

Artists In Schools program broadens students

Thousands of Alaskan students in grades K-12 will again have the opportunity to have their arts education augmented by professional artists who come to their schools through the Artists in Schools program of the Alaska State Council on the Arts.

Artists in Schools (AIS), currently celebrating its tenth year of serving Alaska, places professionals in the literary, performing and visual arts in schools across Alaska for residencies lasting from two to twelve weeks — sometimes even longer.

Last fall, fiber artist Edna Jackson worked for two weeks with students in Dolomi, a floating logging camp community which travels between coves and bays around Prince of Wales Island.

In March, Lorraine Alba will travel to the remote Aleutian community of Atka. While there, she'll conduct a two week visual arts residency with the students of Atka Community Schools and complete a Percent for Art project for the school. The Percent for Art project will entail completion and installation of a panel based on the natural land formations surrounding Atka.

These two residencies are just examples of the more than fifty-five scheduled for the 1985-86 school year.

Artists in Schools program director Jocelyn Young recently announced the availability of applications for artists and schools interested in participating in the program during the 1986-87 school year.

Schools and artists interested in obtaining an application can request one from Young and Associates, the agency contracted to manage the program, at 619 Warehouse Avenue, Suite 238, Anchorage, AK 99501, phone 276-8844.



ABOVE: Artists In Schools artist Jane Lind works with Wassillie Paul at the Arlicaq School in Akiachak during her Theatre Arts residency there with Dana Hart in March of 1985. LEFT: Harding Lampe, ECE student at Cully School in Point Lay, gets his first exposure to working with clay during ceramic artist Josefina Gordh's residency in Point Lay in January of 1985. photos by Artists In Schools Program of the Alaska State Council on the Arts.