

Lecture on Alaska Beads

Alaskan Trade Beads is the subject of a lecture by Catherine M. Davis at the Thursday, April 17, 1986 meeting of the Cook Inlet Historical Society at 8:00 p.m. at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art.

Mrs. Davis will present a brief history of bead manufacture and the sources of beads brought to Alaska by traders from Russia, England, Spain, France and the United States. Slides will show trade routes and regional centers of trade with the Eskimos, Athapaskans, Tlingits and Aleuts, and examples of beads favored by each group.

Mrs. Davis is a retired secondary school administrator in Anchorage and

has collected and researched trade beads throughout her years in Alaska. She is a docent at the Museum, lecturing on Alaskan Native Cultures, the Russian American period and Alaskan art. She is currently Vice President of Cook Inlet Historical Society.

A brief annual meeting of the Society will follow the program, with the election of three individuals to the Board of Trustees. Standing for reelection are Francis W. Parker II, Treasurer, and Program Director Eva Trautmann. Secretary Helen M. Erickson will be leaving the board at this time. Nominations from the floor are invited.