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Alaska Railroad Annual Commemorative Art Print History

as of November 2023

Year	Release Date	Artist	Description
1979	September-79	Jon Van Zyle	Freight train with locomotives 3014/3013; Portage Mountain in the background.
1980	September-80	Susan Ogle	Freight train in art deco (long strip). Artists rendition from a photo of train going across Knik River Bridge, MP 146. This poster won an international screen print award.
1981	September-81	Susan Ogle	ARRC System Strip Map (Artist's relief of strip map with locomotive No. 1500.)
1982	September-82	Susan Ogle	Unit coal train (depicting future coal haul from Healy to Seward for export to Korea) going over Hurricane Gulch Bridge (MP 281).
1983	September-83	Susan Ogle	Passenger train going over Knik River Bridge (MP 146) 35 miles north of Anchorage; to the left are 2 moose. Painted in 13 water colors.
1984	None produced		
1985	January-85	T.H.R. Advertising	Depicts passing from Federal to State ownership. Poster embodies a reflection of our waving national flag in window of locomotive No. 1500 with Alaska flag in upper part of poster.
1986	Jan-86 & *Apr-86	Jarrett J. Jester	Salutes first anniversary; depicts Locomotive No. 2801 with a steam engine in upper right as a remembrance of the past when steam engines were in use. Buff border.
1987	January-87	Richard Rodriquez	Depicts locomotives in passenger service with two crew members on loading platform. Burgundy border.
1988	Jan-88 & Mar-88	Richard Rodriquez	Freight train in Anchorage Yard near 3-Track, with Anchorage skyline in background. Gray border.
1989	January-89	Deanna Brandon	Passenger train at Denali Station with passengers loading and unloading. Cartoon style. Black Border
1990	January-90	Dan Miller	Tie gang working on track with locomotive in background. Red border on bottom.
1991	January-91	Richard Rodriquez	Mixed freight train (locomotive 2802) from Whittier along Turnagain Arm. Sunrise fall scene. Dark blue border.
1992	January-92	Armond Kirschbaum	Watercolor of ARRC Anchorage General Office Building/Depot honoring its 50th anniversary. Light green border.
1993	January-93	Steve Gordon	"Grandview Summer" depicts a coal train lead by locomotive No. 2801 traveling through Grandview with colorful fireweed and cow parsnips in the foreground. Medium blue border.
1994	November-93	Steve Gordon	"Grandview Winter" depicts the Nordic Ski Train at Grandview. Skiers are in the foreground and the lead locomotive is No. 2805. The two skiers in the front are the artist's in-laws. Red border
1995	November-94	N. Taylor Stonington	Watercolor depicts the passenger train going over Riley Creek Bridge near Denali Station. The locomotive is the No. 3015. Light brown border.
1996	November-95	Shane Lamb	Oil painting of passenger train running south near Chulitna. Mt. McKinley is in the background. The locomotive is No. 3015. The poster has a forest green border.

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1997	January-97	Tom Stewart	Southbound freight train with four locomotives pulling miscellaneous freight near Beluga Point on Turnagain Arm. Small red fox in the corner.
1998	January-98	Gary Mealor	Commemorative the 75th Anniversary of the Alaska Railroad, the painting depicts a modern locomotive near Nenana with its reflection in the foreground bearing the number of a 1920's era locomotive. Beige border.
1999	January-99	Don Kolstad	Southbound passenger train crossing the Knik river bridge in the shadow of the Chugach mountains. Blue border.
2000	January-00	Robert Silvers	A photomosaic made up of more than 1,000 images submitted by Alaskans, visitors, and railroad fans. White border
2001	January-01	James Havens	Northbound passenger train along Turnagain Arm with several Dall sheep perched along the cliff side. Green border.
2002	January-02	Debra Dubac (Anchorage)	Northbound freight train pulling cargo from the railbarge in Whittier to Anchorage. Depicted along Turnagain Arm, the foreground includes numerous Alaskan wildflowers with the Kenai mountains in the background. White border.
2003	January-03	Sue Dranchak (Fairbanks)	View of passenger train from the vestibule as the train passes through Healy canyon with the Nenana river below. The scenery is reflected in the train. White border.
2004	January-04	James Havens (Anchorage)	Depicts a southbound interline freight train traveling to Whittier along Turnagain Arm. It features three different paint schemes on the GP locomotives. Two orca whales are breaching in the foreground.
2005	January-05	Betty Atkinson (Anchorage)	"The Goodbye Caboose" depicts a northbound train with caboose # 1077 passing by 11th Avenue in downtown Anchorage. The winter scene includes a child switing at a park near Bootlegger's Cove and waving at the passing caboose.
2006	January-06	Kurt Jacobson (Anchorage)	"Lighting the Way" depicts Locomotive No. 4001 pulling a passenger train through the backcountry with a view of Mount McKinley in the background. The winter scene includes blowing snowfall.
2007	December-06	William Chase (North Pole)	"Reflective" depcts Locomotive No. 751 signifying the past and also featur a new SD70MAC AC power locomotive No. 4015 signifying movement toward the future. Mount McKinley is in the background of this autumn scene.
2008	December-07	Kurt Jacobson (Anchorage)	"Dawn Departure" features the Fairbanks Depot with a Gold Star first-class coach preparing to depart the depot heading south. Dawn's light breaks in the background, shedding early morning golden light upon the station and train.
2009	December-08	Taffina Katkus (Wasilla)	"Clearing the Way" depicts a Jordan spreader crossing the Hurricane Gulch Bridge on a cold Alaskan afternoon. The sundog and frozen Mount McKinley in the background illustrate harsh frigid conditions.
2010	December-09	Stefan Wilson (Wasilla)	"Next Stop, Anchorage" depicts a passenger train with GoldStar coaches moving northwest along Turnagain Arm.
2011	December-10	Douglas Girard (Palmer)	"Northbound Over the Matanuska Bridge" depicts a springtime ice breakup scene with a freight train crossing the Matanuska River as it reflects sunset colors.
2012	December-11	Taffina Katkus (Wasilla)	"Seward Solidarity" depicts a collage of scenes from the harbor community at the southern terminus of the Alaska Railroad, Seward.
2013	December-12	Susan Watkins (Eagle River)	"Moonlit Resurrection Run" depicts a coal train arriving in Seward in the evening. A full moon shines on Resurrection Bay and the Kenai Mountain rangee offers a stunning backdrop.

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2014	November-13	Ray Gamradt (Anchorage)	"Iconic Alaskan" depicts a bull moose and the Alaska Railroad's summer Hurricane Turn train, offering flagstop service along a 66-mile route between Talkneetna and Hurricane.
2015	November-14	Dawn Gerety (Girdwood)	"Whittier Surprise" depicts a passenger train emerging on the Whittier side of the Anton Anderson Tunnel, offering a comprehensive scene of this Prince William Sound gateway harbor town.
2016	November-15	Jason Vukovich (Anchorage)	"Lights Above Houston" depicts a locomotive with a train crew member waving to a dogsled team running along a winter landscape as the aurora borealis shimmers overhead.
2017	November-16	Taffina Katkus (Wasilla)	"Moonlight Debut" depicts a winter scene with a locomotive moving through a new multi-track signal at the juncture of the main line track and the new Port MacKenzie Rail Extension track in Houston.
2018	November-17	Beverly Stevens (Anchorage)	"Here Comes the Train" is a watercolor that depicts a winter setting with a dog team approaching 20 Mile River as an Alaska Railroad passenger train crosses the bridge.
2019	November-18	Susan Watkins (Eagle River)	"On Time for Dinner" depicts a passenger train moving along track between Portage and Seward, and beside a stream. A sow and two cubs prepare to fish the salmon-rich waters.
2020	November-19	Jason Vukovich (Anchorage)	"Journeys" depicts a passenger train moving over a river full of salmon making the annual journey upstream to spawn. Bears journey to the salmon-rich streams to fatten up before winter.
2021	November-20	Debra Dubac (Anchorage)	"Soar More" portrays a profile of iconic Alaska Railroad locomotive No.4321, escorted by an American bald eagle flying prominently overhead, and rolling along track lined by fireweed.
2022	November-21	Kwangsook Schaefermeyer (Seward)	"Summer Breeze" depicts a ptarmigan family watching a passenger train pass by just north of the Alaska Railroad's Seward depot, with Mount Alice in the background.
2023	January-23	William Chase (North Pole)	"Alaska Railroad: 100 Years Strong" depicts a line-up of nine influential locomotives that showcase the Alaska Railroad's rail transportation development over the decades
2023	January-23	Noah Nolywaika (Nenana)	"Nenana: Where River Meets Rail and Past Meets Future" depicts the historic Nenana Depot, and railroad completion ceremony in July 1923 when President Warren Harding drove a golden spike.
2024	January-24	Riana Sather (Anchorage)	"Women of the Railroad" celebrates the all-women, Athabascan crew of section hands who maintained track near Cantwell in 1945.
			*Value prices are \$60 (prints), \$35 (posters), and \$7.95 (pins).
			**Pins with the poster image were first produced in 1985
			*Value estimates are for prints only and based on a 1997 appraisal. Initial prices were \$50 (prints), \$25 (posters), and \$5 (pins).