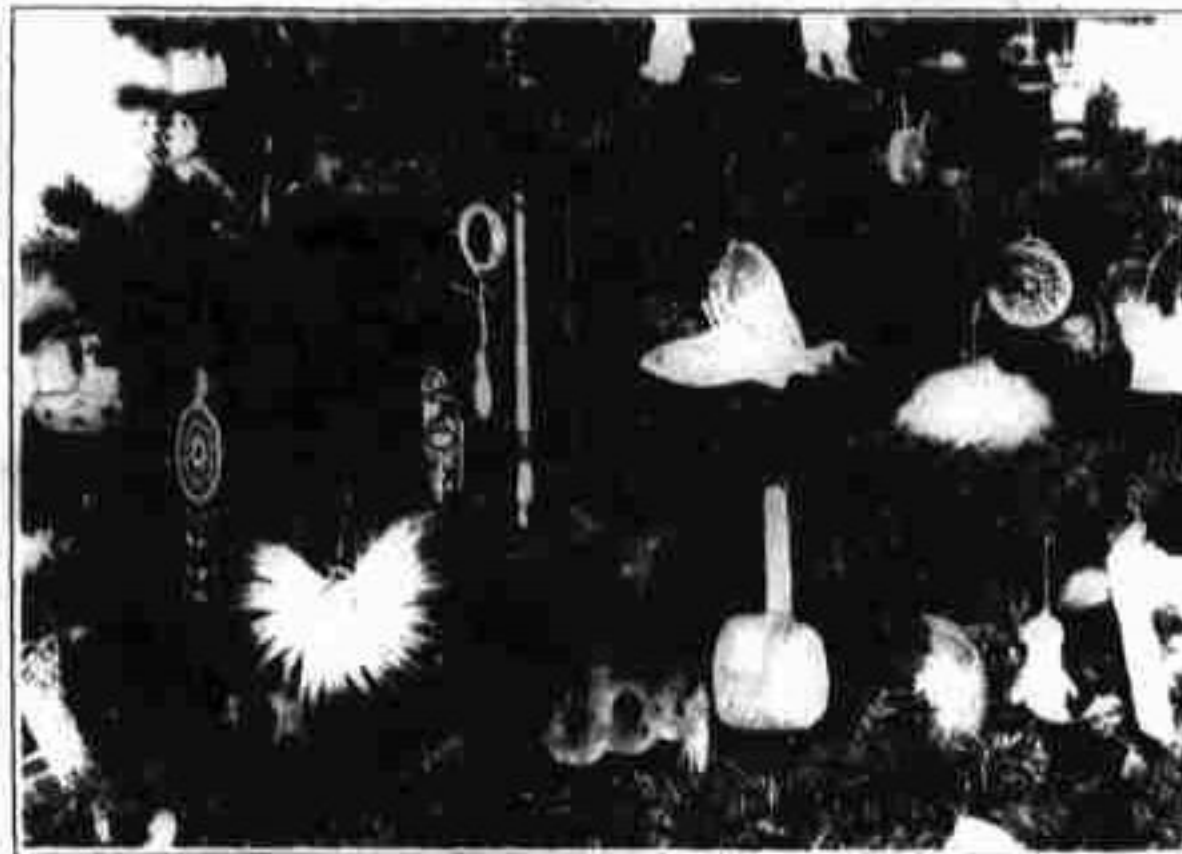


Christmas means making decorations



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A special Christmas tree decorated with miniature Alaska Native crafts is currently on display at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art.

The tree is a project sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Alaska Native Medical Center.

"It's a project for the heritage of the Native people of Alaska, so we encourage all of them to come see their tree," said Jeanne Daugherty, an Auxiliary member.

This is the third year the Auxiliary has been collecting ornaments, and there are more than 100 ornaments on this year's tree.

Ornaments include tiny mukluks sewn by Emilia Kingeekuk and Janet Noonwook of Savoonga and dance fans by Louise Tall of Hooper Bay.

Lina Demoski and Rita Young of Anvik made miniature willow root trays. Rosie Beeter of Anchorage created the seal skin star which tops the tree.

Most of the ornaments will be kept in a permanent collection which will be added to in the years to come.

This Native crafts Christmas tree can be seen on the second floor of the Museum through the end of December.

