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**Press Release**

**SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM**

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**FRIENDS OF SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM  
RECEIVES NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS GRANT**

SITKA – Through its grant-making to thousands of nonprofits each year, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) promotes opportunities for people in communities across America to experience the arts and exercise their creativity.

In the second major grant announcement of fiscal year 2015, the NEA will make a \$20,000 grant award to Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum to support the Sheldon Jackson Museum's Native Artist Residency Program.

NEA Chairman Jane Chu said, "The NEA is committed to advancing learning, fueling creativity, and celebrating the arts in cities and towns across the United States. Funding these projects like the one from Sheldon Jackson Museum represents an investment in both local communities and our nation's creative vitality."

Through the Sheldon Jackson Museum's Native Artist Residency Program, artists from around the state fill residencies at the museum, during which time they study the collections and share their work with the public through artist lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on classes.

Artists hosted in the residency program, the museum's artist-led classes and hands on workshops and artist talks will be advertised in flyers distributed around Sitka and available at the Sheldon Jackson Museum, and online at [www.friendsofsjm.com](http://www.friendsofsjm.com), the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum Facebook page, and at [http://museums.alaska.gov/sheldon\\_jackson/sjnativedemos.html](http://museums.alaska.gov/sheldon_jackson/sjnativedemos.html).

Individuals wishing to be added to the museum's public programs email list to be emailed artist residency related announcements, artist talks, and educational opportunities should call (907) 747-8981.

Summer hours at the Sheldon Jackson Museum are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Summer admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact the museum for more information at 907.747.8981.

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