



Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission Schedule of Events 2009-2010

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★ **2009- 2010 Anchorage Museum Statehood Exhibits
Life in Alaska Leading to Statehood**

The Anchorage Museum's new exhibition, *Life in Alaska Leading to Statehood*, re-creates the decade through photographs and objects such as Anchorage High School yearbooks, statehood ballots, household goods, toys and advertisements, contact 343-4326 or www.anchoragemuseum.org

★ **Origins of the 49th State** As a companion to *Life in Alaska Leading to Statehood*, the museum offers an encore of 2005's *Creating Alaska: Origins of the 49th State*. The exhibit was designed to honor the 50th anniversary of the Alaska Constitution.

★ **May 21 Cook Inlet Historical Society Monthly Lecture Series-**The Struggle for Statehood. Beverly Beeton-The Hatcher Pass and Alaska before statehood-Public Lands Information office, 4th and F Street, contact 343-4326.

★ **2009 Cyranos Play House Celebrates with a tribute to the History and Statehood of Alaska. Monthly Special Events**, contact 274-2599 or Cyrano@ak.net

★ **Big Wild 50 Events- 2009-2010 Celebrating Alaska's 50th Anniversary** contact 276-4118 or www.anchorage.net/events.

★ **June 27, 12 – 5 p.m. Alaska Statehood Celebration and Hero Games**

Fourth Avenue between C and H Streets Part of Alaska's 50th Anniversary Celebration, the festival will include three performance stages: 5 Decades of Song and Dance, The Mickey Mouse Stage and Heroes Stage. The streets will be filled with street performers, the G Street Artists Fair, an antique car show, outdoor cafes and sidewalk sales, contact 279-5650.

★ **July 1, 12 – 2 p.m. Canada Day Celebration** at Peratrovich Park, Fourth Ave and E Street. A Celebration of our Neighbors. Canada Day takes place in Peratrovich Park and will feature a concert with Air Force Band of the Pacific Alaska Brass, trivia contests with prizes, temporary tattoo's, balloons, Canadian Mounties Cut Outs for photo's, Canadian flags, give a ways and information on traveling in Canada. Part of Alaska's 50th Anniversary Celebration, contact 279-5650.

★ **July 4, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Anchorage July 4th Celebration and Downtown Parade** at Delaney Park Strip. Daylong activities feature a combination of patriotic celebrations, cultural showcases, a parade, picnic and family activities, contact 279-5650.

★ **Aug 21-22, 2009 Hawaii Statehood Celebration** Friday 12:00-1 p.m., Saturday 1 – 3 p.m. at the Peratrovich Park, Fourth Ave and E Street. Anchorage will celebrate Hawaii's 50th Anniversary of Statehood with music and dance from the Islands. Part of Alaska's 50th Anniversary Celebration, contact 276-5520.



Mat-Su Valley

- ★ **July 31, 2009 5:30-8:30pm-Mat-Su Annual Military Appreciation and Governors Picnic**-Family filled picnic at Iditarod Park in Wasilla. Special tribute will be shown for our Military members and celebration of our 50th Anniversary of Alaska Statehood. Contact Lynn 376-1299

Fairbanks

- ★ **May 22, 2009 7:30pm-Fairbanks Opera Organization presents Alaska 50th Anniversary Gala Concert.** Presenting Vivica Genaux and Maestro Gregory Buchalter. Contact Cassandra at 456-1984 www.operafairbanks.org.

Juneau

- ★ **July 3, 2009 Capital City Celebrates-** Ball games early in day ending with community fireworks over downtown Juneau. Tentative community picnic to be held in Douglas along with a presentation of the new Douglas bandstand. An evening of festivities leading up to the grand finale of fireworks presented by the Juneau Festival Association and the City of Juneau. Contact 357-6665.
- ★ **July 4, 2009 9:00am- Reenactment of 1959 flag raising** event held in Juneau – followed by the Juneau Parade at noon and then on to Douglas for their parade and festivities.

Kenai

- ★ **April 24, 2009- Statehood Gala: Reflections on Alaska Statehood, the 49th at 50.** The Kenai Visitors & Cultural Centers annual contemporary art invitational continues for its tenth year. The theme of the show is a reflection on Alaskan statehood. Contact 283-1991.

Seward

- ★ **May 1-2, 2009- Celebrating Alaska Statehood,** Seward Statehood Symposium at the Seward Library. The first day will open with an evening reception the second day will include a series of talks and discussion about statehood from a local and statewide perspective. Governor Hickel, Seward historian Mary Barry and others will be in attendance.
- ★ **July 4, 2009-Independence Day parade and celebrations highlighting Alaska Statehood**

Kodiak

- ★ **April 23-25, 2009 COMFISH** Alaska Statehood celebration dinner and trade show. Celebrating 50 years of Alaska's seafood industry. Contact 486-5557.

Ketchikan

- ★ **.June 6, 2009 Ketchikan Youth Initiative Youth Art Auction.** Artists earn 25% of Winning bid. Theme is "Alaska" to celebrate our state's 50th anniversary. All types of artwork are welcomed. **May 1st cut-off date for entries.** Contact 225-2250 or kyi@kpunet.net

For additional information on travel specials for the 50th Anniversary of Alaska Statehood contact ATIA at www.travelalaska.com