

Alaska Masterworks *featuring* David Mollett, Sheila Wyne, Donny Varnell

THE PROJECT

In 2008 the Alaska Arts Education Consortium produced three arts education posters with the help of a matching grant from the Alaska State Council on the Art. The project was part of the National Endowment for the Arts initiative “American Masterpieces: Three Centuries of Artistic Genius” to honor master artists and masterworks and to acquaint Americans with the best of their cultural and artistic legacy.

Our Alaska project, called “Alaska Masterworks”, used a panel of art educators and museum curators to select three contemporary Alaskan artists and artworks to provide teachers with activities that can be used at all grade levels to stir interest in the visual arts. The art was selected because the artists are Alaskans who have produced a significant body of recognized work and who are interested in sharing it with students.

Our 2008 artists are:

David Mollett, Fairbanks

Sheila Wyne, Anchorage

Donny Varnell, Ketchikan

The posters are being distributed by AAEC to teachers in member districts in the fall of 2008. The back of each poster provides information on: The Artist, the Artwork, Ways to Respond to Artwork, Activities, Alaska Standards, Lessons Online, Glossary of Art Vocabulary.

You can download a pdf of the art information for each poster:

David Mollett (pdf)

Donny Varnell (pdf)

Sheila Wyne (pdf)

We welcome comments about these posters and any ideas you have for other projects to help increase the arts in classroom. Send comments to ccrooks@gci.net

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