- Grant Deadline

October 22- Governor's Awards for the Arts & Humanities; Anchorage, Hotel Captain Cook

December 1- Grant Deadline

December 18- Council Meeting via Teleconference

ASCA GRANT DEADLINES

June 1- Quarterly Grants Due: Career Opportunity, Workshop, Community Arts Development and Master Artist and Apprentice- All grant information can be found at our website at www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca/

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