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Railroad solicits ideas for 2023 official art print

Entry submission deadline is March 31, 2022

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) seeks entries for its annual commemorative artwork program by **Thursday, March 31, 2022**. ARRC commissions the selected artist to create artwork as the basis for ARRC's official 2023 commemorative print. Established in 1979, the program helps participating artists gain exposure with a connection to a beloved icon of Alaska.

Artist submissions must reflect the Alaska Railroad's centennial. We're looking for ideas and talent to visually depict the anniversary marking 100 years since the Alaska Railroad was completed. Examples include: the July 1923 railroad completion ceremony in Nenana, a progression of locomotive equipment, railroad workers then and now. What are your ideas? For inspiration, this [Historic Timeline](https://www.alaskarailroad.com/corporate) (found at <https://www.alaskarailroad.com/corporate>) recaps key milestones and points to additional resources for historical details and images.

ARRC retains all rights to the artwork from which ARRC will produce at least 250 signed and numbered prints, several thousand posters and several thousand lapel pins. The railroad pays the artist \$3,000 and provides 10 artist proofs and 20 posters. The artist agrees to participate in print/poster sale-and-signing events in Anchorage and in Fairbanks (ARRC pays travel expenses).

A list and images of previous ARRC art prints are available on the railroad's web site at: www.AlaskaRailroad.com > Corporate > [In the Community](#).

Artists should submit a sketch no larger than 11 x 17 inches. To provide some style context, artists should also include several samples of their finished artwork.

Mail or deliver submissions to the attention of John Simmons, Passenger Depot Services Manager:

- Mailing address: Alaska Railroad, P.O. Box 107500, Anchorage, AK 99510-7500
- Hand Delivery (call 265-2671 in advance to arrange a time):
ARRC Headquarters, 327 W. Ship Creek Avenue in Anchorage
- Questions? Contact John Simmons at 907-265-2242, SimmonsJ@akrr.com, or Stephenie Wheeler at 907-265-2671, WheelerS@akrr.com

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- The railroad will notify the selected artist via telephone and by U.S. mail by mid-April 2022. The railroad will return submitted materials to artists who include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, or who pick up their submitted materials in person. Submissions not picked up or mailed by the end of April will be discarded.

Dates to Remember:

December 1, 2021 – the contest entry period began

Thursday, March 31, 2022 – print contest submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m.

Mid-April 2022 – Committee review complete; winning entry selected.

Mid-April 2022 – Artists are notified of contest results.

Friday, April 29, 2022 – Submissions must be retrieved (or mailed in self-addressed envelope).

Friday, May 6, 2022 – Submissions not retrieved will be discarded.

Friday, August 12, 2022 – Chosen artist must deliver completed artwork.

October / November 2022 – Art print and poster are released for sale to the public.

Last Quarter 2022 – Chosen artist participates in sale-and-signing events.

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The ARRC is an Equal Opportunity Corporation. If you need special assistance (including language) in order to participate in any ARRC service, program, or activity, please contact the Alaska Railroad Corporation; P.O. Box 107500; Anchorage, AK 99510; Attention: Legal Department, zappasj@akrr.com, (907) 265-2461; via Alaska Relay Service for hearing impaired – dial 7 11 anywhere inside Alaska, OR dial toll-free from anywhere outside the state 1-800-770-8255 (voice); 1-800 770-8973 (TTY). Upon request, printed materials can be made available in alternate formats.