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Alaska State Parks seeks artists for 2018 residency program

(Anchorage, AK) – Emerging and established artists are invited to apply for Alaska State Parks' third annual Artist-In-Residence Program. Alaska State Parks is excited to expand the program to Kachemak Bay and the Mat-Su this year.

Residencies are available to artists in all types of media, at the following locations:

- The Ernest Gruening Cabin in Juneau, the territorial governor's summer retreat and on the National Register of Historic Places.
- The beachfront Halibut Cove Ranger Station in Kachemak Bay State Park, across from Homer.
- The Butterfly Lake Host Cabin in the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, part of a previous homestead.

Program details including the 2018 schedule and how to apply are available at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/artistinresidence.htm>.

The deadline to submit applications for the program is March 15, 2018. Artists who participate in the program will be asked to donate an original artwork inspired by their time at the cabin and to host a community outreach event, such as a workshop, talk, or other presentation. Artists must also provide their own food, supplies and art materials for their stay.

The purpose of the residency program is to encourage artists to create work inspired by Alaska's state parks. It also offers visitors and the public an opportunity to see state parks through the eyes of contributing artists.

As Constance Baltuck, one of the program's first resident artists, explained, "It's a wonderful opportunity for an immersion experience, not just in the creation of art, but also in the appreciation of a beautiful natural landscape."

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