

# Two writers to conduct literary residency

Nora Dauenhauer, poet, writer and Tlingit linguist from Juneau, and Joseph Bruchac, Abenaki poet, storyteller and writer from Greenfield Center, N.Y., will be traveling throughout Alaska May 11-23 to conduct a literary residency.

The pair will travel to five communities — Juneau, Fairbanks, Nome, Barrow and Anchorage — to meet with Alaska Native writers, conduct workshops and give public readings.

The residency is sponsored by the Fairbanks-based Institute of Alaska Native Arts with major support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Dauenhauer and Bruchac bring to the residency strong storytelling backgrounds and understand the

subtleties of transforming oral material into written form. In addition, they are both accomplished in contemporary forms of writing and have many published works to their credit. Both have devoted time to working with literary programs in prisons.

Dauenhauer was a guest editor for the publication, *Alaska Native Writers, Storytellers and Orators*, published in 1986 by the *Alaska Quarterly Review*. She and her husband Richard were coordinators for the Alaska Native Writers Conference, sponsored by IANA in 1983.

Bruchac, with his wife Carol, edits *The Greenfield Review*, a press with a long history of publishing Native American writing. He has an exten-



sive background in teaching literary arts, spanning more than 20 years.

A tentative schedule for the residencies is: Juneau, May 12-13; Fairbanks, May 14-16; Nome, May 18-19; Barrow, May 20-21; and Anchorage, May 22-23.

The institute established a literary arts program to assist Alaska Native writers in 1983, at which time the institute sponsored the Alaska Native Writers Conference in Sitka. Since that time, IANA has sponsored a series

of literary residencies, established an annual Howard Rock Poetry Competition and published Alaska Native writing in the *Journal of Alaska Native Arts*, a bi-monthly publication.

Those interested in attending the workshops or readings, or meeting with the writers on a one-to-one basis to discuss their work should contact Jan Steinbright or Rose Atuk Fosdick at IANA, Box 80583, Fairbanks 99708, or call 456-7491 or 456-7406.