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Railroad showcases commemorative art prints, past and present, during First Friday special event Feb. 3 *“For the Love of Trains” features several ARRC art print artists*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The public is invited to an Alaska Railroad (ARRC) special event to showcase art prints and posters from its commemorative annual art collection dating back decades. Timed to be part of Anchorage’s First Friday program, the railroad’s event is scheduled as follows:

- WHAT:** “For the Love of Trains” Commemorative Art Print Special Event
- WHEN:** 5:00 – 9:00 p.m., Friday, February 3, 2017
- WHERE:** Anchorage Historic Depot, 411 W. First Avenue
- WHO:** For railroad fans, art enthusiasts and collectors

The event includes several talented Alaskans who were commissioned over the last decade to create original art as the basis for the railroad’s annual art prints. Artists will be on-hand to sign their respective railroad prints/posters, as well as to showcase some of their other works of art.

People who drop by the Anchorage Historic Depot and Gift Shop between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. can take advantage of fantastic in-store savings (up to 50% off!) on art print and poster purchases. Special sales prices will also be available online Feb. 1 – 6 via the Alaska Railroad Gift Shop – <http://alaskarailroadgiftshop.com/store/>.

Parking for the special event is FREE in the parking lot across the street from the depot. Folks who stop by can enjoy light snacks and enter a FREE drawing to win 2 tickets valid for round-trip rail travel between Anchorage and Seward during the 2017 summer passenger season (mid-May to mid-September).

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 www.AlaskaRailroad.com/Corporate > Click IN THE COMMUNITY > then Annual Poster Contest.

Questions about the special event? Call the Gift Shop at (907) 265-2326.

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