

Museum offers 6 lectures on Alaska Native culture

The Anchorage Museum of History and Art is offering a series of six Native culture lectures.

Co-sponsored by the Anchorage School District Indian Education Program, with assistance from an Alaska Humanities Forum grant, the lectures are free and open to the public or can be taken for graduate credit through the Anchorage School District and Alaska Pacific University.

All lectures will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. in the museum auditorium.

The series includes:

•**Feb. 8** — Father Michael Oleksa will speak on "Pre-modern World View and Aleut Heroes." A well known Russian Orthodox priest, Father Michael once had a parish in Kodiak and has taught at APU, the University of Alaska Fairbanks and Kuskokwim Community College in Bethel. He is returning to Alaska from his current parish in Santa Rosa, Calif.

•**March 8** — Denise Wallace, a contemporary Aleut artist, will speak on "Modern Art and Tradition." Wallace is a nationally known jewelry-maker, who resides in Santa Fe, N.M., and will be in Anchorage to participate in the Alaska Native Heritage Festival which takes place at the museum March 9-12.

•**March 29** — Ellen Hays, A Tlingit Kiksadi from Sitka will lecture on "Tlingit Tradition After Transition." Formerly with the National Park Service in Anchorage and Sitka, Hays will discuss the resurgence of Tlingit

culture with the necessity for modifications in today's world.

•**April 5** — Andrew Balluta, a Park Service Ranger at Lake Clark, will lecture on "The Dina'ina Culture History Project," several volumes of information he and anthropologist Linda Ellana have gathered about the traditional lifeways and social relationships of his Athapaskan people.

•**April 12** — Elsi Mather, a translator and board member of the Alaska Humanities Forum, will present a lecture entitled "Yup'ik Ceremonialism." She will discuss Yup'ik ethos, spiritualism and specific Yup'ik ceremonies. Mather is the author of *Cauyarnariuq: It is Time for Drumming*, a book describing Yup'ik ceremonies and "A Survey of Yup'ik Eskimo Grammar."

•**April 19** — Paul Tiulana, an Inupiat Eskimo from King Island, will speak on "Inupiat Subsistence," traditional Inupiat subsistence, as well as social relationships and Inupiat world view. Tiulana is the leader of the King Island Dancers who have performed frequently at the museum and traveled to Washington, D.C., for the opening of the Smithsonian exhibit "Crossroads of Continents," an exhibit of Arctic materials which will come to the Anchorage Museum in 1991.

Those who want more information about the lecture series and graduate credit may contact Patricia Partnow at 269-2311 in Anchorage.