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This month's spotlight features the Kodiak Arts Council's member organization, Whale Fest Kodiak. Whale Fest Kodiak is a 10-day long celebration of the return of Eastern Pacific Gray Whales to Alaskan waters. It also celebrates the presence of other marine mammals inhabiting and migrating through Kodiak's waters. Whale Fest Kodiak provides a forum for local and national marine mammal scientists, historians, and cultural researchers to share their findings and observations with the Kodiak community. The event brings together organizations, agencies, schools and individuals.

Whale Fest Kodiak was the first Whale Fest established in Alaska. It was modeled off a similar Whale Fest in Monterey, CA.

Susan Payne started Whale Fest Kodiak. She wanted to highlight the northbound spring migration of the gray whales as many people were not aware that the whales traveled so close to the island at the time. She also thought that it would be a good event for spring.

The first year of Whale Fest was organized in a couple of weeks and lasted a week. Payne's neighbors out at Anton Larsen Island created homemade posters. There were whale watch-

ing days out at Narrow Cape, a local speaker from the Alutiiq Museum, and an exhibit of the Old Whaling photography at the Baranov Museum. The Whale Alert program started that year, and Marion Stirrup made the brochure. Whale Fest Kodiak has grown from there.

Currently, Whale Fest Kodiak is preparing for their 15th year. The events for this year are scheduled April 22nd through May 4th. Events include lectures, poetry, shark dissections, films, a children's art show in the High School foyer, children activities, an art show by local artisans, sea shanties, and whales alerts. The Art Show will be on display at the Next Page, April 23rd through May 15th. The schedule of events flyer is included in the April 2010 Newsletter.

Whale Fest Kodiak usually has between five to twenty active volunteers. They meet one or two times a month from November to April. If you are interested in joining please contact Cheryl Nugent 539-2266 or Cindy Trussell 486-1224



2010 Artwork by Robert Wagner

Call for Art

ASCA ANCHORAGE FISH HATCHERY

The Alaska State Council on the Arts Percent for Art Program is requesting qualifications from artists for interior and exterior artwork to be commissioned for the Department of Fish and Game Anchorage Sport Fish Hatchery located in Anchorage, Alaska at Elmendorf Air Force Base. Estimated Total Art Budget \$700,000 USD. This RFQ is open to all state-wide and national artists and teams of artists. **Entry Deadline: 4/22/10**

GATES OF THE ARCTIC NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Deadline: 5/1/2010.

At Gates of the Arctic, there is one Artist-in-Residence patrol each year. The selected artist (or artists) accompanies a Park Ranger on a backcountry patrol. Patrols may accommodate the artist to a certain extent, but artists must be both physically fit enough to attempt such a journey and possess the skills and experience for extended, rigorous wilderness travel. The artists provide their own food, art supplies, camping and backpacking gear, and transportation to and from Coldfoot, Alaska. The Park supplies transportation originating and ending in Coldfoot, watercraft and associated equipment for float trips, and bear resistant food containers for all trips. Pets are not allowed. The artist proposes an art project inspired by their residency that will be donated to the park and to agree to make at least one public presentation about their experience within one year. Contributed works become park property and are placed on public display or performed within the community. Collaborative projects, and programs that coordinate with local schools and organizations are encouraged.

KODIAK'S FIRST WEARABLE ART SHOW Interested artists please contact Bonnie Dillard 486-4607

WHALE FEST KODIAK ART SHOW

We are looking for artists whose work is inspired by our island. Drop off original "ocean inspired" creations, ready to display, at The Next Page Book Store on Rezanof next to Mill Bay Coffee on **Thursday, April 22nd by 6 pm.** Please limit to 3 unviewed pieces per entry. Pieces must have title, price, and artist contact information attached. 20% of all sales will be donated to Whale Fest. Contact Liz Mitchell 486-0884 for more information.

Partners in Education

KODIAK TEACHING ARTISTS TRAINING PROGRAM Spring 2010

In this 6 week (12 hours) workshop series, artists will receive in-depth training emphasizing how to work effectively with students of all ages in varied settings as a Teaching Artist. Each session features expert teachers, administrators and consultants who share knowledge, skills and techniques to equip artists to work effectively in Kodiak classrooms and beyond.

What you will get:

- Better understanding of what teachers are expected to teach in terms of state standards and district curriculum.
- Proven classroom management strategies
- Help with designing and writing lessons or a unit to be used in a Teaching Artist residency in a school in the Kodiak Island Borough School District or beyond
- Opportunity to field test one or more of your lessons and get feedback from local teachers
- Dialogue and community building among local artists and educators about teaching in and through the arts.

Each two hour session will be held at the **KHS Library from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.**

COST: \$30 for the series of 6 workshops.

At the end of the series complete a KODIAK TEACHING ARTIST APPLICATION and become one of the "**Teaching Artists Certificate**" who will be added to a roster for use by all local schools as they plan for artist residencies and workshops. In the fall the roster will be added to the Kodiak School District and Kodiak Arts Council webpages. You will also be invited to submit your resume, photos from lessons you have taught and other materials. AND you can also submit an application to the Alaska State Council on the Arts Artist in Residence program as well, opening the door to do residencies in communities outside Kodiak in urban and rural Alaska.

Spring 2010 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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| Session #1: | STATE STANDARDS AND DISTRICT CURRICULUM |
| Date: | April 15 |
| Session #2: | BRAIN RESEARCH AND MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES |
| Date: | April 22 |
| Session #3: | DYNAMIC LESSON PLANNING AND TEACHING STRATEGIES |
| Date: | April 29 |
| Session #4: | CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT |
| Date: | May 6 |
| Session #5: | MAKING IT HAPPEN: FOSTERING CREATIVITY, COLLABORATION, & COOPERATION IN THE CLASSROOM |
| Date: | May 13 |
| Session #6: | WORKING IN CLASSROOMS: HOW DO YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN? |
| Date: | May 20 |

This series is limited to **20 artists** so **REGISTER NOW.**
Call the KAC at 486-5291 or email Kodiak-arts-council@gci.net

This series is sponsored and financially supported by the Alaska State Council on the Arts, Kodiak Arts Council, and the Kodiak Island Borough School District.

Education in the Arts

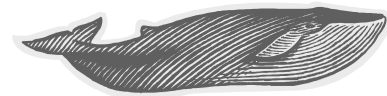
Sum'Arts For Kids

The Sum'Arts 2010 brochure is now available on our website: kodiakartscouncil.org. This summer promises to be an exciting one. In the visual arts, we have camps ranging from working with paints to working with glass. On the music side of things, there are camps for beginning musicians and for experienced musicians. There are camps to sing in and camps to learn about percussion. For those students interested in the performing arts, we have camps in theatre. There is a camp to learn about improvisation and acting techniques and we have a camp on musical theatre. With just over twenty different camps, Sum' Art's for Kids is sure to have your child learning, laughing, and creating.

Sum'Arts is a wonderful way to expose your child to the arts. Study of the arts can increase motivation, contribute to a positive self-image, provide an outlet for expressing emotions and help develop creative and intuitive thinking processes not always inherent in other academic pursuits. Please contact the instructor directly to register for camps. Some financial-need tuition assistance grants are available. To apply please fill out an application and return it to the Kodiak Arts Council office by Monday May 10, 2010. Applications are available at the Kodiak Arts Council office and on our website.

Calendar

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| April 9 | Island Trails Network Film Festival KHS Commons 6pm |
| April 9, 10, & 11 | The Shape of Things KHS Theatre Troupe 7 pm Gerald C. Wilson Drama Pod |
| April 10 | Spring Jazz Dance Fundraising Event Harbor Convention Center Doors 8pm |
| April 16 | Fishermen Out Loud: Kodiak, Fishing and the Sea 7pm Gerald C. Wilson Auditorium |
| April 17 | Marine Inspired Art at the Ocean Science Discovery Lab 2pm-4pm Kodiak Fisheries Research Center on Near Island |
| April 15-17 | COMFISH |
| April 22 | Happy Earth Day! |
| April 23 | Kodiak's 3rd Annual Children's Fair 10am-2pm, KHS Commons |
| April 23-May5 | Whale Fest Kodiak –The Circle of Life See brochure for details |



The Shape of Things

By Neil Labute

April 9, 10 8:00pm
And April 11 at 3:00pm
Gerald C. Wilson
Auditorium Drama Pod

Tickets: \$6.00

Directed by Lissa Woodbry Jensen

An intimate and mature performance that questions just what "is" acceptable in the name of "Art"

Post-play discussion with cast and audience members moderated by Veronica Costa-Bolton



SPRING WING RAFFLE

Tickets on sale at Safeway April 10



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What's Next!

Kodiak Arts Council 2010-2011 Season

Next month we will be announcing the Kodiak Arts Council's 2010-2011 Performing Arts Series lineup. There is a total of ten acts scheduled for the season. These range from music to theatre to dance. Look for more information on the website in May!