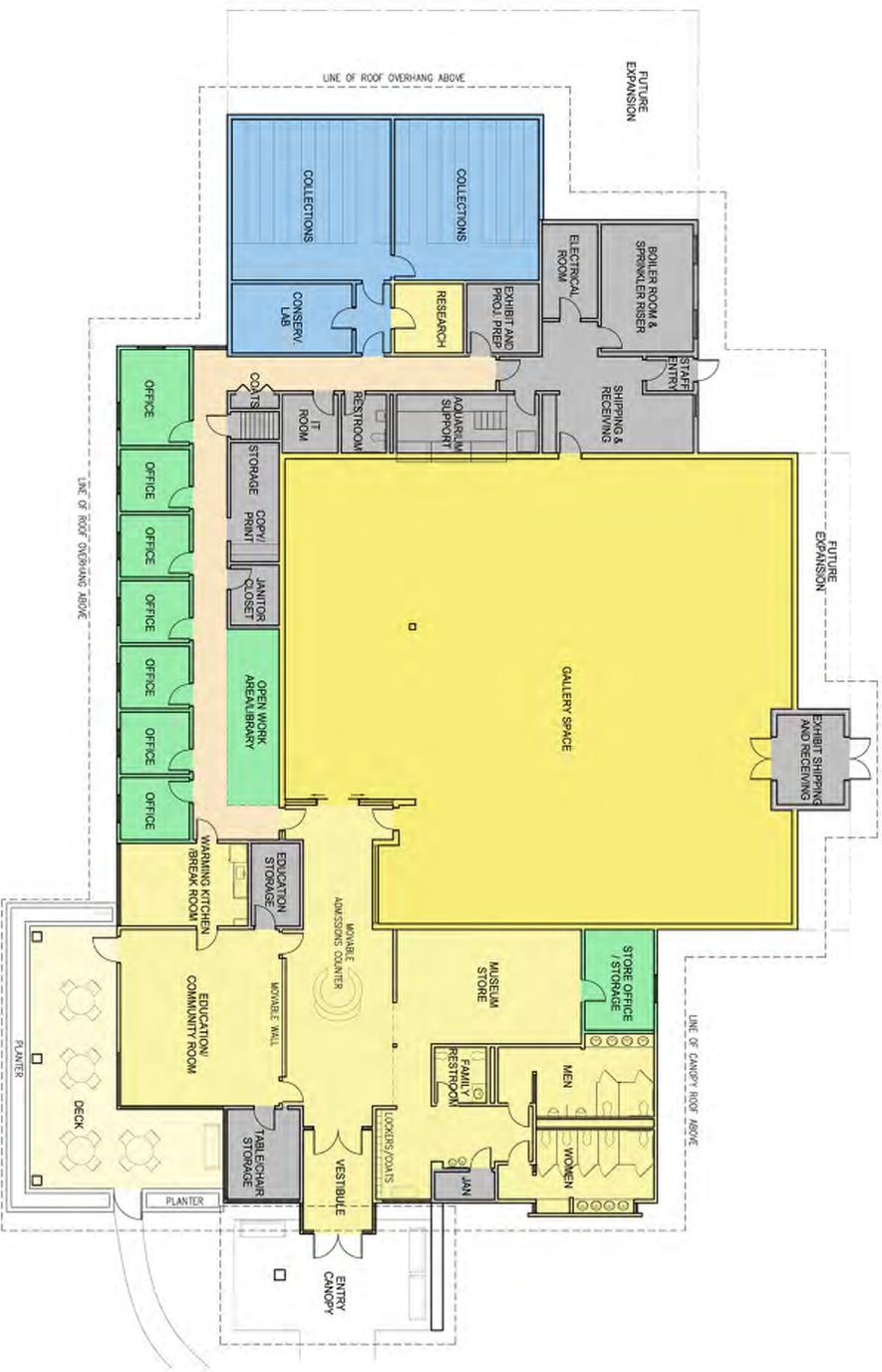
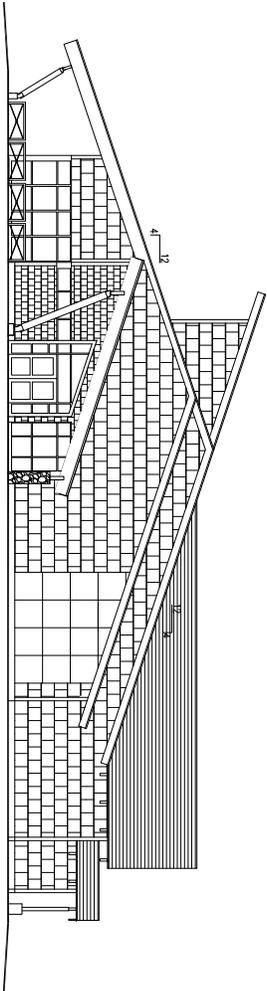




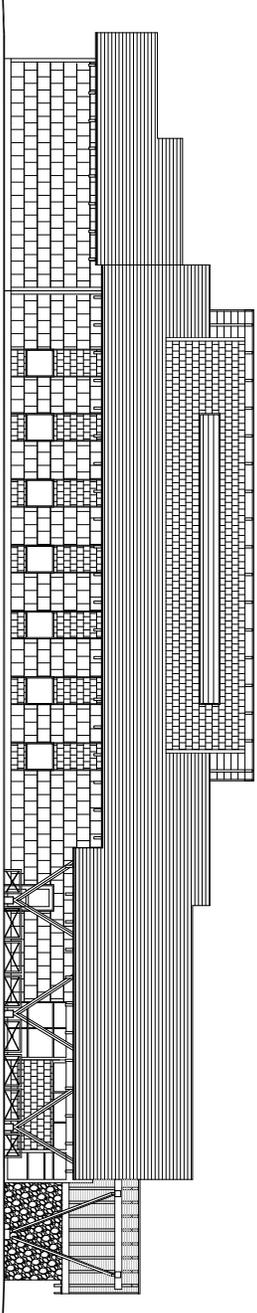
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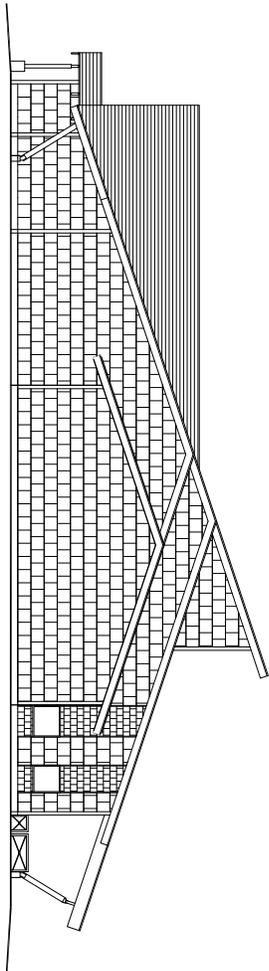
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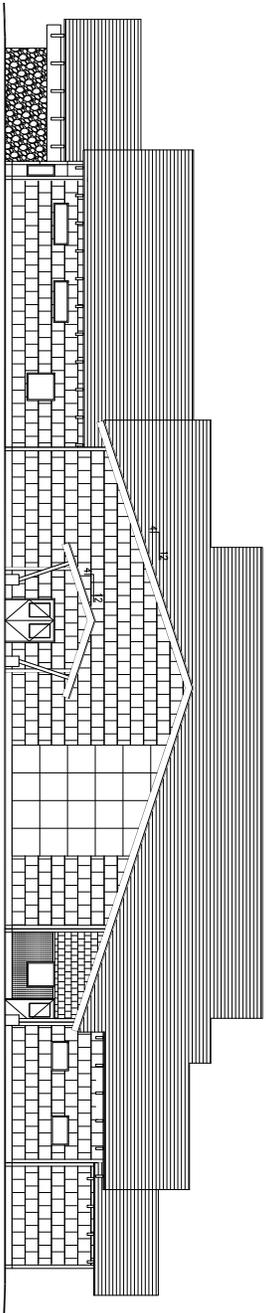
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SCALE : 1/8" = 1'



Our Mission: To support our membership through cooperative economic development and community service.

January 23, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche & Representative Paul Seaton
State Capitol

Gentlemen,

The Homer Chamber of Commerce, representing over 500 member businesses, would like to strongly support the request by the Pratt Museum for \$2.55 million for the remaining stages of their capital expansion project.

I recently completed work for a project the state commissioned on the sesquicentennial of the purchase of Alaska from Russia. My job was photographing the projects Kenai Peninsula towns needed, and for which they received grants from the Centennial Purchase Commission.

In Homer, that funding resulted in birth of the Pratt Museum. The Pratt has a long history of being a meeting place (the moon landing was telecast in its basement for residents to watch), a place of inspiration, and a place where locals and visitors alike are educated in the history of the area.

But it's time for a new facility. The original Pratt, now 47-years-old, has outlived its usefulness. There's so much more the museum can do, but is held back by the lack of a modern facility.

Homerites are rightfully proud that the award-winning Pratt Museum is located in our community. With the kind of visitorship the Pratt sees now, an improved experience at a new facility will offer more, plus help drive long lasting socio-economic impacts--from the construction itself to the experience visitors will enjoy into the next centennial.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of the Pratt Museum request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Lavrakas".

Jim Lavrakas
Executive Director



Smithsonian Institution

Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center
Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center
625 C St., Anchorage, AK 99501

September 30, 2013

Senator Peter Micciche and Representative Paul Seaton
Alaska State Capitol
120 East Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Micciche and Representative Seaton:

I want to thank you and the State of Alaska for the generous support you provided last year to help the award-winning Pratt Museum toward construction of its new display and research facility in Homer. On behalf of the Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center, I am pleased to write once again on the museum's behalf as you consider this year's budget and further funding for this worthy project.

You must know the Pratt from your own visits to see its excellent exhibitions on the arts, sciences, cultures, and history of Kachemak Bay and the Kenai Peninsula. Over 30,000 visitors share that experience each year at one of the state's best museums. This year's leviathan was *Encounters: Whales in Our Waters*, recipient of an Award of Excellence from Museums Alaska. The complete skeleton of a juvenile gray whale hung from the gallery ceiling, surrounded by displays describing all seven species of Kachemak Bay cetaceans. The gray whale's resurrection in the museum (from a carcass discovered in 1999) resulted from thousands of hours of work by hundreds of community volunteers, students, and scientists.

In fact, the Pratt's mission is community, as reflected in its innovative and diverse exhibitions, projects, and educational offerings. The planned new facility – where the whale will hang permanently – will accommodate programs and displays that are literally bursting out of the small, older building that the museum now occupies.

Please continue to support this vital institution and help it to grow to meet the needs of Alaskan residents and community stakeholders.

Truly yours,

Dr. Aron L. Crowell
Alaska Director, Arctic Studies Center
Smithsonian Institution



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September 25, 2013

Senator Peter Micciche
State capital
Juneau Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Micciche;

The Kachemak Bay Campus of Kenai Peninsula College is pleased to express its support for the Pratt Museum's 2.55 million capital request towards funding construction of a new community "state of the art" museum.

This educational and economic development project will significantly enhance the Pratt's abilities to better serve our community, the State of Alaska and its numerous visitors. Our students will also benefit from the expanded and accessible exhibits and significant collections storage.

The Pratt Museum, a world-class and award-winning museum committed to excellence, has long demonstrated its commitment to community-based programs and professional exhibit planning. This campus's students and faculty have greatly benefitted from the Pratt's numerous exhibits and activities and greatly look forward to new and exciting collaborative opportunities that this greatly needed project will provide.

Thank you for this opportunity to enthusiastically seek your support for funding of this new facility.

Sincerely,

Carol Swartz, Campus Director



Jan. 22, 2013

Senator Peter Micciche
Representative Paul Seaton
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Micciche and Representative Seaton,

This is a letter in support of the Pratt Museum's new facility project. It is much appreciated that the Pratt received \$250,000 toward this project last year and your support is requested for the remaining \$2.55 million this year.

As the director of Kenai Peninsula College with campuses in Homer and Soldotna, and extension sites in Seward and Anchorage, I am very aware of the great work and wonderful partnership the Pratt has had with the college over the years. I believe this project will provide invaluable benefits to the college and our students.

The renovation and expansion project will preserve collections, enhance educational opportunities, and increase scholarship and learning about the Kachemak Bay region. This work will improve the ways that KPC students can access cultural and natural history collections and enhance the educational opportunities for students, Kenai Peninsula residents and the thousands of visitors the Pratt hosts each year. These opportunities could open the door to internships leading to jobs for our students, new research projects to uncover the region's rich cultural history and improved interpretive programs.

The opportunities above are just a few that may be realized as the Pratt embarks on its ambitious goals. The Pratt Museum has the full support of the college in their efforts and I ask that you support their budget request this legislative session.

Sincerely,

Gary J. Turner
Director/CEO



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P.O. Box 988 • KENAI, AK 99611

January 24, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

Kenaitze Indian tribe is federally recognized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (IRA), as amended for Alaska in 1936, as a sovereign independent nation. Tribal members number over 1450; the Tribe has established long term goals which enhance the health, social and economic well-being, cultural heritage, and governmental concerns of its people, and serves approximately 3,700

Alaska Natives, American Indians and others who reside in central Kenai Peninsula. We share our ancestors' deep respect and caring for the land and its resources and continually seek to reaffirm and preserve our cultural traditions by promoting greater awareness of our history.

We are writing to express our support for the Pratt Museum's proposed new museum facility. We are particularly supportive of the plans for improved collections storage space for long-term care of cultural collections and the plans for continued development of cultural exhibits and programs. To that end we support Museum's request to the State of Alaska for \$2,550,000 in funds to support design of the new building.

Kenaitze Indian Tribe has a long history of working closely with the Pratt Museum for the benefit of Tribal members and the public at large. In partnership with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Kenaitze Indian Tribe places cultural objects collected from the Sqiulantnu Archaeological District in Cooper Landing at the Pratt Museum for long term storage and curation. This collection is vital to our Tribal efforts to preserve, protect, and present our Kenaitze Dena'inba culture and traditions. Many of the objects were collected by our youth at Susten Camp over a period of 14 years, forging strong connections between past and future.

We chose to place the collections at the Pratt Museum for several reasons. The first is the fact that the Pratt is the only accredited museum with excellent standards for curation and conservation easily accessible by our Tribal members and staff. The second is the fact that the employees at the Pratt are respectful and honor our cultural perspective. Third, we are active participants in the design and implementation of exhibits that feature Kenaitze Dena'ian culture and benefit all learners and museum visitors.

Pratt Museum
January 24, 2014

Kenaitze Indian Tribe values and appreciates the Pratt Museum. Ours is a relationship based on mutual trust and appreciation and a shared mission of excellence in education and programming. We are eager to participate in the growth and development of the Pratt Museum and have been in ongoing conversations with the Museum during the planning of the new facility.

Sincerely,

Alexandra M. Lindgren designee for

Jaylene Peterson Nyren
Executive Director
Kenaitze Indian Tribe



The Statewide Museum Association

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September 23, 2013

PRESIDENT

Angela Linn

Museum of the North,
Fairbanks

Senator Peter Micciche and Representative Paul Seaton

Alaska State Capitol
120 East Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801

VICE PRESIDENT

Monica Shah

Anchorage Museum
at Rasmuson Center

Dear Senator Micciche and Rep. Seaton,

Each year, approximately 850 million visitors pass through the hallways of America's museums to absorb important lessons about the past, present, and future. In Alaska, over 400,000 individuals annually visit our local institutions to learn the stories of the place we call home. These museums, stretching from Barrow to Ketchikan, Unalaska to Eagle, are helping to preserve and perpetuate our cultural heritage and protect our natural environment through education, research, exhibition, and public programming.

SECRETARY

Marie Acemah

Media Action, Kodiak

Despite this vital role of museums, our facilities and collections are at risk through decreasing federal and local support and charitable giving. As collections grow and visitation increases, the pressure on our aging infrastructure must be managed. Many of our museums are planning for, or are currently undergoing, capital campaigns for expanding or renovating their facilities. Museums Alaska, our statewide association of Alaska's museum professionals and volunteers, is asking for your help to support these valuable community assets.

TREASURER

Jerrie Clarke

Sheldon Museum and
Cultural Center, Haines

The **Pratt Museum**, in Homer, is in the midst of a capital campaign focusing on improving the visitor experience and safeguarding the valuable collections. This community-centered museum is seeking funds to become fully-ADA-compliant, to improve the efficiency of their facility, and redesign their exterior exhibits and grounds, all of which reflect their institutional commitment to being a good neighbor. Museums Alaska fully supports their efforts and considers this capital campaign to be a priority project within the state.

DIRECTORS

Andrew Goldstein

Valdez Museum &
Historical Archive

Sorrel Goodwin

Alaska State Library

Jane Lindsey

Juneau-Douglas
City Museum

On behalf of the Museums Alaska Board of Directors, I urge you to consider your personal experience of Alaska's museums and help support the preservation and education efforts of our institutions and supporting the Pratt Museum's request.

Michele Miller

Pratt Museum, Homer

Respectfully,

Amy Russell

Beringia Center of Culture
& Science, Nome

Angela Linn
President, Museums Alaska Board of Directors

ajlinn@alaska.edu

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Heather Beggs



January 23, 2014

Senator Peter Micciche
Representative Paul Seaton
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Micciche and Representative Seaton,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Pratt Museum's \$2.55 million construction project funding request. I encourage you to include it in this year's capital budget - and ask for your help to secure legislative and gubernatorial support in 2014.

My business is a simple one. I help people buy houses. We shop for homes, write offers to purchase and negotiate fair terms. But the decision to live in any community is made long before those clients walk through my door.

That decision is influenced by the availability of work, and lifestyle a community provides. And in Homer, both employment *and* lifestyle opportunities have been impacted by a vibrant arts and cultural community, embodied by the Pratt Museum.

Alaskan's all share a passion for natural history and the outdoors. The Pratt has long been a community resource on these issues and curator of an amazing natural history collection. In addition, the Pratt is a meeting place, center for debate and protector of our shared community history.

In order to continue these important missions, the Museum must now replace its aging building. The new facility is modest in scope and appropriately sized for the current staff, budget and mission. As a business owner I appreciate their focus on the "bottom line."

However, this project still needs *your* help. I support the Pratt's \$2.55 million request and encourage you to include it in this year's legislative session.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Alderfer, Broker / Owner



Kachemak Bay Wooden Boat Society

PO Box 97 • Homer, Alaska 99603

Phone: 907-235-2986

Diane Converse, Director
Pratt Museum
3779 Bartlett St.
Homer, AK 99603

1-23-2013

The Kachemak Bay Wooden Boat Society supports the Pratt Museum's efforts to upgrade their facilities to better serve the community of Homer and the Lower Kenai Peninsula, especially in the area of maritime heritage.

The mission of the KBWBS is to foster knowledge and appreciation of local and regional maritime history, to showcase and support new construction and ongoing marine projects by local practitioners, and to support efforts toward the preservation of important local maritime icons.

We recognize that the Pratt is the logical repository for local historical information, for important local icons, stories, and artistic endeavors and we see their need for the expansion to make this possible into the future, especially for maritime concerns. We will continue to support their efforts to preserve significant vessels and their histories.

David S Seaman III, President, KBWBS

COMMENTS

Dear Visitor,
Thank you for visiting the Pratt Museum.

We welcome your comments and suggestions about the Museum's exhibits, programs, facilities and services. Please write in the space below.

Cordially,

The Board and Staff
of the Pratt Museum

It was amazing. V V V

Interesting facts about the oil spill caused by the EXXON VALDEZ!

I had an interesting conversation with the woman in the Harrington - Cabin. She is wonderful. The right person on the right place!

THANK YOU V V V



Please include your name and mailing address so we may forward a response to you.

Name: Torsten Strübig Date: 7/27/13
Email: tstruebig@aol.com
Street or PO Box: Heinrich-Zille-Str. 69
City: Beckum
State: Germany Zip: 59269
Gallery Host:

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Cordially,

The Board and Staff
of the Pratt Museum

Just wanted to let you know how impressed we are with the museum and all the lovely, interactive + comprehensive exhibits. We flew in from San Francisco and, quite frankly, this museum blows a lot of the CA museums we've visited out of the water!!! Excellent and beautifully done, bravo!

Please include your name and mailing address so we may forward a response to you.

Name: LEILA SINGLETON Date: 08.08.2013
Email: leila@leila-singleton.com
Street or PO Box: 1465 65th St Apt 343
City: EMERYVILLE
State: CA Zip: 94608
Gallery Host:

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The Board and Staff
of the Pratt Museum

I first visited your Museum late 70's - then 80's - 90's. You have do a great job adding to the Museum. I enjoy the stories; the Gull Island room. - Every thing is easy to read and next to the picture. The live photo is great. I enjoy the drawers. The Pratt Museum visit was more enjoyable than Sea Life Center on Seward.

Please include your name and mailing address so we may forward a response to you.

Name: Drane Wilson Date: 7/16/13
Email: _____
Street or PO Box: 17450 Ralambjw@yahoo.com
City: Pelmer
State: AK Zip: 99645
Gallery Host: _____

COMMENTS

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Cordially,

The Board and Staff
of the Pratt Museum

What a wonderful selection of gifts, books + especially T-shirts + jewelry. You're buyer for the store is amazing - this is my 4th Alaskan Museum and the absolute best store selection

Please include your name and mailing address so we may forward a response to you.

Name: BETH HOVINO Date: 7-16-13
Email: bethandnancy@msn.com
Street or PO Box: _____
City: _____
State: FLORIDA Zip: _____
Gallery Host: _____

Museum
MUZEJ Kit = Whale

COMMENTS

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The Board and Staff
of the Pratt Museum

DEAR ALL,

I'M VERY HAPPY TO SEE THAT PRATT HAS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL AND USEFUL MUSEUM, MUCH MORE DEDICATED TO SCIENTISTS THAN ANCHORAGE MUSEUM (ANCHORAGE IS MUCH BIGGER PLACE AND SHOULD I EXPECTED TO HAVE BETTER ORGANIZED MUSEUM).

CONGRATULATIONS! S. Franic

Please include your name and mailing address so we may forward a response to you.

Name: SANDA FRANIC Date: 26.7.2013.
Email: HERBAUFE@MST-INTERSPED.HR
Street or PO Box: LASCINSKI BOROVAR 22
City: 10000 ZAGREB
State: CROATIA Zip: EUROPE
Gallery Host:

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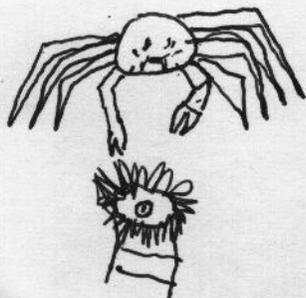
Cordially,

The Board and Staff
of the Pratt Museum

"Whale skeletons are heavy!" I came from UT to visit AK for my first time. Its been a 4 month vacation for me. I am here in Homer helping a friend on the "Great Whale Migration". How amazing to be so close to such an incredible preservation of a creature! With team work and wonderful people the whale rests now... until its return.

Please include your name and mailing address so we may forward a response to you.

Name: Laredo Rick Date: 7/27/13
Email: laredo.rick@gmail.com
Street or PO Box: 3290 S. Main
City: Logan, UT
State: UT Zip: 84321
Gallery Host:



Dear Pratt Museum,

Thank you for teaching us about lots of other sea life

The most interesting I learned was about the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Sincerely,
Christiana

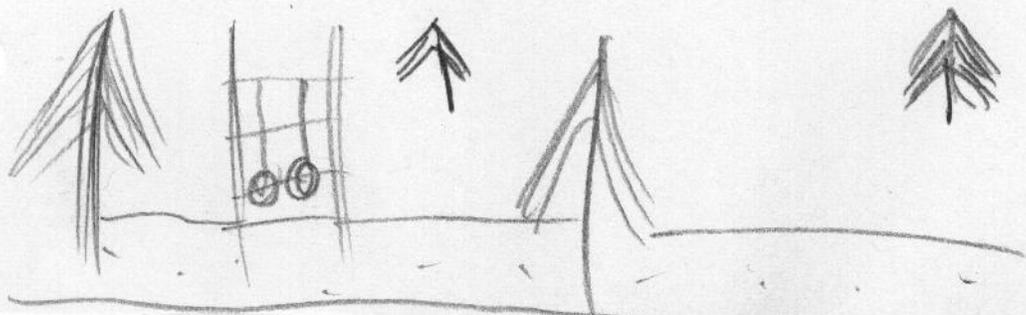


Dear Pratt Museum,

Thank you for taking your time to give us a tour of the grounds and museum. The most interesting thing I learned was that you have an outdoor art exhibit.

Sincerely,

Taia F.



Dear Pratt Museum,

Thank you for showing
the Forest, and the Museum.
The most interesting thing I
learned was that spruce beetles
will make spruce trees die.

Sincerely,

Taylor Henke

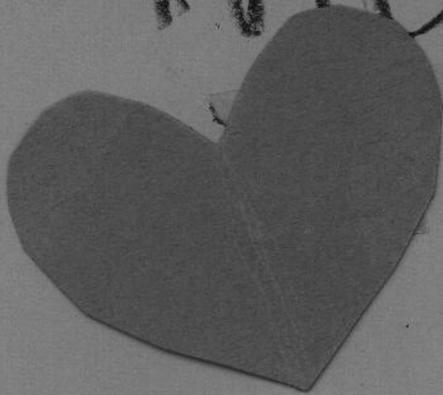
Thank you!

I liked

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Museum



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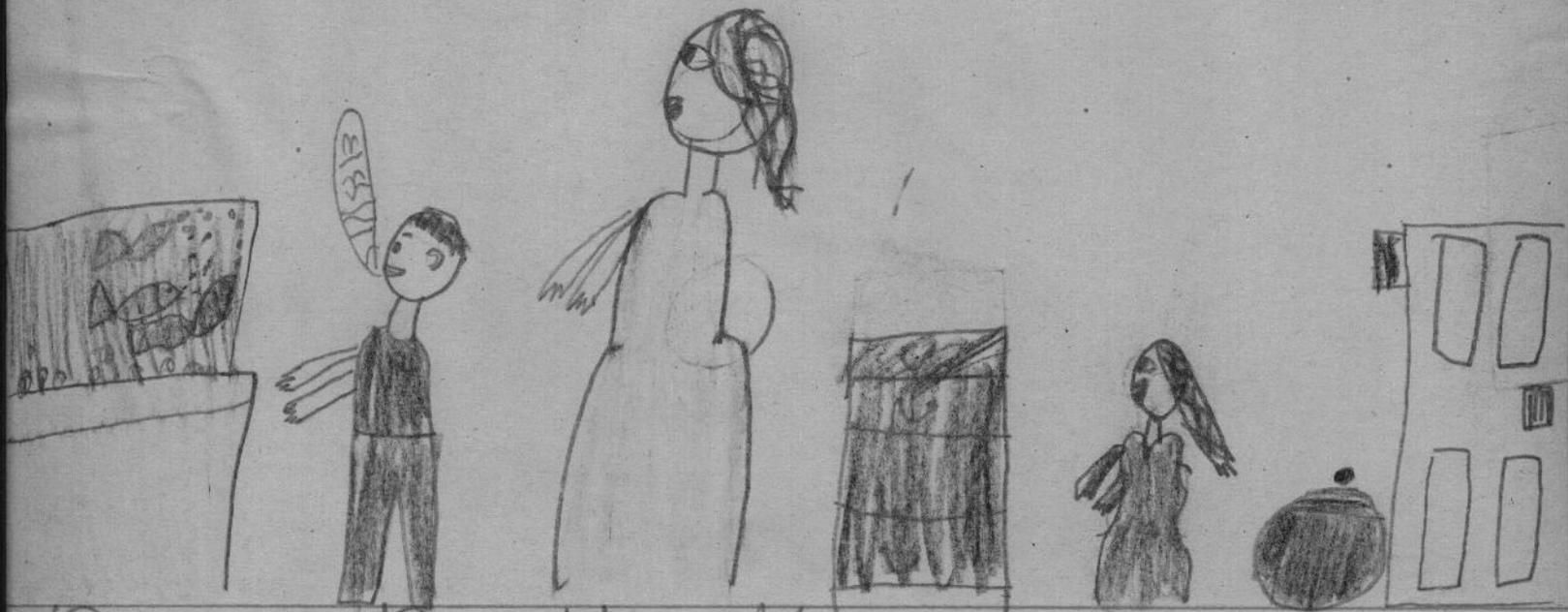
love you
art + work

Dear Pratt,

Thank you for opening your gallery for our class. It was really cool how artists came and talked about their art with us. I liked how near the end of our trip you let us go into the marine gallery to see all the cool marine creatures.

Also I liked the homesteading gallery because it had a lot of skeletons of whales and really old weapons. Thank you for keeping the museum in order and for scheduling a time for our class to come.

Sincerely, Teddy and Robby

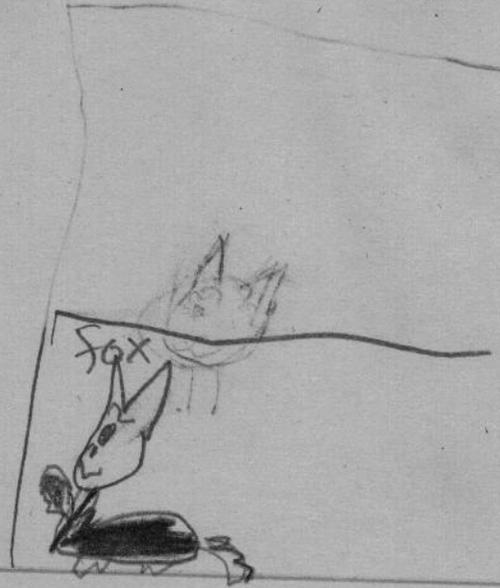
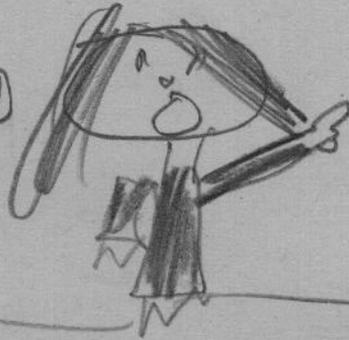


Dear Pratt Museum,

Thank you for letting
us come to visit the museum.

The part I liked the best
was when we went to
study the fish and animals.

Sincerely, Kirriakia



Dear Pratt Museum,

Thank you for letting us come to
visit the Museum. The part I liked
the best was when we saw the foxes.
They were a little scary.

Sincerely,

Rosie S.



Dear Pratt Museum,

Thank you for letting us come to visit the museum. The part I liked the best was when we looked at the things and draw them.

Sincerely,
Zoya