



# Alaska Railroad Corporation News Release

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## **Alaska Railroad solicits ideas for 2015 official art print** *Alaska artists called to submit annual art contest entries by Feb. 21, 2014*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is now soliciting submissions for its annual commemorative artwork program. The artist selected will be commissioned to create artwork that is the basis for the 2015 Alaska Railroad official print.

“This program has historically been received very enthusiastically in Alaska,” said ARRC Vice President Business Management & Corporate Affairs Wendy Lindskoog. “The annual Alaska Railroad artwork has become a favorite among rail fans and Alaska art collectors alike. Every year we look forward to seeing the talent and creativity showcased in contest submissions.”

In order to be considered, artwork must include an Alaska Railroad theme. For the 2015 print, the Alaska Railroad is particularly interested in artwork that features train service or railroad infrastructure at Portage, in Whittier or along the Whittier Branch (between Portage and Whittier). These areas have yet to be showcased in an Alaska Railroad annual art print. While not mandatory, submissions that feature the Portage-to-Whittier areas will receive additional consideration.

ARRC retains all rights to the artwork. Once selected, the Alaska Railroad will produce 750 signed and numbered prints, several thousand posters and several thousand lapel pins. The artist will receive \$3,000, and will be given 10 artist proofs and 20 posters. In return, the artist must agree to participate in print/poster sale-and-signing events in Anchorage and in Fairbanks. Signing events may also be scheduled in an additional community location, depending on the subject of the artwork. The Alaska Railroad will pay for the artist’s travel expenses.

Artists may request access to Alaska Railroad property for artistic research by contacting ARRC Corporate Communications Officer Stephenie Wheeler at (907) 265-2671. A listing of previous ARRC art prints is available on the railroad’s web site at: [www.AlaskaRailroad.com](http://www.AlaskaRailroad.com) > Corporation > Community > Annual Print Contest.

Deadline for submissions is **Friday, Feb. 21, 2014**. Artist submissions should be presented as a single thumbnail sketch no larger than 11 x 17 inches. To provide some context, the sketch may be accompanied by a few samples of the artist’s finished artwork.

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Submissions should be mailed or delivered in person no later than February 21, 2014, to:

- Stephenie Wheeler, Alaska Railroad Corporate Affairs
- Mailing address: Alaska Railroad, P.O. Box 107, Anchorage, AK 99510-7500
- Hand Delivery: ARRC Headquarters, 327 W. Ship Creek Avenue in Anchorage  
Drop off between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Questions? Contact Wheeler at (907) 265-2671 or WheelerS@akrr.com

The selected artist will be notified via telephone and by U.S. mail in mid-March 2014. Other artists will be notified of the results, and artwork will be returned to the extent possible. Submissions must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope in order to be returned by mail. Submissions that are not picked up or mailed by April 15 will be discarded.

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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](mailto: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