

# UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA MUSEUM OF THE NORTH

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Voted the “Best Museum in Alaska,” the University of Alaska Museum of the North is a vital component of UAF’s research and education facilities as well as a thriving visitor attraction.

The museum’s research collections hold more than 1.4 million artifacts and specimens representing millions of years of biodiversity and more than 11,000 years of cultural traditions in the North. These collections form the foundation for the museum’s exhibits and education programs and serve as a critical source of data for issues unique to the circumpolar North. Using the collections, university students work with the museum’s faculty-curators on original research aimed at interpreting the region’s dynamic environment and cultures.

The museum’s Rose Berry Alaska Art Gallery features 2,000 years of Alaska art – from ancient ivory carvings to contemporary sculptures. In the Gallery of Alaska, exhibit highlights include the state’s largest gold display, extensive displays of Alaska Native art and artifacts, and Blue Babe, a 36,000-year-old mummified steppe bison.

The museum also hosts several special exhibits each year. In addition, the museum presents artists’ residencies, lectures and family programs on a variety of Alaska topics, and runs the museum store, featuring Alaska jewelry, books and Alaska Native artwork.

For more information, visit the University of Alaska Museum of the North website (<https://www.uaf.edu/museum/>) or call 907-474-7505.