

Keepers of the Treasures plan Anchorage meet

The Keepers of the Treasures: Cultural Council of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians will hold its Sixth Annual Conference in Anchorage, Alaska, on Sunday, April 27 through Thursday, May 1, 1997 at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel.

The conference title, "Speaking with Our Ancestors - Preserving Our Native Languages," will highlight the importance of our Native languages, as well as present workshops and panels on how some Native communities are working to pre-

serve and rejuvenate their languages.

This year, the National Museum of the American Indian is conducting a special panel presentation on tribal museums. Presenters will discuss getting started, curatorship, educational and internship opportunities, and building collections. Plans are also underway for a NAGPRA workshop that would be supported by the National Park Service.

Keepers of the Treasures-Alaska (KTA) will be co-hosting the conference with Keepers of the Treasures (KOT). KOT is

comprised of Native people who preserve, affirm and celebrate their cultures through traditions and programs that maintain their Native languages and lifeways. The Keepers protects and conserves places that are historic and sacred to indigenous peoples. It is a national organization comprised of Indian, Alaskan and Hawaiian representatives from around the country. KTA is a sister organization to KOT and performs very similar functions as the national organization, but works only with the Native people of Alaska.