

Institute to serve Native artists

The Institute of Alaskan Native Arts is looking into the possibility of establishing an information and service exchange center for Native arts within Alaska.

The announcement came Thursday from Nancy Brimhall, executive director of the Institute.

Brimhall said that board members, artists and others interested in the promotion of Alaska Native art met in Anchorage May 18-19 and came up with several project proposals.

Other suggestions included the possibility of funding existing Native art programs or starting new ones, compiling a directory of people actively involved in production of Alaska Native art, and establishment of

a materials and art bank within Alaska. All will be considered at the board's June meeting.

The Institute has a \$25,000 appropriation from the Alaska Legislature and may seek further funding to pursue some of its goals, after the June Meeting, Brimhall said.

Board members include Laura Bergt, Mary Jane Fate, Roger Lang, Thomas Richards, Jr., and Ron Senungetuk. The board has been in existence as a committee since 1973. In 1975, the committee published a study on the need for a Native arts institute.