

CRAFTING COMMUNITY: A FAIRBANKS ARTS

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Maker Offers Gift Cards



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- * Visit a maker's website, send them an email, or message them on their preferred social media platform to learn when/where you can visit their storefront or to coordinate a studio visit.

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Interior Alaska is bursting with creativity, and we want to continue celebrating makers like you. Whether it is your full-time career or a part-time dream project, you belong in this guide. Want to be featured in the 2027 Gift Guide? Scan the QR code to complete an interest form and stay connected.



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A NOTE FROM THE

CREATORS

What began in 2022 as a simple list of local makers shared in Brianna's newsletter has grown into a tradition that our community looks forward to every November. Now an annual initiative of Fairbanks Arts Association, *Crafting Community* continues to grow each year into something more: a celebration of the people behind the products, the hands behind the handmade, and the community that sustains them.

Now, more than ever, *Crafting Community* is our commitment to "made-by-humans" and a reminder that creativity isn't automated. It is experienced through play, wonder, and curiosity. It is practiced, lived, and cultivated. *Handmade* is informed by culture, life experiences, histories, and dreams— characteristics that are painfully, beautifully, and *utterly human*. Every artist, craftsperson, and small business featured in these pages represents a piece of the living, breathing, creative spirit that defines our Interior Alaskan communities.





The Gift Guide is designed to be a year-round resource, not just a holiday tool. Keep it handy for birthdays, housewarmings, thank-you gifts, or anytime you want to support local artists and small businesses. Your next favorite maker might be in its pages.

Thank you for choosing local and handmade. Together, we can uplift Alaskan creativity and artistry, be the engines of success for our local economy, and find deeper connection with one another through the hundreds of stories embedded in Alaskan creations.

Together, we can craft community.

With gratitude,

Brianna Reagan, artist and small business owner, & Jess Peña, executive director at Fairbanks Arts

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MEET THE COVER ARTIST

on the cover: "Night Raven" by Arisa Sasaki, 2022



the art of ARISA SASAKI



This year's cover features Night Raven, a striking reduction linocut by printmaker Arisa Sasaki. Her hand-carved, hand-printed imagery reflects the craft, intention, and artistry that define so many Interior Alaska makers. We were delighted to sit down with Arisa to learn more about her creative process and inspiration.

Tell us a little about how your relationship with art began:

I've loved making art since I was a kid, but it was in college that I really discovered printmaking and I instantly got hooked. There's something grounding about the process, but it also feels like magic. It's a long and sometimes difficult process, but that's exactly what I love about it.

What brought you to Fairbanks? What made you stay?

I first came to Alaska from Japan in 2011, and honestly, I didn't know I'd stay this long. But I met my husband, got married, and now we have a family so Fairbanks gradually became home. Fairbanks has this warm, creative community that makes you feel like you belong and want to stay.

What inspires you right now?

Lately, my biggest inspiration is my two-year-old daughter. Her curiosity and the way she finds joy in little things are endlessly interesting to me. I still feel influenced by Alaska's nature, but motherhood has definitely added a new layer of warmth and humor to how I see the world.

What does your creative process looks like?

It usually starts with a small spark of an idea. Then I spend a lot of time struggling to draw it out the way I imagine it... like, a lot of time. Once I can see the final image, it's hard to think about anything else because I just want to make it into a print. I'll keep working and try to finish it as soon as possible. Yes, I get very impatient sometimes.



Pictured: "Bluejay" by Arisa Sasaki

What themes follow you from piece to piece?

Nature, cultural identity, and a sense of playfulness. I'm always drawn to organic shapes, patterns from plants or animals, and colors that feel alive. Recently, I've been mixing Japanese motifs with Alaskan imagery to express where I come from and where I am now.



Living here, it's easy to feel the distance and quiet, but making art gives me a reason to reach out, share joy, and connect with people around me."

What does creating in Interior Alaska mean to you?

Creating in Interior Alaska is more than just making prints. It's a way to stay connected in a place that can sometimes feel lonely. Living here, it's easy to feel the distance and quiet, but making art gives me a reason to reach out, share joy, and connect with people around me. For me, creating here is also a way to escape isolation and stay engaged with the world outside my home.

What challenges come with being an artist, and what has kept you going?

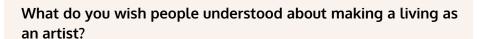
Time is my biggest challenge right now. Between motherhood and life, it's hard to find long stretches in the studio, especially since I get very impatient when I'm working on prints. But I remind myself that this is just one season of life. Even if I'm not producing much, I'm still observing, collecting ideas, and growing. What keeps me going is knowing that art and community will always be there waiting when I return to them.

Are there specific challenges or barriers you face as an artist in Interior Alaska?

The distance can be hard. Supplies are expensive, opportunities are limited, and balancing art with motherhood makes studio time difficult. I used to make prints at UAF's studio surrounded by many inspiring artists, but creating alone now in my own space

sometimes feels lonely. I think having more printmaking studios could make a huge difference here.

It's not just about selling, it's about connecting. "



That it's a constant balance. Behind every piece, there's so much unseen time like sketching, experimenting, mistakes (and more mistakes), setup, cleanup. Selling art is only one small part of the artist's life. It's rewarding, but it takes dedication, flexibility, and a lot of patience... and sometimes tears.

What does crafting community mean to you?

For me, it's about sharing knowledge, space, and encouragement. At local markets, I love talking with people, hearing their reactions, and getting to know other makers. It's not just about selling, it's about connecting. Every person who stops by and talks about art adds something to that sense of belonging. That's the kind of community I want to keep building here.

What do you hope people feel from your art?

If someone looks at my work and feels a little happier, or just smiles for a moment, that's the best thing I could hope for. I try to capture small joys and moments that people living in Alaska might recognize. The kind of shared, everyday beauty that connects us. I want my work to feel bright and positive, like a small reminder of warmth and light in a long winter.













Follow along with Arisa's work on Instagram IG: @arisalaskarts

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Fungi Fire Chili Crisp

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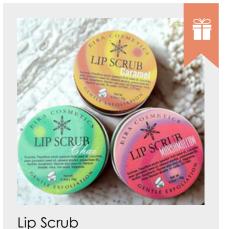
Glass Mosaic Musk Ox **Lola Bug Creations** IG: @lolabugcreations



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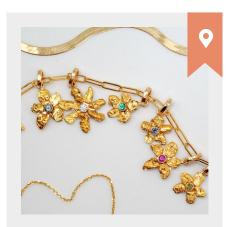
Gilded Antler Earrings **DUO Goods**IG: @duo_goods



Eira Cosmetics
IG: @eirafromalaska



Dichroic Aurora Earrings **Expressions in Glass**IG: @expressionsinglassak



Gold Nugget Flower Charms

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Handmade, Cold Process Soap Cozy Crooked Cottage, LLC IG: @cozycrookedcottageak



Porcupine Earrings **Rachel David** IG: @RachelDavid00



Mt. Deborah Earrings Still Winter Studio stillwinterstudio.com



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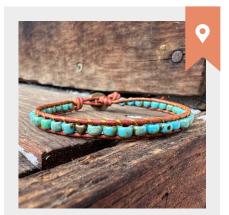
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Handmade Metal Artwork Vibrance Metal Art IG: @Vibrancemetal



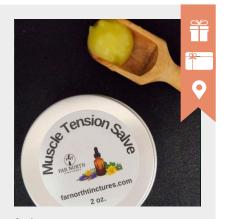
Turquoise & Silver Ring **Wild Designs** IG: @wilddesignsak



Single Wrap Bracelet Lala Bead Wrap Bracelets IG: @Lalabeadwrapbracelets



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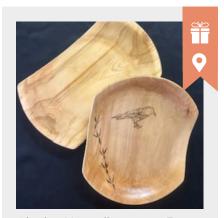
HOLIDAY & SEASONAL



Pumpkin Pulitzer Crackers

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Alaska Hors d'oeuvres Tray **Birchleaf Turning**IG: @birchleafturning



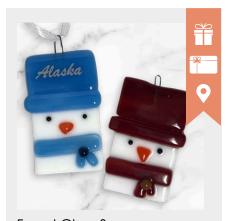
Birch Lake Moose Ornament **DotalongAK**IG: @dotalongak



Dried Flower Wreath

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Fused Glass Snowmen **Expressions in Glass**IG: @expressionsinglassak



2026 Art Calendar **Jill Richie Art** IG: @jill.richie.art



Custom Sugar Cookies **Sugarlicious_AK**IG: @sugarlicious_ak



Glass Mosaic Fireweed Magnet **Lola Bug Creations**IG: @lolabugcreations



Wood Ornaments **Sara Tabbert Studio**IG: @saratabbert









Watercolor Ornaments Knezek.Art IG: @Knezek.Art



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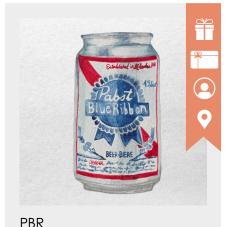
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Custom Sugar Cookies **Sugarlicious_AK**IG: @sugarlicious_ak



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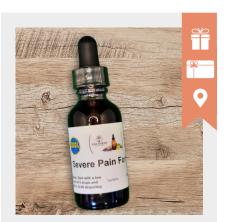
Brianna Reagan Creates

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Artisan Pasta **Boreal Woods Mushroom Farm**IG: @borealwoodsmushrooms





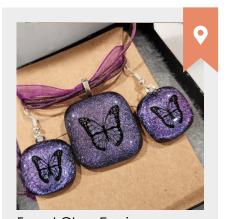
Severe Pain Formula Far North Tinctures LLC IG: @far.north.tinctures



Alaska Range Print (8x10) **Raining Joy Arts** IG: @rainingjoyarts



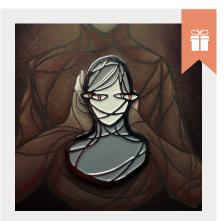
Birds of AK Greeting Cards **Rawser Spicer Art** www.rawserspicerart.com



Fused Glass Earrings Little Patch Of Heaven Art Studio and Farm IG: @littlepatchofheavenartstudio



Alaskan Bird Stickers Bird Ninja Art IG: @birdninjaart



The Watcher Enamel Pin **Danie Stromanthe** IG: @lackadayart



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We create impactful initiatives that honor the soul of this place.
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Everything we make is done on purpose. Nothing exists just to fill a space. We build with care. We design with intention. We show up with love. Because we know that the more we invest in Fairbanks, the more Fairbanks grows into the place we all imagine it can be.

Our work is guided by authenticity, creativity, collaboration, sustainability, and heart. We believe in creating experiences that feel warm, accessible, honest, and deeply local. We believe in crafting spaces where people feel safe to dream, make, gather, and belong. And above all, we believe that our city is strongest when we create and celebrate together.

We will not always do it perfectly, but we will always do it with heart and thoughtfulness. With the kind of care that honors the people who call this place home.

Fairbanks, thank you for trusting us, welcoming us, and creating alongside us. Thank you for your golden hearts, your big ideas, your long winters and late nights, your commitment to art, to small business, to culture, to each other.

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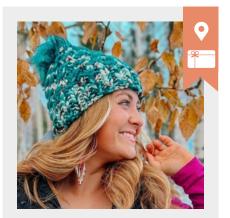
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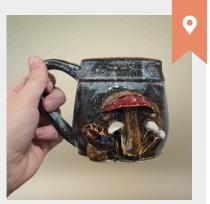
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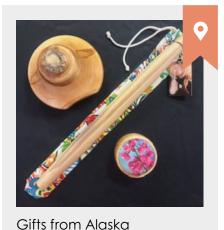


Little Patch Of Heaven Art Studio and Farm

Wheel-thrown Stoneware Mug IG: @littlepatchofheavenartstudio



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Crystal & Concrete Creations **Passionate Gem**

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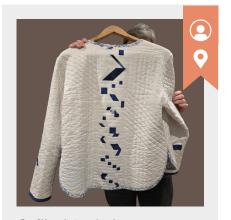
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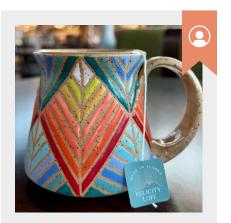
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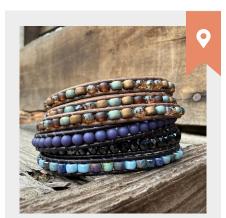


Enamel Earrings **Tammy Holland Studios**IG: @tammyrholland



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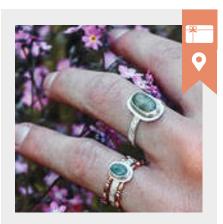
Bird Migration Earrings **Raining Joy Arts**IG: @rainingjoyarts



Hand-printed Apparel **Printworthy**IG: @printworthyarts



Beaded Triangle Earrings **Still Winter Studio**stillwinterstudio.com



Alaska Collection 2025 **The Barren Co.**IG: @thebarrenco



Forget-me-not Silver Earrings **Maganda Flowers** IG: @magandaflowers6



Cyanotype Vintage Jacket **AK Sunprints**IG: @aksunprints



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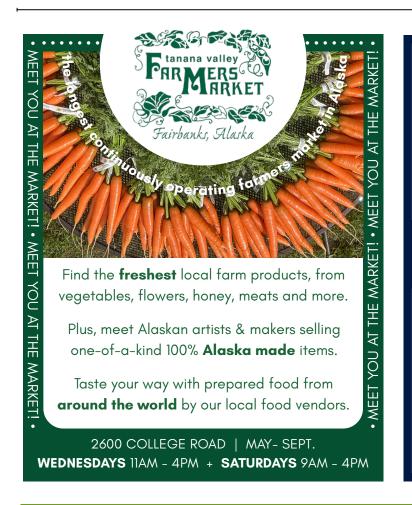
Embroidered Birch Earrings Evolutionary Thread Designs IG: @Evolutionary_Thread



Beaded Medicine Bag Set Athabascan Aimee FB: Aimee Nollner



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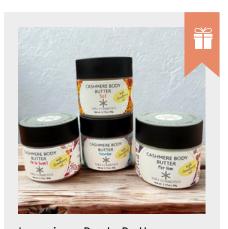
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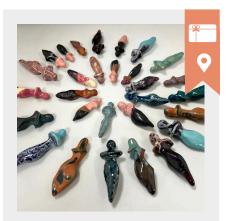
Luxurious Body Butter **Eira Cosmetics** IG: @eirafromalaska



Boreal Inspiration Cards

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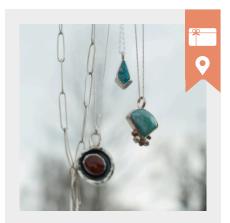
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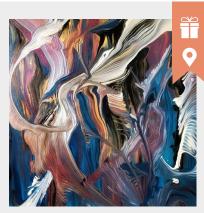
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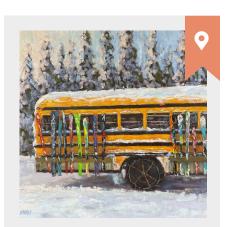


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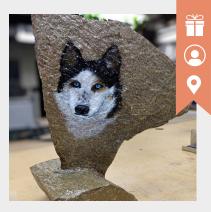
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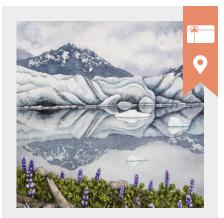
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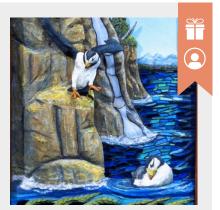
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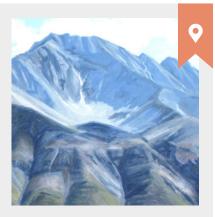
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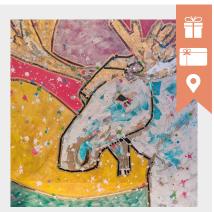
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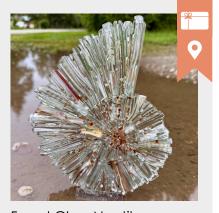
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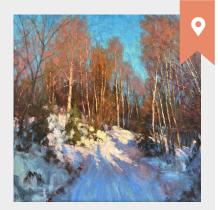
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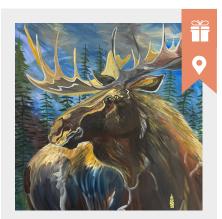
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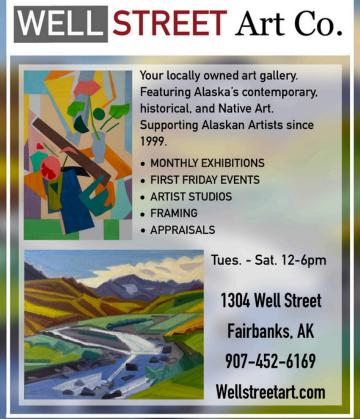


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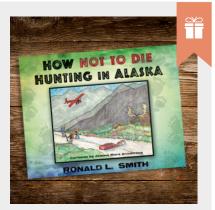
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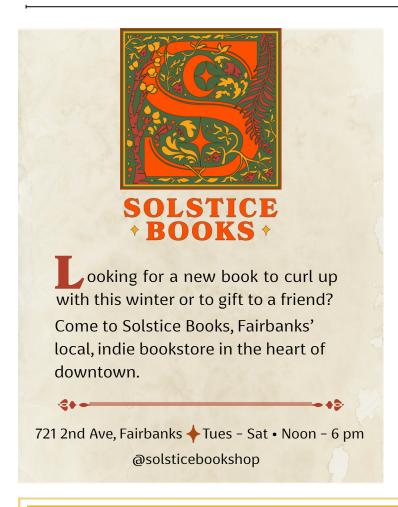


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Services

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Advocacy

We build public awareness of the arts through its programs, communications, and partnerships, and serve on cross-sector committees to ensure arts access remains a priority in the Interior. This longstanding commitment has been recognized with three Alaska Governor's Arts & Humanities Awards: Fairbanks Arts received the Arts Advocacy Award in 2001; former executive director June Rogers earned the Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award in 2016; and current executive director Jess Peña received the Arts Advocacy Award in 2024.

Events

Fairbanks Arts and Fairbanks North Star Borough partner on family-friendly events that bring together arts, music, and fun for all ages in our community spaces. Chena Lake Art & Music Festival, held at the scenic recreation area, features art vendors, food trucks, live music, and youth activities. Our Community Arts & Crafts Rummage Sale, held in spring or fall of each year, is a sale you don't want to miss! Handmade Holiday Market, a beloved tradition, takes over Pioneer Park on the last Saturday in November, offering local art, musical performances, and family activities like story time, free books, and the Santa Train. Guests can also support community projects and charitable causes throughout the day and pick up the newest edition of Crafting Community: A Fairbanks Arts Gift Guide!









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Fairbanks Arts' literary programs connect writers and audiences through free readings, a supportive writers' group, and development opportunities that foster creativity and community engagement.

arts in education

Fairbanks Arts' Artists-in-Schools (AIS) Residencies pair FNSBSD schools with several weeks of high-quality teaching artist instruction. Our **Fairbanks Arts & Cultural Education (F.A.C.E.) School Performances** partnership with local presenting organizations brings K-12 FNSBSD students to diverse performances each school year. **Up With Art**, the annual FNSBSD art show, takes over the Bear Gallery each March during Youth Art Month, featuring hundreds of K-12 student creations.

performing arts

In addition to collaborating with local presenting organizations and musicians on several events throughout the year, Fairbanks Arts brings live entertainment to the community with free summer performances in Pioneer Park, offering residents and visitors alike the chance to enjoy music, theater, and dance in a vibrant, outdoor setting.

visual arts

Fairbanks Arts' Bear Gallery is host to several exhibitions by Alaskan artists throughout the year. In addition to art shows, we offer workshops, connect artists to resources, and feature Interior Alaskan artists in our Gift Shop. Learn more about the Bear Gallery and Gift Shop on the next page!

Bear Gallery and Gift Shop

The Bear Gallery and Gift Shop, managed by Fairbanks Arts with the help of volunteer docents, showcases the creativity and vibrancy of Alaskan artists. **The Gallery** hosts monthly exhibitions featuring solo, group, curated, juried, and openentry shows across various media, celebrated with an opening reception from 5-7 p.m. on the First Friday of each month. **The Gift Shop** highlights works by over 100 Interior Alaskan artists and authors, making it a go-to destination for unique gifts, with gift cards also available.

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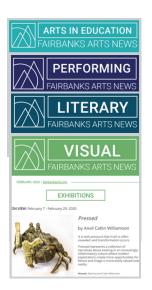
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Individual memberships help sustain the programs, exhibitions, and events that connect artists and audiences throughout Interior Alaska. Whether you're an **emerging artist**, an **educator**, a **creative professional**, or an **arts enthusiast**, your membership keeps the arts alive and thriving in our community. With levels ranging from *Youth* to *Benefactor*, there's a way for everyone to take part in building a vibrant arts community. Members enjoy benefits such as exhibition eligibility, spotlights in Fairbanks Arts communications, and discounts on workshops, submissions, and events.



Affiliate Membership is designed for nonprofits and groups that champion community engagement through the arts. As part of Fairbanks Arts' network, affiliates help promote the vital role of the arts in building a healthy, vibrant Interior Alaska. Membership is valid for one year, with dues based on the organization's annual budget. Join today and help advance a stronger, more connected creative landscape for Interior Alaska. See a list of our affiliate members on page 36.











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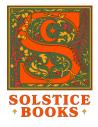












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