

Arts council has contests and grants

For programs

The Alaska State Council on the Arts is now accepting applications for arts projects to be undertaken during the period July 1, 1980, to June 30, 1981. All interested not-for-profit organizations are invited to send proposals to the Council in Anchorage.

In order to be considered with the first round of grant requests, each interested applicant must file, on or before March 31, 1980, a "letter of intent" stating the nature of the project, the total cost of the undertaking, and the grant amount requested of the Council. The Council will then send appropriate application forms.

Proposals are accepted throughout the year, but applicants should note that essentially all available grant monies are awarded by the Council at its first grants session, to held June 1980. Any grant requests for funds in excess of \$500 should be received by the March 31, 1980 deadline.

Funding for these grants is made available by the State of Alaska and the National Endowment for the Arts. The exact amount of funding available will not be known until after the current legislative session.

Paintings

The State Council on the Arts is also sponsoring a statewide competition for painters. The purpose of the competition is to provide Alaska painters an opportunity to have their works juried by nationally-known curator and art historian Dianne P. Vanderlip, Curator, Contemporary Art, Denver Art Museum.

No watercolor paintings will be accepted for the 1980 painting competition. Deadline for entry in the competition is Monday, June 2, 1980. Artists are



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limited to three entries, with no size restrictions.

A limited number of entries will be selected by the juror for inclusion in an exhibition to be shown in Fairbanks, Juneau and Anchorage. Of those in the exhibition, one work may receive a Juror's Choice Award of \$1,000. Four works may receive Merit Awards of \$500 each.

A complete prospectus for the painting is available from the Council. For more information, contact Chris D'Arcy, Visual Arts Director, 619 Warehouse Avenue, Suite 220, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Phone (907)279-1558.

Poetry

The State Council is sponsoring a competition for resident poets.

The competition is limited to 1-, 2- or 3-page poems, but may

not exceed either three pages in length, or three poems in total. There are no restrictions as to style and content. Only original, previously unpublished poetry may be submitted.

Judges for the competition are John Haines, William Stafford and Carolyn Forché. Deadline for the competition is May 15, 1980.

The Council may award as many as eighty purchase awards of \$35 each. In addition, ten purchase award winners may receive merit awards of as much as \$150 each. The Council will publish all winning entries in an anthology.

For more information on the poetry competition, contact Cindy Smith, Alaska State Council on the Arts, 619 Warehouse Avenue, Suite 220, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, phone 279-1558.