Alutiiq Museum to Host Cultural Celebration

Dancers and musicians will be showcased at the Alutiiq Museum’s upcoming Culture Fest. A combination of annual meeting and celebration of location cultures, the event will include performances by the Kodiak Alutiiq Dancers, the Kodiak Russian Balalaika Players, and the Kodiak Samoan Dancers. There will also be a brief meeting to share the museum’s work over the past year. April Laktonen Counceller, the museum’s executive director explained.

“The annual meeting is an important time to look back and consider the museum’s recent work—to see how we’ve grown and changed. In 2018 we built the Alutiiq Ancestors’ Memorial, published a culturally-themed coloring book, and completed an excavation on Near Island among many projects. We are excited to share these accomplishments and to recognize how they are part of the beautiful and diverse expressions of culture in our community. This year we’ve invited other cultural groups to join in the fun. Kodiak’s cultural communities make it a special place to live and there are many traditions to explore.”

In addition to local performers, visitors will enjoy a display of paintings recently purchased for the museum’s collection. Nunat—Lands features works by Cheryl Lacy, Linda Infante Lyons, and Bruce Nelson showcasing Kodiak’s coast. The small exhibit is sponsored by the US Coast Guard Spouses Association of Kodiak.

The event will include refreshments sponsored by The Den Catering and door prizes from the Alutiiq Museum Store. It will take place in the museum’s gallery on Saturday, August 31, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. This is a free public event.

The Alutiiq Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the history and culture of the Alutiiq, an Alaska Native tribal people. Representatives of Kodiak Alutiiq organizations govern the museum with funding from charitable contributions, memberships, grants, contracts, and sales.

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