



Alaska State Council on the Arts

2011 GOVERNOR’S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

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Ten outstanding citizens from around the state were recently selected by Governor Parnell as the 2011 recipients of the Governor’s Awards for the Arts and Humanities. For the first time, a shared arts and humanities award will be presented to Anchorage School District Superintendent **Carol Comeau** in recognition of her support for the arts and humanities in the education of all students in Anchorage.

2011 Recipients of the Governor’s Awards for the Arts and Humanities are:

Arts Awards:

Margaret Nick Cooke Award for Alaska Native Arts and Languages: Dr. Maryanne Allan (Fairbanks)

Individual Artist Award: Arthur William “Bill” Brody (Fairbanks)

Lifetime Achievement: Jeff Brown (Juneau)

Business Leadership: Mike Powers, Chief Executive Officer, *Fairbanks Memorial Hospital* (Fairbanks)

Arts Advocacy: Tom Heywood (Haines)

Business Leadership: Mike McCormick, Owner, *Whistling Swan Productions* (Eagle River)

Shared Arts and Humanities Special Award: Carol Comeau, Superintendent, Anchorage School District (Anchorage)

Humanities Awards:

Jim Rearden, writer and historian, Homer

Ray Barnhardt and Oscar Kawagley (posthumous), *UAF Center for Cross Cultural Studies* (Fairbanks)

For more information about the Governor’s Awards for the Arts and Humanities, call the Alaska State Council on the Arts at 907.269.6610 or visit: www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca

The awards will be presented during a dinner event at the Hotel Captain Cook on Wednesday, Oct. 19. The awards are sponsored by the Alaska State Council on the Arts, the Alaska Humanities Forum and the Office of the Governor.

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