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## Recipients of the Alaska Literary Awards Announced

The Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation, in partnership with the Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA), recently selected five individuals to receive the 2014 Alaska Literary Awards, a new annual program to support Alaska writers.

The following five Alaska literary artists, selected from a pool of nearly 100 applications, will each receive \$5,000 fellowships:

Ernestine Hayes, mixed genre, Juneau  
Erin Hollowell, poetry, Homer  
Joan Kane, poetry, Anchorage  
Susanna Mishler, poetry, Anchorage  
Frank Soos, fiction and essays, Fairbanks

Award sponsors Peggy Shumaker and Joe Usibelli said, "Amazing writers are at work all across our vast state. We want the Alaska Literary Awards to recognize their excellence, and to support accomplished writers while they create new art."

The Alaska Literary Awards recognize and support writers of poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, playwriting, screenwriting, and mixed genres. Any Alaska writer over the age of 18 is eligible to apply. Quality of the work submitted is the primary consideration in determining who receives the awards. For more information about the recipients of the 2014 Alaska Literary Awards, contact the Alaska State Council on the Arts at 1.888.278.7424.

The annual Alaska Literary Awards are made possible by Peggy Shumaker and Joe Usibelli through their generous donation to the Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation and administration by the Alaska State Council on the Arts.

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*The Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation's mission is to develop resources and provide services to support the arts in Alaska and advance the mission of the Alaska State Council on the Arts.*

*The Alaska State Council on the Arts is a division of the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, and is governed by eleven council members appointed by the Governor. It is supported with general funds appropriated by the Alaska State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional support for arts education programs from the Rasmuson Foundation.*

*The mission of the Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA) is to foster the development of the arts for all Alaskans through education, partnerships, grants and services.*

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