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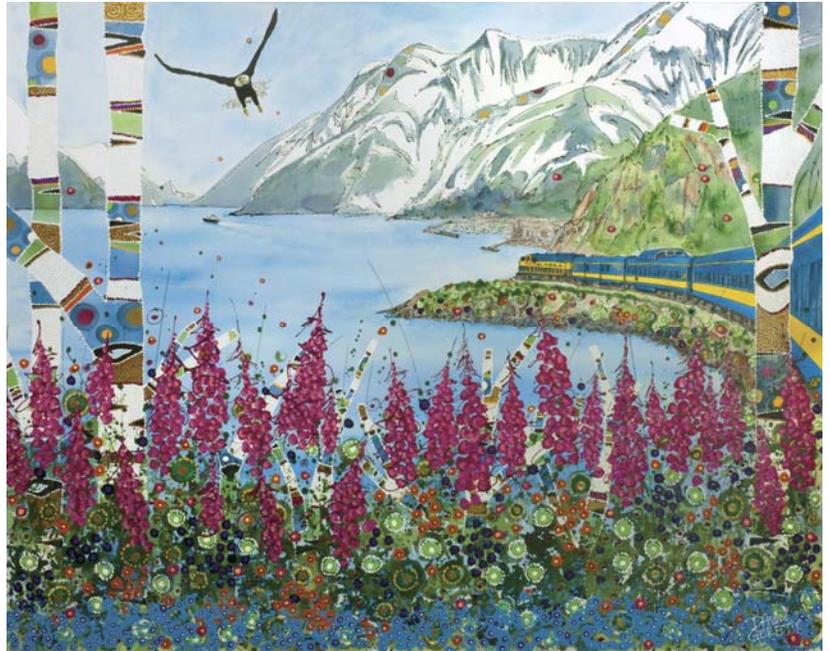
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Alaska Railroad sets annual print sale-and-sign events *2015 artwork features Whittier for the first time*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) will release its 2015 annual poster/print at four public sale-and-signing events featuring artist Dawn Gerety who will sign the prints and posters.

- **ANCHORAGE: Saturday, November 1,** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Anchorage Historic Depot (411 W. 1st Avenue)
- **FAIRBANKS: Saturday, November 8,** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Fairbanks Depot (1745 Johansen Expressway)
- **WHITTIER: Saturday, November 15,** 10 a.m. to Noon, at the Alaska Marine Highway System Whittier Ferry Terminal (1/4 West Camp Road)
- **GIRDWOOD: Saturday, November 15,** 2 – 4 p.m., at the Girdwood Center for Visual Arts (next to the bakery at 194 Olympic Mountain Loop)



2015 artwork by Girdwood artist Dawn Gerety features Whittier.

Entitled *Whittier Surprise*, the original artwork is an acrylic painting on a 48-by-60-inch canvas which depicts a passenger train moving toward this Prince William Sound gateway harbor town. For the 2015 print, the railroad had expressed a preference for ideas that featured an area between Portage and Whittier and Gerety picked Whittier.

“Although there are many visual highlights that stand out along that corridor, emerging from the Anton Anderson Tunnel on the Whittier side is a dramatic moment. Rounding the corner into Passage Canal, the scene varies from surrounding woods to marine activity and valley floor to ocean scape,” said Gerety. “There is a moment of mood that Whittier never fails to deliver ... it’s always a surprise. Hence the name.”

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During the Anchorage and Fairbanks events, the depot gift shops will be open to offer other items that feature the 2015 artwork (such as ornaments, mugs and coasters) along with other ARRC gifts and apparel. Following the signing events, prints, posters and pins will remain on sale at the Anchorage Historic Depot and the Fairbanks Depot, and may also be purchased online via the Alaska Railroad Gift Shop website at www.AlaskaRailroadGiftShop.com/. Samples of the gift shop items will be available at the Whittier and Girdwood events. The 2015 Alaska Railroad prints and poster are 32-1/4-by-27 inches in size. Signed and numbered prints cost \$55, posters cost \$30 and pins cost \$5.

A resident of Girdwood, Gerety is known for her whimsical interpretations of Alaska locations, activities, animals and other icons. She has created more than 600 paintings working on varied mediums, including canvas, paper, plaster, MDO board, particle board and alpine skis. Her paintings and prints are available at venues throughout Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. Last year, Gerety published a coloring book inspired by 18 of her animal paintings and another book is in the works.

Gerety earned a bachelor's degree in Environmental Design from the University of Colorado in Boulder. Since then, she has provided art and creative direction for two prominent Anchorage advertising and public relations firms, and owned and operated two proprietorships — a freelance graphic design business for a decade in Anchorage, and her current design and art studio (Art Seriously) in Girdwood since 2006. For more information about Gerety and Art Seriously, visit <http://www.artseriously.com/>.

Renowned artist John Van Zyle produced the first official Alaska Railroad painting in 1979. Since then, the annual tradition (except in 1984, when no painting was released) has evolved into a popular collector's item. More information about the Alaska Railroad's annual art print program, including history and images of prints from the recent past, are available on the Alaska Railroad web site – www.AlaskaRailroad.com/Corporate > Click on COMMUNITY > then Annual Print Contest.

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