

Two exhibits to highlight Eskimo arts and crafts

Two exhibits highlighting Eskimo crafts will be featured in the second floor atrium cases of the Anchorage Museum of History and Art throughout the summer.

Florence Clement, originally from the Hooper Bay area, is acknowledged as one of the most accomplished Eskimo basket weavers living today. Opening Sunday was a display of 35 of her baskets, dating from 1978 to 1986, from a local private collection.

Clement currently lives in Palmer. Her work has won one fiber award and five honorable mentions in the museum's statewide juried craft exhibition, "Earth, Fire and Fibre."

Eskimo dolls from the museum's collection will also be exhibited. The dolls depict the skinsewing and carving abilities of several well-known dollmakers including Ethel Washington of Kotzebue, Rosalie Paniyak of Chevak, Dolly Spencer of Homer, Susie Paneak of Anaktuvuk Pass, Frank and Ruth Mosquito of Teller, Louise Tall of Hooper Bay and Anna Kungurak of Tooksook Bay.