

All-Aleut art show opens this week

"Celebrating Our Living Heritage," is the title of an all-Aleut art show and film festival open to the public this week.

The art show will be held in the Portage Room of the Anchorage Hilton Hotel this week, Thursday through Saturday. The film festival will be at

the Anchorage Museum of History and Art Sunday.

The art show will feature

- Sculptures and bentwood pieces by Gert Svarny.

- Wooden masks by Michael Dirks.

- Carvings by Ernest Stepetin.

- Attu baskets by Agnes Thompson.

- Works by other Aleut artists and crafts people.

Many items also will be for sale.

The film festival, beginning at 3 p.m. at the museum will feature, "And the Song Goes On," a film

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The late Sergie Sovoroff of Nikolai is shown demonstrating an Aleut spear and throwing board.

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about Aleut cultural adaptation through music, written and directed by David Hunsaker, who produced "Yupik Antigone."

Also featured will be LAAGUX, a film about the life of the Northern fur seal and the role it plays in the life of the Aleuts of the Pribilof Islands. It is narrated by Patrick Kozloff, an Aleut biologist and Victor Scheffer, a biologist who did the first research of the fur seal beginning in the early 1950s.

The film, AMIG, presents a view of the Pribilofs and the people who live there.

"The Elders Conference of 1979," is an overview of the historical and cultural information gathered from the participants of this conference, the first of its kind to be held in Alaska.

The art show and film festival are being sponsored by the Aleut Institute and run concurrently with The Aleut Corp.'s annual shareholder meetings also being held at the Hilton.

Those who want more information may contact the institute at 522-1323.