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Alaska Railroad sets annual print sale-and-sign events *2013 print repeats focus on Seward*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad will release its 2013 annual poster/print at three public sale-and-signing events featuring artist Susan Watkins who will sign the prints and posters.

- **SEWARD: Friday, November 30**, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., at the Dale Lindsey Intermodal Terminal (913 Port Avenue); held in conjunction with the Seward Holiday Arts & Craft Fair.
- **FAIRBANKS: Saturday, December 8**, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Fairbanks Depot (1745 Johansen Expressway)
- **ANCHORAGE: Saturday, December 15**, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Anchorage Historic Depot (411 West First Avenue)



Entitled *Moonlit Resurrection Run*, the oil painting depicts an Alaska Railroad coal train arriving in Seward in the evening. A full moon shines on Resurrection Bay and the Kenai Mountain range offers a stunning backdrop.

“I wanted to show the Alaska Railroad’s role as an economic engine, supporting both resource development and tourism industries. The Alaska Railroad is at the forefront, working as a catalyst for different industries operating side-by-side in harmony,” said Watkins. “Trains have always held such a romantic appeal to me, none more so than the picturesque Alaska Railroad against its majestic backdrop. I envisioned the coal train coming into Seward on a crisp, clear moonlit night like we have in Alaska at the end of summer. In the distance are the season’s final cruise ships with their passengers onboard already enjoying their Alaskan adventure, while a Seward family out on an evening sail goes by.”

The 2013 Alaska Railroad print costs \$55, posters cost \$30 and pins cost \$5. During the Anchorage and Fairbanks events, the depot gift shops will be open to offer other items that feature the 2013 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/.

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A resident of Eagle River, Watkins has called Alaska home for nearly a decade. 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. 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://susanwatkinsart.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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