



Beating Around The Bush

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Last weekend was the Alaska Native Heritage Festival in Anchorage. School aged kids in all grades were touring and experienced first hand Alaska Native Crafts in the working stages. Craftsman and women artists came from as far south as Ketchikan and as far north as Fort Yukon. All shared their craft, dance, and heritage at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. The Anchorage School District also participated. Many of High School Students put long hours of planning to show their part in Native Emphasis Week. Traditional Potlatches, theatre and drama, and art displays drew parents, elementary students and friends from the Alaska Native Heritage Festival to some of the shows put together by the High School Culture Clubs.

Benedict Snowball, Monica Gillett and Betty Lee will be traveling to the Institute of American Indian Arts, Sante Fe, New Mexico. They will travel from April 3 to April 10. They were chosen to travel to visit art museums. Snowball and Gillett have been actively sharing their artistic talents in the Anchorage community. They hope to get more familiar with other art forms in Native American Culture.

With the spring breakup on the way, guessers in the "ice classics" will be checking and double-checking their dates and times between the "Kuskokwim" and "Nenana" ice classics. Good luck and welcome spring and summer.

"Beating Around the Bush" is a new column which we hope to be able to offer on a weekly basis. You can help us out! Is there anything of interest going on in your community? Write to: Bush Beat, c/o Tundra Times, P.O. Box 104480, Anch., AK. 99510. Or call Steve @274-2512. —Ed.