



Would you like to take a trip to Alaska? We are finalizing plans for our **2024 Regional Meeting** and since many regions are not holding a meeting this year, I invite you all to **join us in Anchorage!** **Jane Serie**, shown at right, is a “local” and working with a tour company to plan three+ days of sightseeing and adventures. It will be a four-night, five-day meeting from **16 August- 20 August**. Extra hotel days will be available for those who want to extend their stay.



Some of the highlights:

- A city tour with a visit to Lake Hood, the largest and busiest seaplane base in the world; a stop at Earthquake Park to learn about the 1964 Good Friday 9.2 earthquake and a tour the historic downtown area.
- A motor coach day trip down the scenic Seward Highway, where views include majestic mountains, hanging glaciers, and possibly mountain goats on the steep hills overlooking the road. We will visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center to see black and brown bears, eagles, musk ox, moose, caribou (reindeer) and more! After a short drive, we will arrive at the Portage Glacier visitor center and take a one-hour cruise on the MV Ptarmigan to the majestic face of the glacier.
- A visit to the famous Alaska State Fair which features record-setting giant vegetables, beautiful flower gardens, Alaska-made products, farm animals, vendors, rides and, of course, FOOD! Sample crab cakes, fish tacos, turkey legs, pulled pork sandwiches and deep fried delicacies...(Will there be Oreos?!)
- A trip to the Iditarod Museum and the Martin Buser Kennels, a local musher in the Matanuska Valley, to learn about the famous Iditarod dog-sled race and meet dogs-in-training. The race is held every March and the course is from Anchorage to Nome, 938 miles across the snow-covered Alaskan wilderness!

There will also be a group dinner and a luncheon meeting, with time to socialize with friends and colleagues. The costs below include all tours, hotel rooms (4 nights), breakfast daily, one luncheon meeting, one box lunch, the group dinner and airport transfers to and from hotel. Not included: airfare and tips for the tour director and motor coach driver. There is also a \$35.00 registration fee. I do not anticipate other significant changes to the costs listed. Please note the cost per person goes down as the group size increases (but would increase if the group gets smaller.) Right now, there are 25 who have said they will attend so the cost is what is in the middle column #20-29.

Sounds like a lot of fun, doesn't it? **To sign up, or to request more information, please contact me at brannonbarb@yahoo.com or call/text (703) 973-5486. Registration will open 1 May and the registration form will be posted in this section of the web site.**

