

Dear Valley residents:

The VALLEY ARTS ALLIANCE (www.ValleyArtsAlliance.com) would like to remind you that this Saturday, May 13, is Second Saturday!

The following events are scheduled throughout our Valley:

VALLEY PERFORMING ARTS www.valleyperformingarts.org
251 West Swanson, Wasilla. 373-0195

****California Suite**** It's a humorous Neil Simon confection that examines the lives of people with varied back grounds and from different locales that all visit the same hotel suite in swanky Beverly Hills. First is Hannah, a New York magazine writer, and her ex-husband, who are trying to decide where their daughter is going to spend her next six months. The banter flies fast and furious but Hannah's well-wrought artifice crumbles as her fears take hold. Next is Marvin, a conservative middle-aged businessman from Philadelphia that awakens to find himself in bed with unconscious prostitute named Bunny. With his wife on the way up to the room, he scrambles to find a way to hide his uncharacteristic indiscretion. Guest number three is British star and Academy Award nominee, Diana, who returns from the ceremony empty-handed to her husband Sidney, whose pursuit of an alternate lifestyle provides no solace for his wife's disappointment. And last are two couples from Chicago that are at the tail-end of a disastrous vacation they should not have shared. Filled with the wit that is Neil Simon's hallmark, you'll find your visit to this hotel very funny indeed!

May 5 to 28, 2017, Fri. & Sat. 7pm, and Sun. 2pm. For more info, see their website or phone the Box Office at 373-0195.

PALMER MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ART
723 S. Valley Way, Palmer. 746-7668

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of summer with another fun installment of the Palmer Art Walk! For the month of May, the Palmer Art Walk will be helping folks get ready for the summer growing season by providing Walkers with their very own herb garden kit! Each Art Walk stop will be giving away components that, when combined, will provide everything you need to grow your own herb garden. In addition to the herb garden kits, one lucky Walker will win a special gardener's green thumb gift basket!

Maps can be picked up at the Palmer Museum on Saturday, May 13th. This month's Art Walk will be held from 2:00 - 6:00PM.

The Museum will be hosting an artist reception for its latest temporary exhibit, Instruction/Construction, a collection of artwork from the art instructors of MatSu College and their students. Light refreshments will be served from 2:00 - 5:00PM

ARTISTS UNCORKED

832 S. Colony Way, Palmer

This unique local venue specializes in hosting special Paint Nights. It really is the new 'CRAZE'. A fun and relaxing way to spend an evening out.

For May's Art Walk, Artists Uncorked will be offering visitors an opportunity to paint their very own 4" clay pots. The cost is \$17.50 and painters can choose from available seeds! Still need a great Mother's Day gift idea? Why not give your mom something specially made just for her by you!. This is a Palmer Second Saturday Art Walk event.

COVERUPS

840 S. Colony Way, Palmer 746-4739

This favorite upcycled furniture store and Alaska Chicks retail location will be conducting product demonstrations using Annie Sloan Chalk Paint. DIY professional, Kathy Stone, will also be available to provide suggestions and answer any questions visitors may have about tackling their own home DIY projects. This is a Palmer Second Saturday Art Walk event.

FIRESIDE BOOKS

720 S. Alaska Street, Palmer 745-2665

Our favorite local vendor of the written word has a special treat for its visitors. This month, Fireside will be hosting a double book signing at 11:00AM and 2:00PM. First, at 11:00AM, visitors can meet Jim Misko, author of the newly published book, "The Path of the Wind."

Miles Foster is a newly minted teacher who dreams of getting a teaching job in the highly respected and financially stable Portland, Oregon school system where everything is available, and where he and his wife call home. But the only opening for his talents is in a remote lumber mill town in central Oregon, two hundred miles away. It is a poor school with forty students, and is controlled by a jealous superintendent and school board who tolerate no thinking outside the box and who conspire to destroy his teaching career.

Miles must find a way to educate students who have been passed along regardless of what they learned, and defeat the damaging control of the school board and superintendent without losing his marriage or his job, or both.

In the afternoon, at 2:00PM, visitors can meet Shelly Jacobs, the author of "A Mother's Meditations: Teachings of the Heart." Just in time for Mother's Day! This is a Palmer Second Saturday Art Walk event.

PALMER DOWNTOWN DELI

550 S. Alaska Street, Suite 105, Palmer 745-4100

Great dishes made from the freshest ingredients all in a convenient location smack dab in the middle of beautiful Palmer, Alaska, the Deli is definitely an eatery not to be missed.

For April, the Deli has such a surprise up its sleeve that even we do not know what they have planned. So be sure to stop by to see and while you're there, taste some of their more recent culinary triumphs This is a Palmer Second Saturday Art Walk event.

ALASKA WILDBIRD REHAB CENTER

12235 W. Birch Rd (off Kenlar Rd between Big Lake Rd and Hawk Ln), Houston 892-2927

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the International Migratory Bird Treaty, AWBRC will be celebrating International Migratory Bird Day and its role in protecting birds in the wild. Come meet AWBRC's education ambassador birds at this entertaining and enlightening event for both children and adults. This is a unique opportunity to view these majestic birds up close and personal, and to help support the organization's mission of helping to care for these birds and educate the public about them.

Follow signs from the Parks Highway to Big Lake Road. Travel 1.4 miles on Big Lake Road, turn Right on Kenlar (by sign for Houston High School). Follow Kenlar 0.4 miles, turn Left on Birch Road. The center is the second driveway on the right, watch for the sign. For more information, visit the website at www.akwildbird.org or call the center at 907-892-2927. From Noon until 2 pm.

Join us in supporting the arts in our community, and in helping to make our art community grow.

Thank you,
Carmen Summerfield