

Studying artifacts

It's a week of archaeology at the museum

A week-long celebration of archaeology in Alaska will take place this week at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art.

The week's activities, co-sponsored by the National Park Service, Minerals Management Service, Exxon and the museum, include:

Today, 5:30 p.m. — Opening ceremony; light refreshments; viewing a special exhibit, "The Mask: A Year in the life of an artifact," which shows the scientifically correct way to excavate and record an archaeological site, compared to the pot hunters way which leads to loss of information and possible destruction.

The exhibit will remain on view through April 27.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — "The Prehistory of Southwest Alaska," a lecture and slide presentation by Dr. Robert Shaw. Museum auditorium.

Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Film presentation, "People of Utquigvik," the story of the excavation of the frozen family of Barrow. Introduction by Georgeanne Reynolds, U.S. Corps of Engineers. Museum auditorium.

Thursday, 7 p.m. — "Archaeology in Alaska: Three Views from Anchorage," a lecture/slide overview of current research by Dr. William Workman, Dr. David Yesner and Dr. Douglas Veltre, Department of Anthropology, University of Alaska Anchorage. Museum auditorium.

Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon — "Adventures in Archaeology," a hands-on children's program for ages 6 to 12. Young people will learn how to ex-



In the archaeology exhibit will be an Inupiat mask of wood, ivory and baleen.

cavate, help archaeologists record their "finds," learn the scientific secrets involved in a "dig" and create their own artifact to take home. Led by Jeanne Schaaf, National Park Service and Julie Steele, U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Museum Atrium. To assure participation, children can be pre-registered by calling the

museum at 343-4326.

All events for Alaska Archaeology Week at the museum are open to the public free of charge. During public hours, to view the exhibit "The Mask: A year in the life of an artifact," museum admission is \$3 for adults 18 and older, \$2.50 for seniors 65 and older.