

Fairbanks Art Institute becomes information center

The Institute of Alaska Native Arts, the only statewide Native art organization providing programs and services for both traditional and contemporary artists, has expanded its Resource Bank to become an Information Center.

The Resource Bank began in 1979 and lists Native artists by the kind of work they do and geographic area and is used by arts organizations, museums, educators, scholars, and other artists. IANA uses a form to collect information from artists and this information is used to start a file on each artist. Information from publications, newspapers, photographs, slides, and audio tapes are included in each artist's file when available. Information on visual, performing, and literary artists is available as a service for non-profit purposes.

The Resource Bank has been expanded this year to become the Information Center. In the past, IANA provided information on Alaska Native artists. Now we are equipped to provide information to Alaska Native artists. The materials we have on file include

information on copyright, 1% for art commissions, scholarships, competitions, exhibitions, and grants. We also have photographs and slides of Alaska Native art and artists and publications for use by students, educators, artists, and the general public.

The Information Center has been growing rapidly in the past few months with the help of the artists in the Bank as well as those organizations that have provided us with information on services and opportunities available to Native artists.

The Information Center of the Institute of Alaska Native Arts also provides technical assistance to Native artists and arts organizations. If you require assistance with preparation of your portfolio, a proposal for funding, art law, exhibitions, etc., please contact IANA.

If you are an Alaskan Native artist or are part of an organization that provides services to artists, please contact Jean Flanagan, Assistant Director, Institute of Alaska Native Arts, P.O. Box 80583, Fairbanks, Ak. 99708 or call 479-8473.