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## Press Release

ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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### **October First Friday at the Alaska State Museum: Last chance to see summer shows and mingle with photographers**

The Alaska State Museum will be open with extended hours on October 1 during the First Friday gallery walk with free admission from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

During this event, the museum will accept a 20/20 Folio of Alaskan Photographers, which will be presented by Mike Kelly in a ceremony to be held at 6 p.m. The magazine-style folio includes 20 original photographs along with biographies and statements from each artist, many of whom have exhibited work in previous *Alaska Positive* and *Rarified Light* exhibits. The project is dedicated to the late Barry McWayne, a previous museum curator who was instrumental in the folio's initiation.

The artists behind the *Alaska Positive 2010* exhibit will be another focus of this month's event. The biennial juried show features work submitted by photographers from around the state. Juror Richard Ross of Santa Barbara, California, selected 45 prints from 37 photographers out of about 250 entries to be included in the exhibit. Many of the photographers represented in the exhibit will be present at the reception, including Kenneth Moriarty, Ian Smith, Michael and Barbara Kelly, Marilyn Holmes, Joe McCabe, Buddy Ferguson and Mark Kelley. The exhibit will hang until October 16, at which point the work will travel to be displayed elsewhere in the state.

First Friday will also mark the final evening opportunity to view the museum's summer exhibitions. *Familiar Places*, Sue Kraft's solo exhibition of oil and acrylic paintings, will be on display until October 16. *From Gift to Gallery: Recent Acquisitions* will continue through October 23, and features more than 100 of the approximately 500 artifacts acquired by the museum during the past five years.

Winter hours are in effect as of September 28. Discounted winter admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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