

Alaska State Fair—

To Feature Native Arts and Crafts

The 1972 Alaska State Fair will feature a competitive exhibit division for Alaskan Native arts and crafts. The fair is Aug. 16-20.

The division will include classes for beadwork; diamond willow and other forest products; winter clothing including jackets, kuspuks, parkas, and other types; basketry using

baleen, birch, grass, or other materials; dolls; carving; jewelry making; painting; and fur or skin work.

"Although the division was created to encourage Natives to enter exhibits, one does not have to be an Alaskan Native to enter in this division," fair manager Janet Baird said recently.

For those 16-years-old and less, there is a junior Alaskan Native arts and crafts division with the same classes.

The Tanana Valley State Fair Association will award a purple championship ribbon in each class plus a grand championship rosette to the outstanding entry in the junior and senior arts and crafts divisions.

In addition, first, second, and third prize ribbons with cash awards respectively of \$3, \$2, and \$1 may be awarded the best entries in each class category or lot upon judges' decision.

Anyone interested in entering an exhibit should call the fair office at 452-3750 or come to the fairgrounds at 2 mile College Road for an entry blank or write for an entry blank to the Alaska State Fair, Box 188, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99701.