

After seven years in the interior, James Kelly has returned to Southeast where he works as a graphic artist and continues to create for Decaffeinated Designs, turning the world around him into stickers and prints with an Alaskan flair. Check out his work on Eisy and in several small businesses around the state. Derick Burleson is a Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He is the author of several books of poems and the winner of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Poetry.



It was so beautiful right before the end the storm moving out clouds blown north wisping dissolving devolving mist in the wind faster than they had ever maybe and then sun days of brilliance delphinium waist high but not in bloom yet violet azure and poison enough to kill a child sweet peas too crimson fuchsia pink and deadly. The North Pole they predicted would be ice free this year and nations rushed to drop flags from submarines. It was beautiful. I can't say how cobalt the sky after the storm blew out fast. Polar bears hunting inland now walrus crushing each other in panicked rushes from the beach. She rode the mare bareback to graze the grass lush as mare's dreams bluebells wild roses. The storm overfilled the rain barrels and the mountains gleamed snow capped under between fleeing clouds delphinium azure deeper blue than the sky after the storm before the end so beautiful there.