

Alakanuk Museum of Culture and Nature



The museum is alive and doing quite well. The museum was born as a result of last quarter's Cultural Heritage: Museum Development class. The students from the Native Arts & Crafts classes contributed items they had made to be put on display, along with those done by the Museum class members. As a result of this beginning effort, more than thirty artifacts and items are now on display. Displayed items now include: carved spoons, ladles, bowls, seal lures, snow goggles, dolls, toys, masks, blubber lamps, mukluks, blackfish traps, dog sleds, diagram of beaver snares, a seal retriever. Persons who have made or loaned things are: Ester James, Edna James, Rebecca Damian, Max Agayar, James Challiak, Diane Stanislaus, Don Howard, Sandy Joseph, Joann Jorgensen, Peter Bob, Julianna Damian, Benjie Edmond, Juanita Phillip, and Renate Howard.

In addition to the display case in the gymnasium, the science room also contains many examples of our Native wildlife, many of which will become a permanent part of the museum. New additions will be forthcoming including a written history of the Catholic Church and the National Guard in Alakanuk.

If anyone has something to loan or donate to the museum, it will be greatly appreciated and well taken care of.

Jerry Howard is the museum director.