

Pratt Museum Receives Collections Management Fund Award for Updates to Gull Island Exhibit

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The Pratt Museum, which is governed by The Homer Society of Natural History, Inc., is the Recipient of a \$15,827 Collections Management Fund Award from Museums Alaska, Supported by Rasmuson Foundation

The Pratt Museum is incredibly grateful to be the recipient of a \$15,827.00 Museums Alaska grant from the Collections Management Fund supported by Rasmuson Foundation. This contribution will support upgrades to the Museum's popular *Gull Island Exhibit*, with a new display case to better protect and display natural history specimens in the permanent collection, including feet, wings and eggs of various species of local shorebirds. Updated interpretation of the objects in the case as well as updated exhibit panels will accompany the new display case.

The project will also include improvements to the interactive technology used to power the *Gull Cam*, which allows visitors to the Museum to observe life on Gull Island in Kachemak Bay, with a limitless view of glaucous-winged gulls, kittiwakes, cormorants, and more. Gull Island is owned and managed by Seldovia Native Association, Inc. The Pratt Museum is granted a conditional use permit to place camera equipment on the island for educational and scientific purposes.

About Museums Alaska In 1983, Museums Alaska became an official non-profit organization, after serving as a committee of the Alaska Historical Society since the 1970s. For over four decades, their commitment to strengthening museums and cultural centers in Alaska has grown, propelling them into a new era of growth and impact. More information is available at <https://museumsalaska.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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