

Moses' art show

The Alaska State Museum has collected 16 paintings and drawings by widely known and respected Inupiat Eskimo artist Kivatoruk Moses. A large Moses' art show is traveling the state, this summer.

The exhibit is at the Bear Gallery in Fairbanks for the month of June, and will be at the Alaska State Museum in Juneau in July, and the Visual Arts Center of Alaska in Anchorage during August.

Kes Woodward, Curator of Visual Arts for the State Museum, explained "We have known and admired Moses' work for some time, and have acquired a few choice examples as they became available through the years. But one of the most

interesting things about his work is that he constantly returns to several basic themes - Eskimo mermaids, shaman scenes, the appearance of the white man in northern Alaska and the coming of technology."

Moses, known as James to many Alaskans, was born in Cape Espenberg on the Seward Peninsula around 1900. He was a hunter and fur trader until he was hurt in an airplane crash in 1954. He began painting when he could no longer hunt for most of his living.

Moses lives with his wife Bessie in Nome. He has done less work in recent years, because of failing health. Last summer, he was not painting.