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BY MARY GLAVES, YNS SECRETARY

The 12th Annual Yakutat Tern Festival did not disappoint! It's been a challenging couple of years for everyone, and we were more than ready to bring back some of our old favorite field trips, activities, and events. We were also inspired to create new ones, so we did! This year, we expanded partnerships with Yakutat Schools, the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe (YTT), Audubon Alaska, and local Yakutat businesses. We also made new partnerships with the Ocean Conservancy who included the Yakutat Tern Festival in one of their marine debris cleanup grants with YTT and incorporated a buoy painting workshop with Kristie Traver, an Anchorage-based multi-media artist whose art is inspired by the wildlife and wild places she has been blessed to live and visit. Our Hubbard Glacier tour and Kayak Field Trip to Black Sand Spit were booked solid, and we resumed our other regular field trips to Ankau and Harlequin Lake as well as added a new "Choose Your Own Adventure" option led by Carrie Wittmer of Mount St. Elias National Park which festival go-ers seemed to enjoy! We also kicked off our first annual Tongass Trails Scavenger Hunt, featuring six Southeast Alaska Birding Trail trails, which locals and visitors participated in to get their passports stamped for a chance at a cash prize, as well as swag coupons stashed along the way. We look forward to continuing to pursue our mission through the festival and other opportunities. A heartfelt thanks goes out to our sponsors, partners, and everyone who came to the 12th Annual Tern Festival. Gunalchéesh! Looking forward to next year!

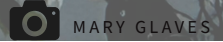




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Tory Elmore, and Dustin Newman Unignax of King Cove, AK.*



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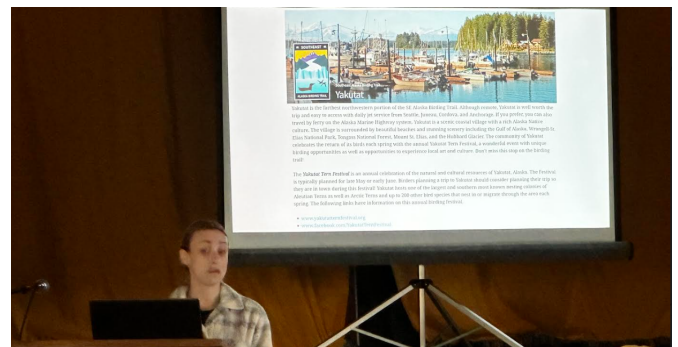
In 2019, Audubon Alaska and its partners, the US Forest Service and Juneau Audubon Society, launched the Southeast Alaska Birding Trail, a virtual guide to 200 birding hotspots across the Alaska Panhandle. After three years of COVID-19, Audubon is re-launched the birding trail with a brand new web and mobile application, making planning a trip and visiting the birding trail easier and more accessible than ever. App developer Tory Elmore launched this app and demonstrated it at the Tern Festival. Future Tern Festivals will incorporate and promote the Southeast Alaska Birding Trail in our events and information.

Dustin Newman Unignax is Dustin is Unangax and Deg Hit's Athabascan. He grew up in King Cove, Alaska along the Alaska Peninsula. Dustin is the son of Rebecca Demoski and Harlen Newman his paternal grandparents Robert "Babe" Newman and Clara Smith and Maternal Grandparents Rudy Demoski and Agnes Gould. His art represents his culture and the environment that he grew up in. Dustin first started painting on bentwood visors and later started building kayaks under his mentor Marc Daniels.

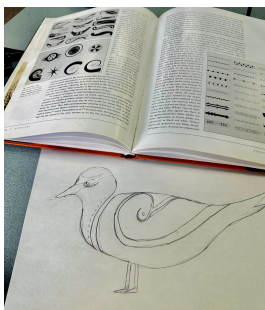
Dustin shared his art and culture with Tern Festival go-ers this year, through workshops for both kids and adults, bringing a unique and valued cross-cultural connection to Yakutat.



Dustin leading a workshop on how to draw an Aleutian Tern in his cultural Unignax style.



Tory gives a talk about the Southeast ALaska Birding Trail App she developed, launched at the Tern Festival (above). Below: Tory has fun testing the app on a few of the trails, including Harlequin Lake!



~One Good Tern Deserves Another~



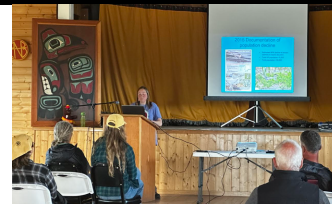
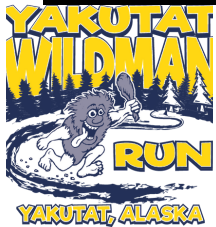
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The 13th Annual Yakutat Tern Festival Save the Date: June 8th - 11th, 2023!



Planning for next year's festival is already underway. We will be bringing back the favorites including bird banding, Bird TLC, Hubbard Glacier and Black Sand Spit field trips, the Tongass Trails Scavenger Hunt, the Wildman Race, provide updates on Aleutian Tern Research, and more new adventures for visitors and locals alike. If you have feedback or suggestions for next year's festival, please let us know. We will consider all ideas and suggestions. The best way to get in touch is to send us an email (contact info below). You can also follow and message us on social media. We frequently have trivia for free swag, so keep us in your feed! Also, keep an eye out this year for some earlier deadlines for our art and photo contests. Our art contest deadline for next year is December 1st, 2023. Check out the details on our website: www.yakutatternfestival.org.

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