

Art Competition

Awards Announced

FAIRBANKS — Richard Seeganna's "Teak Owl," and Robert Wongittilin's "Silver and Ivory Necklace," were second place winners in the sculpture and crafts divisions of a statewide art competition held early in 1973 by the Exxon Company, USA.

Their award-winning entries are currently on display at the University of Alaska, along with winning entries in all five divisions of the contest.

Norma Sharma's "Sea Life" won third place in the graphics division, Melvin Olanna's "Walrus Head" won first prize in sculpture, and Arnold Gologergen's "Woman" won third prize in sculpture.

Seeganna, from King Island and Nome, is a student at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, as is Wongittilin who is from Savoonga.

Sharma, a resident of College, is a former University of Alaska student; Olanna, from Shishmaref, also studied on the Fairbanks campus as did Gologergen who lives in Savoonga.

The competition included entries in crafts, weaving and basketry, graphic arts, sculpture and block printing. Three prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$200 were offered in each category, and many entries were received from remote villages, as well as major cities and universities.

A three-man panel evaluated the work and the winners represent a cross-section of Alaskan artists, ranging from the well-established to beginners who had never before participated in a major competition.

The exhibition of the winning

works, entitled "The Salon of Alaskan Artists," has been shown in Juneau and Anchorage; leaving Fairbanks it will travel to the Houston Fine Arts Museum and then remain on tour throughout the U.S. for two years.

It will be at the university simultaneously with "Earth, Fire and Fibre," a state craft annual show sponsored by the Alaska Association for the Arts. Coincidentally, Seeganna also won first place in the wood sculpture division of that show for his "Kasaktuag."

Both shows are located in the university's Main Gallery, Room 312 in the art department, Fine Arts Complex. Admission is free, and hours are 12 noon-6 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed Thanksgiving and Friday, Nov. 23).

Joellen Benjamin Fay, Juneau, won first place in crafts for her "Spruce Trees." Third place winner was Martha Parka, Napakiak, for "Parka Trim."

Ree Nancarrow, McKinley Park, won first place in weaving and basketry for "A Ball of Milo." Second and third places went to Paula Dickey of Eagle River for "Shell Form," and to Sophie O. Pletnikoff, Unalaska, for "Aleut Basketry."

Second place in graphic arts went to Mary Sommer, Anchorage, for "Small Village."

Dale DeArmond of Juneau won first place in block printing with her "Spring Comes to Gambell Island." Second and third prizes went to Norma Frick, Anchorage, for "Epitaph to Eskimo Woman," and to Joan Kimura, Anchorage, for "Third Machias."