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Artist Susan Watkins wins 2019 Art Print Contest *Award-winning Eagle River artist to create railroad collector's print*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad has selected Susan Watkins to create the artwork that will become the basis for the railroad's official 2019 collector's art print and poster. This is the second time Watkins has won the railroad's annual art print contest, having created the 2013 art print painting.

A resident of Eagle River, Watkins has called Alaska home since 2004. She traveled and painted extensively throughout the United States, Europe, South Pacific, Asia and the Middle East before settling in her home and art studio nestled in the Chugach Mountains. She recently returned from another on-the-road assignment painting murals in Bass Pro Shops and Outdoor World around the country, including the Anchorage store. Watkins studied under the renowned master artist and author Jack Coggins, among other notable artists, at the Wyomissing Institute of Fine Arts in Reading, PA. The award-winning artist has been featured in numerous art shows and exhibits. She specializes in oil paintings on canvas, linen and birch panels, as well as murals on facility walls. More information about Watkins is available on her website at <http://susanwatkinsfineart.com/>.



Renowned artist John Van Zyle produced the first official Alaska Railroad art print painting in 1979. Since then, the annual tradition (except in 1984, when no art print was released) has evolved into a popular collector's item for Alaska Railroad and Alaskan art fans alike.

More information about the Alaska Railroad's annual art print program, including history and images of past years' prints, are available on the Alaska Railroad web site – www.AlaskaRailroad.com/Corporate - Click on COMMUNITY, then Annual Print Contest.

Each year, the railroad releases its newest art print for sale by early November. The artist attends sale-and-signing events in Anchorage, Fairbanks and often another community /area featured in the artwork.

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