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# How to help open a window of Alaskan art to the outside world.

Alaska, being what it is, has attracted more than its share of outstanding artists and artisans, to join the talented Natives who expressed themselves through their arts and crafts. But Alaska, also being what it is, has often suffered lack of outside recognition of her artists. That's why Exxon USA initiated its highly successful Salon of Alaskan Artists. Scores of the state's most outstanding artists and craftsmen submitted entries for judging in the five basic categories of Crafts, Weaving and Basketry, Graphic Arts, Sculpture, and Block Printing. And the overall excellence of the entries made judging by noted authorities Dr. Donald L. Wyckoff, M.S. Kennedy and H. Downs Matthews, a difficult task indeed. First place awards went to Joellen Benjamin Fay, of Juneau; Melvin Olanna, of Shishmaref;

Ree Nancarrow, of McKinley Park; Keith Appel, of Anchorage; and Dale DeArmond, of Juneau. Runner-up awards were given to Joan Kimura, Norma Frick, Mary Sommer, Sophie Pletnikoff, Norma Sharma, Paula Dickey, Robert Wongittlin, Martha Parka, Arnold Golodergen, and Richard Seeganna. Now we're taking their combined work outside on tour. The Salon of Alaskan Artists will tour the nation for two years, thereby introducing Alaskan art and crafts to thousands of Americans. At Exxon USA it's our way of helping to open a window of Alaskan art to the outside world.

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