



UAS Staff David Walker Takes Top Wearable Art Prize in New Zealand

An Alaskan carpenter's 17th century-style ball gown made entirely of wood has won the top prize at the World of WearableArt (WOW) awards.

David Walker's Lady Of The Wood was comprised of mahogany and lacewood with 52 strips of maple and cedar veneer for the hooped skirt and a wig made from wood shavings.

Along with the supreme award, the gown won the avant garde section, as the winners of the 21st WOW were announced at the TSB Centre in Wellington, New Zealand September 25th.

It was Walker's third year in the show and 10th making wearable art.

Judge Max Patte said Walker's design was a "beautifully executed" original design which worked on every level.

"Once again, it raises the game and expectations for next year's WOW."

Thomas Talks on Palin Phenom

On September 24, Clive Thomas, Professor of Political Science, presented a talk titled: "The Sarah Palin Phenomenon: An Alaska and a National Perspective" at the University of Utah's Hinckley Institute of Politics in Salt Lake City. Thomas says his talk got a mixed reception in the most conservative state in the United States. "People either loved it or hated it," Thomas said.

In his talk, Thomas touched on the enigmatic fascination with Palin, the contrast between those who like her and those who do not and what she tells us about American politics.

He gave similar talks in Brazil, Uruguay and Chile during a

research trip to South America this summer and received very good receptions to his analysis of the Palin phenomenon. In the next few months he will present talks on Palin at several other universities, conferences and group meetings including at Oregon State University and in Victoria B.C.

"Palin is a hot topic all over the world at the moment," Thomas says "even more so with her book coming out in November."

UAS Sitka Campus Welcomes Jon Martin



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Jon Martin joins the UAS Sitka Campus faculty as an Assistant Professor of Biology. Jon grew-up in Sitka and has lived in a variety of states over the past 15 years including Oregon, Washington, Virginia, and Georgia. Following his service in the United States Army he attended school at Washington State University/Portland State University where he completed his BS in molecular biology and a minor in chemistry. He studied biology (physiology) in graduate school at PSU under the guidance of Dr. Stan Hillman focusing on the comparative physiology of Anuran (frogs & toads) urinary systems. He has taught Human Anatomy & Physiology to college students for the past 5 years and has also taught courses on cell and general biology. He enjoys running, cycling, snowboarding, fishing, and reading.



Ketchikan campus director Cathy LeCompte and Arts and Science Dean Administrative Assistant Heather Hadley organized the reception for the UA Board of Regents at the UAS Egan Library September 24th.

Statement to UA Board of Regents

*by John Williams, Chair of the UAS Campus Council,
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Finally, the Southeast region has something that's growing. And not because it's been lavished with outside stimulus or artificial fertilizer. The growth on our regional campuses is akin to the organic process in nature wherein the struggles realized by food crops to compete for their nutrients and to fight off pestilence generates a healthier, more micro-nutrient rich source of sustenance to the omnivores that feed on them. In a similar way, UAS is providing to Southeast an economic sustenance that pervades pretty much every aspect of our economy.

In the six years I've been privileged to participate as an outside advisor to the Chancellor and to have an insider's access to the programs, staff and faculty of UAS, I've witnessed the struggles behind the growth and achievements. The growth is not without its growing pains.

The economic fabric of our region would be comparatively tattered cloth without UAS. We the members of the business community commend all at UAS who strive to continue to provide the training and accreditation required in our mining, health-care, transportation and construction industries. No one else provides the kind of intellectual laboratory required to investigate and expand the understanding of our resource rich waters and forests. No one else provides the academic opportunities to fulfill the skill-building required to fill the needs of our public sector. No one else creates an environment that allows for the universal appreciation and integration of our rich cultural diversity. Only UAS opens its arms to students from around the State and nation and welcomes those who choose to partake of our unique environment.

To all of you who have provided guidance and assistance and who understand the role of UAS within our communities — to all that continue to persevere in keeping the goals of the university clearly focused on its mission of fulfilling our critical employment training, cultural appreciation, and analytical investigation of our rich and unique environment, we the communities of Southeast acknowledge our indebtedness to you and continue to seek your enduring support of this vital element that makes us all richer and healthier in every way.

New banners designed by Alison Caputo brighten the Egan Classroom wing hallway and serve as reminders of our student core competencies.

UAS Sitka Campus Welcomes Lori Hart, ANP, Ph.D.

Lori Hart, ANP, Ph.D. has joined the faculty at UAS Sitka Campus as the Associate Professor for the Certified Nurse Aide courses. Lori is licensed as a women's health care nurse practitioner with a primary area of interest in women's / infant's mental health issues. She has been in nursing for 25 years, working through the ranks of CNA/LPN/RN/NP. She taught in the Nursing and Family and Human Development departments for 13 years at Weber State University and Utah State University. She most recently taught in the online nurse educator MSN program at WSU. Lori has a love for teaching and learning about why and how individuals learn. She has designed numerous online and distant education courses. She completed her Master's degree in nursing at the University of Utah and her doctorate in education from Capella.

Lori and her family moved to Sitka in January of 2005 from Northern Utah, but she has also lived in California, North Carolina, and Tennessee. She has been married for 28 years and has four children (only one left at home) and a beautiful granddaughter! Lori's husband is an optometrist at SEARHC. She loves hiking, cooking, traveling, theater, and walking her spoiled labradoodle.



Lori Hart

