Jeffrey Garcie Joins Alutiiq Museum Team

The Alutiiq Museum has hired Jeffrey Garcie as its Development Assistant, a new staff position. Garcie will contribute to two major efforts. Half of his time will be spent as the museum’s representative to the Digital Inclusion Corps, a federally funded pilot program promoting computer literacy skills and broadband infrastructure in remote communities. He will spend one year helping Kodiak Islanders learn computing skills to facilitate Internet use. The Alutiiq Museum is one of five sites in the United States participating in the Digital Inclusion Corps, an initiative linked to President Obama’s ConnectALL broadband initiative.

Additionally, Garcie will assist the museum with community engagement. His duties will include stewardship of the museum’s members and sponsors, as well as administrative support for development work and daily business. Garcie began working part time this month, and will become a fulltime member of the museum’s team in May.

Garcie was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. He studied biology and anthropology in college and worked as a custom furniture builder before joining the US Coast Guard in 2009. He was stationed in Kodiak in 2012, where he was a member of a helicopter aircrew. He will retire from the Coast Guard this spring. Gracie is a ceramic artist and a leather crafter, who owns Kodiak Leather Works. He also served as the caretaker of the Kodiak fairgrounds for two years. He lives in Kodiak with his wife Rebecca and an assortment of horses, dogs, cats, and ducks.

“I am very excited and enthusiastic about being a part of the team at the museum,” said Garcie. “I look forward to being immersed in Alutiiq culture and working to preserve, document, and share the incredible heritage and history of the indigenous people of Kodiak.”

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.

Photo: Jeffrey Garcie in the Monashka Bay area, February 2017.

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