

Ayek to Lead Series of Art Exhibits

The Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum is pleased to announce the beginning of a series of small, one-man art exhibitions to be held monthly in the Multipurpose Room. This series will display the work of artists in various media throughout the state of Alaska.

The first exhibition in the series features the work of Sylvester Ayek, and is scheduled from September 5 through 29. It is the first one-man exhibition that the artist has held.

Slyvester Ayek is known for his sculpture in ivory, stone and other media as well as his prints. The exhibition will contain examples of each of these media. Ayek is currently Sculpture in Residence at the Visual Arts Center of Alaska.

He was born on King Island, Alaska and received his education at the University of Alaska and Alaska Methodist University. Among the exhibitions in which he has participated are the Alaska Festival of Native Arts, the All Alaska Juried Show, and the Arctic Winter Games Invitational Exhibition held at the University of Alaska last winter.

Examples of his work are in the collections of the Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum, the Indian Arts and Crafts Board in Washington, D. C., and the University of Alaska, among others.

Ayek served as an instructor in the Indian Education Program of the Anchorage Borough School District during the winter of 1973-74, and he was guest artist at the Arctic Winter Games in 1974.