

Pratt Museum Receives Charitable Grant from The Homer Foundation

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The Pratt Museum, which is governed by The Homer Society of Natural History, Inc., is the Recipient of a \$5,000 Homer Foundation Opportunity Fund and KLEPS Fund Grant

The Pratt Museum is incredibly grateful to be the recipient of a \$5,000 Homer Foundation charitable grant from the Opportunity Fund and KLEPS Fund. This contribution will support *Kachemak Bay: An Exploration of People & Place*, a winter public program series. This programming is targeted to a diverse audience, ranging from children to lifelong learners, and is expertly developed to appeal to community members and visitors alike. The goal of these programs is to inspire a deeper interest in engaging with the natural environment in ways that reflect the artist, historian, and citizen scientist within each of us.

This series, *Kachemak Bay: An Exploration of People & Place*, is named after a permanent gallery in the Pratt Museum that is question-based, and uses science, art, and culture to explore the story of who we are and how that story is shaped by the place we live. We are inviting our community members and visitors to delve even deeper into this theme by offering workshops and lectures led by highly-qualified experts in fields that explain the place we call home, how we are informed by our place, and ultimately how we shape our place.

This grant will allow the Pratt Museum to provide honorariums to the experts who will draw upon their knowledge and experience to prepare for and present place-based lectures to Pratt Museum patrons. It would also allow us to upgrade our outdated technology assets, such as a laptop computer and smart lectern to facilitate the presentation of digital educational materials.

About The Homer Foundation Established in 1991, The Homer Foundation was the first community foundation of its kind in Alaska. The mission of The Homer Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of the greater Homer area by promoting philanthropic and charitable activities. Learn more by visiting their website <https://www.homerfoundation.org>

About the Pratt Museum The mission of the Pratt Museum is to strengthen relationships between people and place through stories relevant to Kachemak Bay. It fulfills its mission by facilitating engagement between community members and strengthening understandings of our shared place. Through these activities, the unique relationship between the people and places of Kachemak Bay will be sustained far into the future. The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 11am to 4pm. Beginning May 5, 2024, the Museum will be open daily from 10am – 6pm. Visit the Pratt Museum at 379 Bartlett Street in Homer. Tel (907) 235-8635. More information is available at <https://www.prattmuseum.org/>.

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