BSNC ACQUIRES ALASKA INDUSTRIAL HARDWARE

BSNC held its 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Saturday, Oct. 3 in Nome, Alaska. Shareholders voted on the election of five board directors. Incumbents Neal W. Foster, Steve P. Ivanoff, Jason Evans and Lee Ryan were reelected and Ella A. Nanagick was newly elected to the Board. Directors serve three-year terms.

“On behalf of BSNC and the Board of Directors, I sincerely thank all of the shareholders who voted and attended our annual meeting,” said Henry Ivanoff, Chairman of the Board of BSNC. “I thank and recognize outgoing director Percy Nayokpuk for his many years of service, and welcome incoming board member Ella Nanagick.”

Nayokpuk was elected to the Board in 1985 and served as the Board’s Assistant Treasurer. He served on the Company’s &a, Alaska Gold, Arctic Development, Bylaws & Shareholder, Land & Resources, and Portfolio committees. He also served on the Open Enrollment subcommittee and was a director of Ayak, LLC, Bering Strait Technical Services, LLC, Global Precision Systems, LLC, Golden Gulch, Inc., Paragon Professional Services, LLC, and was Vice President of Inuit Services, Inc.

Drawings were held for door prizes for those present and prizes were drawn for shareholders who turned in a valid proxy by the Sept. 30 proxy deadline. Checks will be mailed to winners who were not present at the meeting, shareholders who could not attend the annual meeting this year in Nome were invited to join via live webcast at www.beringstraits.com.

BSNC, NANA, ASRC FORM INUIT ARCTIC BUSINESS ALLIANCE

Representatives of BSNC, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) and NANA Regional Corporation announced the establishment of the Inuit Arctic Business Alliance (IABA) in June.

IABA’s mission is to provide a unified voice, collective vision, guidelines and venue for doing business in the Arctic. IABA’s goals are to ensure that their respective regions directly benefit from activity and operations in the Alaska Arctic. IABA will provide the Arctic Alaska Inuit a voice, with respect to transportation, infrastructure, energy and all facets of sustainable economic development and cultural stewardship.

“Global interests continue to focus on the Arctic, and we, Inuit, have always worked together to ensure our collective destiny remains in the hands of our people,” said BSNC President & CEO Gail Schubert. “The Inuit Arctic Business Alliance is the conduit to ensure we lead this effort.”

“It is important that we speak for ourselves with a collective voice. With increased interest in the Arctic, there is too much at stake to let others speak for us. This partnership is a mechanism to make sure it is our message that is being heard,” said ASRC President and CEO Rex A. Rock Sr.

“Cooperation is our natural way of doing business,” said NANA President and CEO Wayne Westlake. “The planning for this business alliance has spanned over a year and we have now agreed to work together on common priorities.”

The three corporate members of IABA were established as part of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. Their combined land base and traditional territories span coastal Alaska and neighboring uplands from the Yukon River Delta to the Canadian border. Together, they own a total of 9.3 million acres of Arctic surface and subsurface real estate and represent more than 31,900 shareholders. IABA is governed by a nine member board of directors, comprised of three individuals from each member corporation.
Despite Shell’s recent announcement that it is shutting down its operations in the Arctic, the world continues to focus on the Arctic and how to address the impending changes caused by climate change. At the start of 2019, the U.S. assumed the chairmanship of the Arctic Council. The U.S. State Department has stated that the focus of our Nation’s chairmanship will be environmental stewardship, including protection of the marine environment, conservation of the rich Arctic biodiversity, improving conditions in Arctic communities and addressing the rapidly changing climate in the Arctic.

The United States is an Arctic nation because of Alaska, and our state should have an active and influential role as Arctic development in, and shipping through, Arctic waters increases. In late August, Alaska welcomed President Obama to our beautiful homeland. His trip marked the first time a sitting president visited the U.S. Arctic. While in Alaska, he focused on threats to our communities caused by climate change and visited rural communities along the Arctic shoreline. I was invited to meet with the President and spoke about the effects of climate change on our communities and subsistence activities, the fact that we are all subsistence based communities and that our subsistence resources need to be protected, and, the need for economic development in our communities to provide the jobs needed to sustain our communities. I emphasized that infrastructure development is still needed in our communities to deal with the increased traffic through the Bering Strait, even if offshore development does not happen. Finally I noted the important role the Bering Strait region has at the national and international level due to our strategic location at the critical choke point as marine traffic moves through the Northern Sea Route, the Northwest Passage and the proposed Transpolar Route. Because of our strategic location in the Arctic, BSNC continues to seek title under ANCSA to the Northwest Passage and the proposed Transpolar Route. Because of our strategic location in the Arctic, BSNC continues to seek title under ANCSA.

The continuation of our subsistence way of life is central to BSNC’s mission and the most important consideration when BSNC embarks on an economic endeavor. This past summer BSNC visited Nome, White Mountain, Golovin, Wales, Teller, Shaktoolik, Brevig Mission, Koyuk, Gambell, Saint Michael, Stebbins, Savoonga, Unalakleet and Shishmaref to recruit, hire and train 17 Protected Species Observers (PSOs) for Shell. BSNC is deeply disappointed by Shell’s decision to exit its oil exploration in the Arctic. Offshore oil and gas development on Alaska’s Outer Continental Shelf would have provided well-paying employment opportunities for shareholders and descendants, as well as economic development opportunities for the BSNC region.

Though short-lived, the PSO work complemented our mission to improve the quality of life of our people through economic development while protecting our land and resources and preserving our culture and heritage. Our longstanding dependence on the land and sea for subsistence purposes highlights why our Board of Directors continues to emphasize protecting our lands and resources, even as we engage in profit-making economic development activities.

Shell’s decision to leave Alaska brings my attention to Alaska’s changing economy. The impending fiscal crisis is cause for deep concern, and the Governor and State Legislature both have critical and important decisions to make on how to bridge the fiscal gap. My concern is that the changes made may have a dramatic and negative impact on rural Alaska, where the cost of living is very high. Potential changes include imposing a state sales tax, a state income tax, reducing or capping the permanent fund dividend, closing rural schools with fewer than a certain number of students, and other fiscal measures that will decrease state funds being appropriated for rural Alaska. The positive aspect is that our rural representatives, including Representative Neil Foster and Senator Donny Olson, are both experienced and able to fight to ensure that the necessary budget cuts are not made solely on the backs of rural Alaskans. If they ask for our support of important legislation and measures to deal with the fiscal crisis, we should be prepared to give them the support they need.

Last, but not least, I congratulate shareholder Loretta Bullard for her recent appointment by Governor Walker to the Alaska Judicial Council. She is the first Alaska Native to be appointed to the Judicial Council, which plays an important role in the judicial system. The Council screens and nominates applicants for judges, evaluates the performance of judges, makes evaluation information and recommendations available to voters, and conducts studies and makes recommendations to improve the administration of justice. Loretta’s service on the Council will ensure that it has a more fair and balanced perspective representing all Alaskans, including Alaska Natives. Her longstanding service and commitment to rural Alaska is well known, and I am pleased that she accepted this important appointment.

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HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT:
MESONGA MILLIGROCK

SKILLED QIVIUT KNITTER LED CO-OP

Mesonga A. (Milligrock) Atkinson passed peacefully at home on Oct. 10, 2014 at the age of 75 years. Born in Nome in 1939, Atkinson moved soon thereafter to Anchorage. Upon marrying, she and her husband set up a homestead near Goose Bay. As a homemaker, Atkinson found the perfect job working for Oomingmak Musk Ox Producers’ Co-operative, an Alaska Native-owned business founded in 1969. For 23 years, Atkinson knit qiviut, the downy-soft underwool from the Arctic musk-ox. She knit the Shishmaref scarf and smoke ring patterns and helped develop the Tundra and Snow patterns in the two color yarn. During her time with the Co-op, she knit more than 1,300 pieces and helped correct and refine the patterns. Atkinson was President of the Oomingmak Board of Directors for 13 years.
BSNC sends its condolences to the family of BSNC shareholder Gary Longley Sr. of Nome, who passed away on June 2. Board Director and former President & CEO Tim Towarak remembers Longley as the first official employee of BSNC, having been chosen by an interim BSNC Board during formation. Serving as Executive Director under President Jerome Trigg, Longley hired many of BSNC's first employees. Longley's extensive experience working for the regional Bureau of Indian Affairs as the Nome Agency Superintendent was of great benefit to BSNC in its early years.

Longley is remembered by many as an Alaska Native leader who worked on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. Longley has testified before the Alaska Natives Commission on federal and state programs and policies affecting Alaska Native people. He stressed the priorities of subsistence, education, vocational training and employment and safe, sanitary and adequate housing. Longley was a meteorologist for the National Weather Service, Local Government Specialist for the State of Alaska and served as the Chief of the Office of Native Affairs for the Alaska Area Native Health Service. Longley served as President of Kawerak, Inc. and also as Vice President of Community Health Services for Norton Sound Health Corporation.

BSNC shareholder Susan Ringstad Emery is a Seattle-area based artist of Inupiat and Scandinavian descent. Her work includes mixed media, drawings, pastel, oil paintings, watercolor paintings, traditional prints, children’s book illustrations, commercial and graphic design. She holds an Associates of Fine Arts degree in Studio Arts.

“I love indigenous artwork from around the world and am inspired by the Iñupiat Ilitquiat, or the values system of northwest Alaska,” said Emery. “My influences also include my cultures, family, people and places of the world and inspiration by other artists such as my art teacher Sandra Lepper, Vincent Van Gogh, Diego Rivera, my maternal grandfather Teddy Sockpick, whose art was expressed through his skilled scrimshaw etchings, and my paternal grandmother Florence Selberg-Ringstad, who placed a priority on the arts and enjoyed working in watercolor.”

Learn more about Susan Ringstad Emery’s work by visiting www.zhibit.org/susanringstademeryart/commercial-work-graphic-design.

BSNC REMEMBERS
GARY LONGLEY SR.
FIRST EMPLOYEE OF BSNC REMEMBERED FOR SERVICE

BSNC shareholder Dr. Barb Amarok’s entire professional career of thirty-four plus years has been committed to the education of rural Alaskans. Last September, Amarok earned her doctoral degree in Indigenous Education from the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Indigenous Studies Ph.D. Program. Amarok’s dissertation on Indigenous Education in the 21st century addressed the responsibilities of elementary and secondary formal schooling and teacher preparation programs to appropriately and relevantly serve children and communities in rural Alaska.

Not only does Amarok advocate for relevant and effective teaching, she stresses cultural knowledge, that students learn the history of their people and Alaska Native leaders. She continues to serve her community and the region as a member of the Nome School Board, Sitnasuak Native Corporation Foundation Board, Norton Sound Education Workgroup and the First Alaskans Institute Visionary Council. Amarok is the 70th Alaska Native to earn a Research Doctorate.

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BLM SUPPRESSES FIRE
CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT ARCHEOLOGICAL PLACE SPARED

On July 24, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) successfully suppressed a fire that threatened two important cultural sites on Alaska’s Seward Peninsula. The two sites, one an old village site and the other a pictograph (rock painting), were threatened by a rapidly moving tundra fire ignited by a lightning strike near Coco Creek. Both sites had been conveyed to BSNC through Section 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which allowed Alaska Native regional corporations to select sites of historical and archaeological significance.

At approximately 3 p.m., Thomas Sparks of the BLM Nome Field Station was contacted by Galena Fire Zone and asked about the significance of the known historical sites as smoke jumpers were in route to the fire. Having worked as BSNC’s Vice President of Land and Resources from 1991-2000, Sparks had been instrumental in establishing BSNC’s 14(h) (1) and he quickly identified the need for fire suppression in the Coco Creek area. BLM’s smoke jumpers and three Fire Boss aircraft suppressed the fire by 5:30 p.m.

On Saturday, July 25, staff from the BSNC Land Department flew to Coco Creek to inspect the scene of the fire and determine if any damage to the cultural resources there had occurred. They found that the fire had been suppressed, but not before it ran to within 200 meters of the old village site. The pictograph site is located near the fire and was also spared from damage. A fire crew was still on the scene, mopping up hot spots and monitoring the scene for potential flare.

“This site represents an important period in the region’s prehistoric past,” said Matt Ganley, BSNC Vice President of Media and External Affairs. “The pictograph is one of only a few which exist in the whole Inupiat/Inuit area stretching from Unalakleet to Greenland. Had this site been damaged or destroyed by the fire, we would have lost a significant piece of the Bering Strait region’s cultural history.”

The BLM is tasked with protecting archaeological sites from fires occurring on that agency’s land, and decisions on the level of response depend on the significance of the site and the availability fire suppression resources. Gail Schubert, BSNC President and CEO, said, “This is a great example of how BLM and Alaska Native corporations can work together to protect cultural resources that represent the State’s rich cultural past. We have worked cooperatively with BLM for many years on land-related issues and we appreciate the expertise and commitment of their employees in the Anchorage, Fairbanks and Nome offices.”

SIGN UP FOR THE E-NEWSLETTER!
SAVE PAPER, HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

BSNC invites shareholders and descendants to reduce our usage of paper by signing up to receive the Agluktuk newsletter electronically. The e-Newsletter, which will be sent via email, will help cut down on the costs of printing and postage, will respect the environment and is received in a more timely fashion than the mailed newsletter.

Shareholders who receive e-Newsletters may always request to receive paper copies of editions that are meaningful to them, and full copies of the paper newsletter will continue to be posted to the BSNC website in a PDF format.

Visit www.beringstraits.com/enewsletter to sign up.

ROCK CREEK MINE MOVING TOWARD RECLAMATION

The Rock Creek Mine, an Alaska Gold Company (AGC) venture, is moving toward reclamation with work to be completed by the close of 2016. The mine, constructed from 2006-2008 by AGC, a subsidiary of Novagold, was in production for a short time. In 2011, BSNC purchased all of the remaining AGC holdings in the Nome area, including the mine and the Big Hurrah gold prospect. In the years after the purchase, BSNC evaluated a number of possible re-start scenarios for the mine but found that gold production at Rock Creek could not be done in a profitable manner.

In June of this year, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and Sittausuk Native Corporation (SNC) approved the reclamation plan and reclamation work began immediately. Tumit Construction, a wholly owned Kawerak, Inc. subsidiary, is the primary contractor and has committed the necessary manpower and equipment to fulfilling the reclamation plan.

As part of the original AGC and SNC agreement, AGC could have been required to purchase any property from SNC that had been disturbed in the mining process. To fulfill this responsibility AGC, now a BSNC subsidiary, agreed to purchase a much larger tract of SNC land. This approach provided AGC/BSNC with a much more manageable tract, and ensured that reclamation could be completed in a timely manner.

While it is unfortunate that the Rock Creek mine could not be brought back into production and provide employment opportunities, BSNC’s management is confident that once reclamation is completed, the property could very well see future use for commercial operations associated with Nome’s role in Arctic shipping.

BSNC DECLARES SPECIAL ELDRERS’ DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

The Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) Board of Directors voted on Aug. 13 to declare a one-time special Elder dividend of $500. This special dividend will be paid to original BSNC shareholders who were 65 years of age or older on Nov. 10, 2015, the date of record. Checks will be mailed on or by Dec. 31, 2015.

“This special dividend is given in gratitude of those who have given so much to our communities and our people,” said BSNC Board Chairman Henry Ivanoff. “BSNC honors the contributions of our Elder shareholders.”

BSNC is an Alaska Native Corporation that was established by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. It is owned by more than 7,100 Alaska Native shareholders and actively pursues responsible development of resources and other business opportunities. Through its subsidiaries, BSNC serves the federal government and commercial customers throughout the Bering Strait region, Alaska, the United States and the world.
SHAREHOLDER NAME AND ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

BSNC shareholders should update the Shareholder Records Department directly in writing anytime their mailing address or name changes. Address changes for shareholders under the age of 18 must be signed by the minor’s custodian. Mail in this form or send a signed letter with your social security number, date of birth and new address to:

Bering Straits Native Corporation
P.O. Box 1008
Nome, Alaska 99762

Signature of Testator________________________________________________

Date:____________________________________

Notary Public or Postmaster ______________________________________

Social security number:_______________________

Date of birth:______________________________

Print name: ____________________________________________________________________________

Signature: _____________________________________________________________________________

Are you receiving important mailings from BSNC, including newsletters and dividends? It is important that shareholders keep their mailing address up-to-date. Visit http://beringstraits.com/shareholders/forms/address_name_change.pdf to update your address today or use the form below.

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO

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Nome, Alaska 99762

For name changes, BSNC requires that you attach a legal document with your new name, such as a copy of a court record, valid government ID, marriage certificate or divorce decree.

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Notary Public or Postmaster ______________________________________

Social security number:_______________________

Date of birth:______________________________

Print name: ____________________________________________________________________________

Signature: _____________________________________________________________________________

This will revokes any bequest of the stock, described above, in any previously existing will or codicil. If I now own more shares than I have bequeathed above, I direct

that the remaining shares shall be split pro rata among the persons named above. BSNC recommends that all existing fractional shares of stock be given to one person, and that existing whole shares be given as whole shares and not split into fractional shares.

This instrument shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Alaska.

NAME CHANGE REQUIRED

I, ____________________________________, having attained the age of eighteen (18) years and being of sound mind, and solely

for the purposes of AS 13.16.705(b) and ANCSA of 1971, Sec. 7(h)(2), freely and voluntarily execute this will and hereby devise and bequeath my shares of stock in

Bering Straits Native Corporation and ________________________________ village corporation to:

Name of village

Name of current address

% of shares

Name

Date

State of:

County of: ___________ (or ____________ Judicial District)

Subscribe, sworn to and acknowledged before me by ______________________________

Notary Public or Postmaster

In and for the State of: ____________
BSNC has announced the awardees of its 2015 Young Providers Award as Heather Jackson of Shaktotok and Nick Hanson of Unalakleet. This year, the BSNC Board of Directors has chosen to posthumously honor the late Herbie Nayokpuk and Sinrock Mary by presentation of the awards.

Heather Jackson, a 20-year-old basketball enthusiast, was taught and embraces the subsistence way of life by providing for her family and the Elders year-round in her village. A young role model, Jackson encourages others to live a drug-free lifestyle. Jackson will receive the award honoring Sinrock Mary, the Queen of Reindeer, who overcame incredible personal hardship and discriminatory laws against women and Alaska Native people to become a successful business woman. Confident and assertive with business smarts, Sinrock Mary was also good-natured, generous and set a positive example for women.

Nick Hanson, who competed on NBC’s “American Ninja Warrior,” is an active community member and suicide prevention advocate. As a positive role model, motivational speaker and Native Youth Olympic, basketball and volleyball coach, Hanson embraces traditional activities and relishes the role as a mentor of young people. Hanson will receive the award honoring Herbie Nayokpuk, also known as the Shishmaref Cannonball, who was an avid and well-known Iditarod musher. Although Nayokpuk never won the Iditarod, he was known as a very formidable competitor and was inducted into the Iditarod Hall of Fame.

WILFRED “BOYUCK” RYAN, OF RYAN AIR RECEIVES SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

On Aug. 18 many Unalakleet residents gathered at the Old Covenant Gymnasium for the Walter J. Hickel “Day of the Arctic” Luncheon to support and honor BSNC shareholder Wilfred “Boyuck” Ryan of Ryan Air, who was presented with the Robert O. Anderson Sustainable Arctic Award by the Institute of the North. The award recognizes an individual or organization based in Alaska, or around the circumpolar North, in recognition of their long-time achievements balancing development of Arctic resources with respect for the environment, and benefit to communities and peoples of the North.

Unalakleet Air Taxi was founded by Ryan’s father, Wilfred Ryan Sr. in 1953. With assistance from his wife Eva, their business prospered. Ryan took over the family business, now known as Ryan Air, in 1977 after his father’s passing. The small, three-plane, two-pilot operation grew to become the largest commuter carrier in the state with a new mission of providing air cargo service in rural Alaska markets. Today, Ryan Air is one of Alaska’s key Bush freight carriers, operating 14 aircrafts out of seven hubs. Ryan Air serves more than 70 villages and employs more than 90 people.

BSNC TO SURVEY RANDOMLY SELECTED SHAREHOLDERS

GOAL OF SURVEY TO DETERMINE OPINION ON ISSUING STOCK TO DESCENDANTS

In 2012, the Open Enrollment Subcommittee was established by the BSNC Board to assess the feasibility of opening the rolls to descendants of original shareholders. The BSNC Board of Directors continues to evaluate open enrollment for descendants of BSNC shareholders born after Dec. 18, 1971.

BSNC currently issues two classes of shares: Class A shares are held by at-large shareholders and are not associated with a village corporation in the region. Class B shares are held by shareholders also enrolled with a village corporation in the region. Open enrollment would create another class of shares, which would be issued to BSNC descendants.

BSNC descendants receive many of the same benefits as BSNC shareholders. Descendants are eligible to receive scholarships from the Bering Straits Foundation and qualified job applicants are eligible for the same hiring preference offered to BSNC shareholders. Descendants who meet academic qualifications are eligible to participate in BSNC’s Summer Internship Program. Staff has grown the summer internship program into a competitive professional development program with training workshops on leadership skills, public speaking, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, cultural awareness, policy issues that impact Alaska Native people, speed mentoring, professional writing, resume/HR tips and business structure.

Descendant use of BSNC’s lands for recreational and subsistence endeavors is allowed and encouraged. For any commercial activity Land Use Permits should be submitted to the BSNC Land and Resource Department. Please visit www.beringstraits.com/lands to learn more. In addition to these benefits, BSNC issues bereavement benefits provided to families to assist after the death of an original BSNC shareholder, spouse of an original BSNC shareholder, or lineal descendant of an original BSNC shareholder.

Opening the rolls can be expected to significantly increase the BSNC shareholder base, given the number of descendants born since Dec. 18, 1971. Should open enrollment be implemented, there is no guarantee that BSNC could financially perform to meet the dividend expectations of BSNC’s current shareholder base. BSNC currently has approximately 7,300 Alaska Native shareholders. The Company does not have an estimate on how many descendants would be eligible to enroll.

The Open Enrollment Subcommittee has asked staff and management to reach out to current shareholders, through a formal, unbiased survey, to determine their interest in open enrollment. The survey will also help inform the corporation of the possible number of new shareholders and the cost of open enrollment to the Corporation and its long-term effect on current shareholder equity.

Should you have any questions, comments, or feedback regarding the survey, please email Miriam.aarons@beringstraits.com or call (907) 334-8341.
BSNC SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BUILDS SKILLS, FUTURE LEADERS

BSNC hired 10 interns for its 2015 summer internship program. The internship program, which features weekly training workshops, is a professional development program structured around providing interns skills needed to succeed in the workforce and informing interns of Alaska Native history, culture and values. This year’s trainings included workshops on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, leadership skills, Arctic matters, policy issues that impact Alaska Native people, public speaking, cultural awareness, speed mentoring, professional writing and career skills.

BSNC AWARDED USDA CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANT

THE ONLY ALASKAN PROJECT AWARDED NATIONWIDE

BSNC, the managing member of Unaatuq, LLC, was awarded a U.S. Department of Agriculture Conservation Innovation Grant for a geothermal greenhouse at Pilgrim Hot Springs in Nome, Alaska. Unaatuq, LLC was formed to purchase the Pilgrim Hot Springs property in 2010 and is owned by BSNC, Sitnasuak Native Corporation, Kawerak, Inc., NSEDC, Mary’s Igloo Native Corporation, White Mountain Native Corporation, and Council Native Corporation.

This project proposal was completed with great assistance from Alaska Center for Energy and Power (UAF) and Kawerak, Inc. staff and was the only Alaska-based awardee. The grant will be used to develop a geothermal resource to sustain a greenhouse operation for fresh, local produce that can lessen supply chain risks, pilot a market garden model to enhance the regional economy, provide better food security in rural Alaska, and offset the use of fossil fuels.

“This year’s slate of projects is truly outstanding,” said United States Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. “Our partner awardees are progressive and forward-thinking and looking to solve natural resource problems.”

BERING STRAITS FOUNDATION NEWS

BERING STRAITS FOUNDATION’S ANNUAL ART AUCTION

FRIDAY, NOV. 27, 3 PM TO 7 PM
NOME, MINI CONVENTION CENTER
102 RIVER STREET

The Bering Straits Foundation (BSF) is accepting art, handmade clothing items, jewelry, knitted goods and ulus for the their annual art auction. The proceeds will benefit BSF’s goal to provide education and training opportunities for shareholders and descendants.

If you would like to send a monetary donation to BSF, please send a check addressed to the Bering Straits Foundation PO Box 1008 Nome, AK 99762; donations can also be made via Wells Fargo account #8938527739. BSF now has the capability of accepting credit card donations with a credit card reader in the Nome office.

WILL YOU BE ATTENDING COLLEGE OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN THE SPRING?

Don’t forget to apply for the spring semester scholarship by Dec. 1! www.beringstraits.com/bsf

BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION
Under the 1991 Amendments to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), shareholders may give stock to a person who is their child, grandchild, great-grandchild, niece, nephew, brother or sister and who is also a Native or descendant of a Native. H.R. 3157 “The Alaska Land Status Technical Corrections Act of 1992,” allows for gift of stock to siblings. The law defines a Native as a person who is at least one-fourth degree Alaska Indian, Eskimo or Aleut blood, or any combination; a descendant of a Native is a lineal descendant (child, grandchild, great-grandchild, etc.) of a Native or an adoptee of a Native or descendant of a Native is who is adopted before the age of 18. Once your gift is completed on the corporate books, the recipient of your shares will own and have all the stock rights for those shares, including the right to vote the shares at the shareholder meetings, to receive dividends and distributions on the shares, to bequeath the shares upon death, or to give the shares to a relative. Once gifting is completed, you will have no rights with respect to the shares you gave away.

If you are interested in the gifting process, please contact the:
BSNC Shareholder Department
P.O. Box 1008
Nome, AK 99762
(907) 443-5252
toll free 1-800-478-5079

Please note that if you are a shareholder of the village corporations of:
Sitnasuak (907) 443-2632, Unalakleet (907) 624-3411,
Stebbins (907) 934-3281 or Shishmaref (907) 649-3751
and you wish to gift at the village level, you must contact the respective village corporation to request information and forms directly from them.