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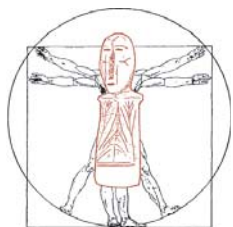
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ALASKA 50 YEARS!

SYMPOSIUM

On Friday, May 1, 2009

1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. School Program at the Seward Elementary School.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Seward Arts Council 1st Friday Gallery Walk with the symposium mural.

At **6:30 p.m.** at the Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) the symposium kicks-off with a reception. Seward children's choir program, Governor Wally Hickel keynote address, mural preview. Refreshments served.

On **Saturday, May 2, 2009** at Legends Building

10:00-11:30 Alaska Statehood Panel. Panelists;

Vic Fischer, Jack Roderick, Keith Miller and Wally Hickel.

11:30-1:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:00-2:30 Seward: Home of Alaska's Flag Panel.

Panelists; Mary Barry, Jackie Pels, Paul Ongtooguk and Edgar Blatchford.

2:45-3:15 Mural Unveiling

3:15- Closing Ceremonies

SPEAKER BIO'S

Walter J. "Wally" Hickel, two time Governor of Alaska, United States Secretary of the Interior, and real estate developer.

Vic Fischer, Alaska Constitutional Convention Delegate, UAA Professor and first director of Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER.)

Keith Miller, Governor of Alaska, Lieutenant Governor, veteran of the Army Air Corps WWII, and Alaska Representative.

Edgar Blatchford, Mayor of Seward, UAA professor of journalism, two time Alaska Commissioner, and Seward's favorite son.

Mary Barry, author of three volumes of Seward history and numerous other books.

Paul Ongtooguk, UAA professor and delegate to Alaska Federation of Natives and Inuit Circumpolar Council.

Jack Roderick, Anchorage Borough Mayor, businessman, oil investor, lawyer, and author.

Jackie Pels, editor, publisher, and author of many "real people's histories."

MURAL UNVEILING

One of the exciting outcomes of this grant is a new mural for Seward, "The Mural Capital of Alaska". The mural, based on the design pictured below, will be unveiled on Saturday, May 2nd. The mural's permanent home will be on the west lawn of the U. S. Post Office.

The artist, Justine Pechuzal is a Seward resident with a strong background in community and public art. She has her Masters from the University of Arizona.

"I focused on the concept of home, expanding on the theme Seward: Home of Alaska's Flag to reflect upon what people call this unique geographical place home, how they have made it home, and the biotic community that supports these efforts."

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