

# Family Activity to Rose Berry Alaska Art Gallery

Children ■ Ages 7-12 Younger children need assistance from their families.

## Discover Alaska's Art!

Use these images to find the object. Not all objects are shown.

**Instructions:** This Gallery provides an opportunity for you to discover the arts of Alaska from past generations through today. **Walk and look** at the gallery titles and exhibits for clues to answer as many questions as you can. Explore with your eyes, not by touching. **Read aloud** the questions and object labels to those who need help. [Answers are on the back page.]

### ■ Gallery Entry

1. **Find:** *Next Generation Berry Picker*, Earl Atchak **Hint:** A boatload of people.

From the title, can you guess where this family is going? \_\_\_\_\_

Look at their faces—is the boat ride smooth or bumpy? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the youngest family member doing in the boat? \_\_\_\_\_



### ■ Ancient Visions

2. **I SPY** something to protect the eyes. What are they? \_\_\_\_\_



### ■ Native Art, Native Worlds

3. **Find:** Gut Parka **Hint:** A hooded jacket.

This fancy gut parka was made from sea mammal intestine and worn in winter ceremonies. Undecorated gut parkas were used as raincoats.

How was this gut parka decorated? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think people decorate their clothing? \_\_\_\_\_



4. **Find:** Dance Stick, Kay Hendrickson **Hint:** Carvings of animals.

Dance Sticks honor animals that provide families with food, clothing, and tools.

Can you name the five animals carved on this stick? \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

In what kind of an environment do these animals live? \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Find:** Mukluks, Moccasins, and Boots **Hint:** Footwear.

Women made and decorated all the footwear for their families.

How many pairs of footwear can you find that have beaded decoration? \_\_\_\_\_



6. **I SPY** a jumper tossed high in the air by friends standing in a circle. What is it?  
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### ■ Our World, Our Land, Our Art

7. **Find:** *Speckled Bird*, Jim Schoppert **Hint:** A blue drum and mask sculpture, in a case.

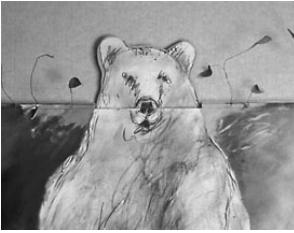
Alaska Native dancers use masks, drums, songs to honor/respect animal spirits.

How does the artist show the dancer in this sculpture? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the mask look like the face of a person, an animal, or both? \_\_\_\_\_

What is this sculpture made of? \_\_\_\_\_





**8. Find:** *Oscar Scared Him with His Icon*, Alvin Amason **Hint:** Painting of a standing bear.  
Why do you think bears sometimes stand up? \_\_\_\_\_

What is unusual about the top of the painting? \_\_\_\_\_

■ A Sense of Place

**9. Find:** *Dress and Accessories* by Rita Pitka and Dixie Alexander **Hint:** A fancy dress  
What four materials were used to make and decorate this dress? \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

Has anyone in your family ever taught you how to make something? With whom and what did you make? \_\_\_\_\_



**10. Find:** *Tanana Woman and Dog*, Eustace Ziegler **Hint:** Painting of woman with dog.

How is the dog helping the woman? \_\_\_\_\_

What is on the woman's back? \_\_\_\_\_

**11. I SPY** two sculptures of fish skins, fins, and handles. What are they?  
\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Find:** *Great Alaska Outhouse Experience* by Craig Buchanan **Hint:** Sit in the sculpture.  
An outhouse is an outdoor toilet, located a distance from a house with no indoor plumbing.

Why is this *Outhouse* sculpture in this art gallery?  
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■ Before you leave Rose Berry Alaska Art Gallery

**13. I SPY** paintings and photographs of Mt. McKinley or Denali, the Athabascan name for this mountain. How many can you find and count? \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Make an I SPY** of your favorite object for your family to find!

**Look for other activity sheets in the Museum.**  
Use them to learn more about Museum collections and exhibits.

**Answers**

1. Berry picking. Bumpy ride. Sleeping baby is being held by a family member.
2. Snow goggles
3. Auklet feathers and beak parts. Decorating makes clothes more attractive and personal.
4. Pairs of fish, walrus, seals, sea lions, spotted birds. Ocean.
5. Twelve (12) pairs of footwear with beaded decoration.
6. Blanket Toss, activity doll by Eva Heffle.
7. Pedestal of sculpture are legs of dancer. Both human and bird. Wood, walrus gut, feathers, and paint.
8. Bears have poor eyesight and stand to smell their surroundings. Head and shrubby shapes form a sculpture on top of the painting.
9. Smoked moosehide, caribou hair (hint: see tufted fireweed), beads, and dentalium shells.
10. Carrying supplies. Baby supported by a beaded baby belt.
11. Gulkana Basket by Fran Reed and fish skin bag by Leah Roberts.
12. It's a form of art with a sense of humor that tells us something about our life and place. Everyday objects can be recycled and formed into art.
13. Six (6) artworks of Denali. Image shows Sydney Ain't Got Nothin' on Me by Bill Ray.

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