

Galena school hosts artist-in-residence until May

GALENA—Short of classroom space but long on enthusiasm, students of the Galena City School are benefitting from a state-wide program that pays the cost of an artist setting up shop for four months to teach drawing and painting.

Jeff Justin Golden, of Ketchikan, was dispatched to Galena by the Artists-in-Schools program, sponsored by Arts Alaska, Inc., a non-profit group. The program, funded by the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, has made it possible for poets, painters, potters and other artisans to teach their skills to younger students even before they reach high school.

Golden's talents, like those of other artists who set up long-

term residence in rural towns, will be available to other members of the community outside the classroom.

Golden has also taught workshops at the Santa Barbara Arts Institute. He will be living in Galena until May 13.

Communities who want more information about this program should write:

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