

Native art bazaar

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The Fourth Annual Native People's Bazaar, sponsored by the Alaska Native Medical Center Auxiliary, was held Dec. 5 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Many of the artists were former patients at the center who sent in art to be displayed at the bazaar.

"The special thing about this is that we mail out the checks to the artists so that they receive them for Christmas," said Jeanne Dougherty, volunteer and part-time manager of the center's gift shop.

The bazaar, in its fourth year, represents several hundred artists statewide and funds patient benefits as well as a scholarship for Native students in the Anchorage School District.

The shop is always looking for art from around the state, Dougherty said. The shop sells on consignment adding five percent to fund the patient benefits and the scholarship.

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