



Cama'i – Hello,

As we reflect on 2025, we would like to take a moment to thank all of our supporters. Thanks to you, we were able to surpass our end of year Lamplighter Campaign goal of \$5,000. *Quyanaasinaq* - thank you very much. The Alutiiq Museum will continue to be a bridge between Alutiiq Culture and people of all backgrounds in 2026.



1800's Russian Coin - The Find of a Lifetime

This winter Jody Yakanak made the discovery of a lifetime near Old Harbor - walking on the beach she picked up what she thought might be an old cap. After cleaning it, she realized it had Russian lettering. Some online searching found it was a 2 Kopek coin from the reign of Czar Nicolas I. While the year is no longer legible, this style of coin was only made between 1839 and 1847. On her most recent trip to Kodiak, Jody donated the coin to the Alutiiq Museum where it can be cared for with other objects from the Russian era in Kodiak. Very few Russian coins have been found in archaeological sites in Alaska, this coin joins only one other in the Alutiiq Museum's collections making it a particularly special find.



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Pick.Click.Give is a giving opportunity for Alaska residents. Generosity Matters. When you give to the Alutiiq Museum, you become part of the movement to preserve, share, and celebrate Alutiiq/Sugpiaq culture! The Alutiiq Museum is a Pick.Click.Give. organization. When you file for your 2026 Permanent Fund Dividend, consider a making a tax-deductible gift to the museum. Your contributions make a difference.

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There are lots of opportunities for our non-resident supporters to get involved. If you are looking for ways to support the Alutiiq Museum's mission in 2026, consider an annual membership or donation.

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Photo: Daniel Ellanak spins the star during Russian Christmas Starring in Ouzinkie, 1950s. AM95213, Courtesy of Melodi Anderson

Starring — Slaawirluni

Each January, the Russian Orthodox faithful in Alutiiq communities honor the birth of Christ with starring, a caroling celebration. Starring combines Christian symbols with Alutiiq winter traditions of visiting, feasting, singing, and dancing. Carolers travel from house to house carrying a large, brightly decorated, twirling star that symbolizes the Star of Bethlehem.



Explore Kodiak in Alutiiq

Alutiiq/Sugpiaq people named the geographical features in their world—bays, mountains, islands, streams, and much more. Place names passed down by Alutiiq speakers help us to see the landscape in an Alutiiq way.

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ARausistuaq - Christmas

On January 7, Christmas by the Julian calendar that tracks the Orthodox year, Alutiiq families participate in a spiritual celebration of Christmas. Many of Kodiak's Alutiiq families celebrate Christmas twice each year.

Photo Icon corner with Christmas Tree, Afognak Village, Courtesy of the Knagin Family.

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Photo: Kids with Christmas gifts, courtesy of Randy Christensen, Teresa Carlson, and Barbara Boskofsky. AM1048

Holiday Closure

We have been closed for a short Holiday Break, and look forward to reopening on Tuesday, January 6th. Our regular hours for the museum store and gallery are Tues-Friday, 10AM-4PM and Saturdays 12-4. Our satellite store in the Kodiak Marketplace is open Tuesday-Friday 10AM-5PM.



The Alutiiq Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the heritage and living 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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