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Press Release

SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

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SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM SEEKING ALASKA NATIVE ARTIST APPLICANTS FOR ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAM

SITKA – The Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum are looking for Alaska Native artists to apply to the Native Artist Residency program. This summer's schedule starts in May and ends in September.

Six residency positions are available. Two residencies are Mini-Residencies and take place within a 11-day period. The first Mini-Residency is August 10 - 21st; the second Mini-Residency is August 24th - Sept. 3rd. Four of the residencies are 21-day residencies and occur May 12th - June 2nd; June 4th - June 25th in collaboration with Sitka Fine Arts Camp (this residency involves teaching middle school students); June 26th - July 17th in collaboration with Sitka Fine Arts Camp (this residency involves teaching high school students); and July 19th - August 9th.

In 2016, artists in the 21-day residencies will be awarded \$2,000, travel to and from Sitka, lodging, and food. Artists in the 11-day residencies will be awarded \$1,100 but will need to provide for their own travel to and from Sitka, food, and lodging. As in previous years, artists are also given a Welcome Dinner with our local Welcome Committee and enjoy paid, scheduled time accessing and studying the museum's exceptional Alaska Native ethnographic and art collection.

Artists-in-residence may focus on traditional or contemporary Native art forms including but not limited to wood carving, ivory carving, silver engraving, beading, skin, gut and fish skin sewing, drum making, and basket or textile weaving, drumming, and dancing. Outstanding beginners as well as experienced artists are welcome. Artists benefit from utilizing the museum's collections for research and meeting visitors from around Alaska and the world and local Sitka community members while working in the museum gallery.

If you have questions about the program or application, please email: Jacqueline.Fernandez@alaska.gov or call (907) 747-8904. If we have your physical address and email address, this letter was sent to both. Applications are due **January 15, 2016**.

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