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Much of the state, including Seward, has been experiencing below normal temperatures during the past week.

## Bardarson to receive Lifetime Achievement in the Arts award

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Local artist Dot Bardarson will be recognized along with nine other Alaskans at the Governor's Arts & Humanities Awards ceremony at the Juneau Arts & Culture Center on Feb. 7

The Alaska Humanities Forum said in a press release, "Dot Bardarson's colorful watercolors, capturing Alaska sea life, birds, flowers, and Eskimo-Native themes, have earned her recognition as one of Alaska's outstanding artists. She has received awards in juried shows, TOSCA's Alaska Artist of the year in 2011, and in 2014 she was honored by the Seward Arts Council and named Queen of the Arts."

A lifetime painter, Bardarson says she has enjoyed the

opportunity to paint.

"I was encouraged by my mother," she said, "I can't remember when I didn't paint."

Even when she was first married and lived aboard a cannery tender with her new husband, she says she always found time to paint. She said it was just the two of them on the boat and it was a lot of hard work, but she continued to pursue her passion.

Locally she operated an art gallery for 20 years, and has worked on local murals. She has been the master artist for four murals and has worked on more than a twenty-five as part of the Seward Mural Society. Through her work she was able to get the legislature and Governor Sarah Palin to name Seward as the "Mural Capital of Alaska."

She spent four years working



Dot Bardarson

on two murals with Seward's sister city, Obihiro, Japan, coordinating the exchange between the two cities. One of the murals is displayed at the zoo in Obihiro, and one on the Rae building facing the road to Lowell Point. Artists from both countries worked on both murals.

She has also been involved in local theatrical productions

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## Fire on board the F/V Mojo heavily damaged the vessel Tuesday night

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Fire departments were dispatched shortly before 9 p.m. for the fire. According to reports from the scene, the fire appeared to start in the wheelhouse of the vessel. Upon arrival Deputy Fire Chief Clinton Crites said the upper structure of the vessel was fully engulfed in flames. No one was on the vessel at the time of the fire and the fire was limited to the one vessel. No damage was reported to the dock or adjacent boats.

Crews from the Seward and Bear Creek Fire Departments stretched hose line from the parking area about 300 feet down the dock to the vessel to attack the fire. Firefighters were able to quickly suppress the fire. Witnesses said the fire was knocked down within 10 - 15 minutes after firefighters arrived. Crites said firefighters limited the amount of water used because of the fire being in a vessel in the harbor.

"We limited the water used to about 1,000 gallons because of the environment," Crites said.

Both Crites and Deputy Harbormaster Matt Chase said there appeared to be no fuel, hydraulic fluid, or other contaminants in the harbor water.

"We didn't see any type of sheen around the boat," Chase

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