

"Survival," Alaska Eskimo art exhibit shows in Anchorage

Inuit artists and artisans from throughout Alaska will be the stars of the show as an exhibit on survival techniques opens Saturday at the Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum.

"Survival: Life and Art of the Alaskan Eskimo," is a project of the Newark Museum on tour around the nation and will be in Anchorage through Aug. 13. Featured artists include Lincoln Milligrock, Nome, (below, right) who was a special guest ivory carver at the Newark Museum while the exhibit was shown there. Milligrock, a native of Little Diomede, carves tusks from the walrus he hunts himself and from ancient ivory found on the Bering Sea coast.

The exhibit also features the works of Peter Mayac of walrus ivory with black engravings (above right). The male loon, and eagle were carved by Mayac in 1973. Formerly of King Island, Mayac now lives in Anchorage.

"Survival" first opened in Newark in March, 1977 and Anchorage is the fifth city in which it has been displayed.



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