

Auction raises over \$70,000 for Native park

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The Alaska Native Heritage Park will receive more than \$70,000 — the proceeds from a major auction of traditional and contemporary Native art works held last week.

According to event organizers, the money was raised from the live and silent auction of more than 125 items.

"The response was tremendous. We had a good-sized crowd that knew what they wanted," said Lydia Hays, executive director of the Alaska Native Heritage Park Inc. "The bidding was very lively."

Contemporary and traditional Native art works ranging from ivory and soapstone carvings to beadwork, spirit masks and lithographs went on the auction block.