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JUNEAU ARTIST TO TALK AT ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

JUNEAU -- Juneau artist Dan Fruits, who is currently exhibiting his paintings at the Alaska State Museum in Juneau, will present an illustrated lecture and exhibit walk-through of his work on Saturday, November 14, at 2:00 p.m. The event is free.

Fruits' chosen images are often Alaska landscapes and village scenes. He utilizes expressionistic brushwork to bring out the psychological overtones of his subjects. He lives at Tee Harbor in Juneau, and the paintings in this show focus on scenes of Lynn Canal, with other images inspired by travel to Alaska villages that he did in the past.

Fruits studied art and education at Ball State University in Indiana and has taught studio art at both Ball State and the University of Alaska Southeast, in Juneau. As a student he served apprenticeships in both London and Paris. He has several percent-for-art commissions in Alaska and his work has been included in the biennial All Alaska Juried Art Exhibition a number of times. Among his previous exhibitions in Juneau was a 1996 multi-media performance piece based on the wreck in Lynn Canal of the passenger steamer, Princess Sophia.

Hours at the museum are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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