



Cama'i – Hello,

May is bringing a season of exciting visitors and opportunities to the Alutiiq Museum. Join us tonight for First Friday! The museum staff will be leading a 3-strand beaded bracelet workshop. We are thrilled to host Jessica Towns-Camara for an artist residency, where she will lead two necklace workshops and present "Exploring the Alutiiq Museum's Collections." Guest archeologist Trevor Lamb is also joining us May 6th for a special lecture on "Cooking with Root Vegetables on Kodiak." Be sure to mark your calendars, you won't want to miss our upcoming events!



First Friday Join us tonight!

May 1st, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Our museum staff will be hosting a 3-strand bracelet activity, and we are debuting a new traveling exhibit, Alaska's Field of Dreams: America's Pastime in the 49th State. Come enjoy the new exhibit, make a bracelet, and explore our gallery with free admission. All are welcome.

Supported by the City of Kodiak.

Cooking With Root Vegetables on Kodiak: Clues from Archaeological Cooking Pots and Historic Accounts

Join us May 6th from noon to 1:30pm for a special lecture by guest archeologist Trevor Lamb. Trevor will present on harvesting and cooking root vegetables, and how chemical analysis of 500-year-old cooking pot residues reveals how plant foods were used in meals. The lecture will be available in-person at the Alutiiq Museum Workshop or online with Microsoft Teams.



[Event Details](#)



Artist Residency: Jessica Towns-Camara

May 13th - 15th

Jessica Towns, M.S. (she/her) is a Sugpiaq/Alutiiq artist, educator, and cultural advocate, and an enrolled citizen of the Native Village of Pilot Point. She currently serves as co-director of the Pacific Northwest Alutiiq Culture Camp, where she leads intergenerational programming that uplifts Alutiiq language, art, and lifeways. As a practicing artist, Jessica creates contemporary work rooted in ancestral knowledge —blending materials like fur, salmon skin, and beads with modern techniques to explore themes of identity, resilience, and cultural continuity.



2-Strand Necklace Workshop

May 13th
10:30am-Noon

Learn about an ancestral Sugpiaq necklace at the Phoebe Hearst Museum, and her reintroduction of the two-strand design. Participants will learn to make their own with provided materials. Open to tribal members.

[Registration](#)



Museum Research Presentation

May 14th
5:30pm-7:00pm

Jessica Towns-Camara & Veronica Johnson will present "Exploring the Alutiiq Museum Collections: Research and Artistic Inspiration" in a hybrid learning event at the museum workshop and streaming. All are welcome.

[Registration](#)



Kugyasiruaq Net Necklace

May 15th
9:00am-3:00pm

This hands-on workshop will share research on two historic Sugpiaq Kugyasiruaq ("Like a Net") necklaces at the Smithsonian, followed by instruction on how to make them with provided materials. Open to tribal members.

[Registration](#)

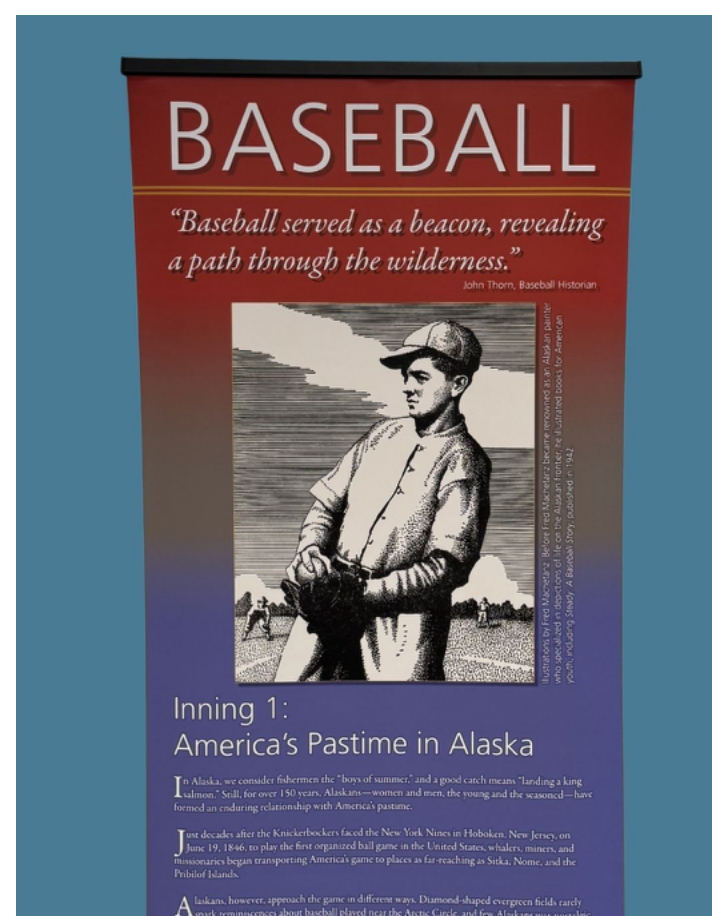
This artist residency is supported by The Alutiiq Heritage Foundation, Afognak Native Corporation, and the Kodiak Island Traditional Arts project (Grant Number 90NK0207) from the Administration for Native Americans.



Paddle Crewneck

These wonderfully cozy crewneck sweaters depict screen-printed paddles against a soft mint background. The Alutiiq paddles on this sweater were designed by museum staff and are drawn from traditional Alutiiq themes.

[Shop](#)



Traveling Exhibit

The "Alaska Fields of Dreams: Baseball in America's Far North" traveling exhibit celebrates and explores 150 years of Alaskan baseball history through 9 panels created by the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology for the America250 Alaska project.

Available to view at the Alutiiq Museum May 1st - May 22nd.



Karluk Bridge, 1976. Courtesy of Wanda Katelnikoff-Harris.

Membership Matters

Support our journey to bridge the past with the present. Friends, think of all the things you do each month. What if one of them was supporting the Alutiiq Museum? If you believe we are stronger when we understand history, if connecting to Native culture inspires you, make a monthly donation.

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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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