Rebecca Pruitt to Oversee Museum Store

The Alutiiq Museum has promoted Rebecca Pruitt to the position of Gallery Coordinator. Pruitt will oversee the daily operations of the Alutiiq Museum Store, assist artists and visitors, develop store merchandise, and host museum events, beginning July 25th. Pruitt is the daughter of Denise Malutin and Chad Pruitt, and a 2012 graduate of Kodiak High School. She began work at the Alutiiq Museum in 2014, and has contributed to everything from collections care and educational outreach to language programming and the museum store.

“I’ve been helping in the museum store for three years, so I’m really familiar with our customers, members, and artists,” said Pruitt. “I am so happy to work with these folks. It’s the best part of the job. I like connecting people to the museum’s resources. I am especially excited to help Alutiiq artists and to get to know them better. I have been participating in cultural activities my entire life. Working at the museum means a lot to me. I’m passionate about my culture and at work, I get to do what I love.”

“Rebecca brings a lot of enthusiasm and experience to the museum store,” said Alutiiq Museum Executive Director April Laktonen Counceller. “She’s worked on a great variety of museum projects, and is an excellent first contact for our visitors. She knows the museum well and can help people connect with other staff and our resources. We are thrilled that she wants to oversee the store.”

Pruitt assumes responsibilities held by Dana Haynes. Haynes, who managed the museum’s gallery for three years, left the organization in July to become the Community Relations Director at the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce.

“Dana has been a great member of our team,” said Counceller. “Among her many contributions, she has increased the number of local artists served through our store and helped us to reach further into the Kodiak community with our services. We will miss her, but we are very glad she is staying in Kodiak and look forward to working with her in her new position.”

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: Rebecca Pruitt. Photograph courtesy the Alutiiq Museum.