

# Opportunities for artists

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Happy Spring! Its been a busy, fun month. On March 14 the Institute sponsored a fund-raising dance for our annual Athabascan Old Time Fiddling Festival. The Eagles Hall was packed and alot of musicians showed up to play. Thanks to them, the benefit was successful.

The following information is on opportunities that may be of interest to you:

- The Red Cloud Indian Art Show is sponsored annually by the Heritage Center in South Dakota. This year the 17th annual show runs from June 9 through August 11, 1985. There are five divisions: paintings, water color paintings, graphics, mixed media and three dimensional works. Each division has a merits award. There are also purchase awards and special awards. All works must be for sale and be made by a living artist within the last two years. Indian, Eskimo and Aleut artists are eligible. The deadline for letting them know you are entering work is May 1, 1985 and

the work must be at Red Cloud Indian School before May 22, 1985. For more information and entry forms contact Red Cloud Indian Art Show, Heritage Center, Box 100, Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770.

- The Institute of Alaska Native Arts has scheduled an Alaska Native Basketry Exhibit for July 13 through September 15, 1985 at the University of Alaska Museum in Fairbanks. The exhibit will be dedicated to Selina Peratrovich, Haida basketmaker, recently deceased, who was a lifelong basketmaker and who had been selected to be involved in the exhibit.

The exhibit will feature work by 21 basketmakers who are making baskets especially for this exhibit. Each of the seven indigenous cultures of the State of Alaska will have their baskets represented. Baskets of the style made by Aleut, Athabascan, Tlingit, Haida, Tsimshian, Inupiaq Eskimo and Yupik Eskimo artists will be represented. Not only baskets will be on display, the exhibit will also depict

through photographs and text, the gathering of materials, the processes involved in preparing the material, and basketry techniques.

Demonstrations by seven of the basketmakers are planned for September. The basketmakers will be in residence at the University of Alaska Museum for one week to do demonstrations and to gather for a symposium September 9 through 13. Following the University of Alaska Museum showing the exhibit will travel statewide.

- Alaska Older Persons Action Group wants posters by 5th and 6th grade students for a contest with the theme "Partners For Life: Age and Youth Together." Prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 are being offered. Designs must depict a child and an elder in some activity. The deadline is April 15, 1985. For more information contact Nora McVicar, OPAG, at Zenith 1059.

- The Meat Market Artists Summer Workshop summer session starts July 1 through August 25, 1985. The Workshop is for artists working in the fields of painting, collage, drawing and sculpture. They have scholarships available to help pay for tuition and housing. For more information contact The Meat Market Workshop, P.O. Box 28, Cocheton Center, New York, N.Y. 12727.

- Mendocino Art Center is sponsoring the 1985 Basketry Symposium in Mendocino, California, August 26-30, 1985. There are limited housing accomodations for participants. For more information contact Mendocino Art Center Basketry Symposium, P.O. Box 765, Mendocino, CA 95460 or call (707) 937-5818.