

# Arts, crafts show to bring end to long Barrow winter

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Barrow will come alive, after a blustery, dark winter, with the annual Suliavut Arts and Crafts Show and Sale. The Show and Sale are scheduled to be held in Barrow on Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7.

This annual gathering of craftspeople from throughout northern Alaska is expected to be a larger extravaganza than last year. Artists have been invited to submit their self-made items to the Suliavut Council in Barrow for the past month.

There are eight categories in the competition. They include: sculpture and models, jewelry, tools, drawing/painting/ and photography, fabric and yarn, fur and skin work, and masks and etching.

Six judges have been selected to choose the prize winners in each category. Winners in each group will receive cash prizes and a plaque. The Best of Show winner will receive a trophy as well.

There will be 26 cash prizes made this year including: Best of Show, \$1,000, 1st places, \$500 each, 2nd places, \$250 each, 3rd places, \$125 each. The total amount of prize money to be awarded is \$8,010.

After the awards have been made, the Barrow Museum Commission may choose an item for its permanent collection.

The Suliavut Arts and Crafts Show and Sale will be held in Barrow at the Wien Dance Hall on Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7. The Show will be open from noon until 6 p.m. on Saturday. A general Sale of the craft items is open to the public as well and will be held on Sunday, March 8, from 1-4 p.m.

This exciting arts and crafts showing is sponsored by Suliavut Council of Barrow and is funded through the generous contributions of the City of Barrow, Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation and Barrow Utilities and Electric Co-Op.

