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SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

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SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM VISITING ARTIST PROGRAM 2013

SITKA – A popular feature of the Sheldon Jackson Museum is the visiting summer artist residency – the Native Artist Demonstrators Program. Artists from around the state fill residencies at the museum, during which time they study the collection and share their work with the public through artist lectures and demonstrations.

This summer the museum is hosting a series of twelve artist residents. Participating artists include Aleut/Alutiiq carver Roy Levine from Kodiak (May 9-May 16 and August 10,12), Yup'ik sea mammal hunter and skin sewer Peter Williams from Sitka (May 22-May 30), Tsimshian carver Abel Ryan from Ketchikan (June 2-June 9), Athabascan textile artist Selina Alexander from Fairbanks (June 12-June 27), Cup'ik Eskimo grass basket weaver and skin sewer Emily Johnston from Nunivak Island (June 17-June 27), Athabascan bead worker Sarah Williams from Fort Yukon (July 1-July 11 and August 1–August 9), mask maker of Tsimshian/Haida/Aleut heritage Allie High from Metlakatla (July 15-July 21), Tlingit contemporary jewelry artist who works with silver, baleen, and copper Mary Wheeler from Yakutat (July 24, 25, 31, and September 11), spruce root basketry artist Jennie Wheeler from Yakutat (August 14-August 21), Aleut/Alutiiq artist Patrick Lind from Chignik specializing in a variety of mediums including wood, ivory, baleen, soapstone, and acrylic paints (August 22-August 31), Athabascan birch bark, spruce root and split willow basket weaver Daisy Demientieff from Anchorage (September 1-September 7), and Alutiiq mask carver Alfred Naumoff from Old Harbor (September 17-September 26.)

This year's residency program expands with the addition of two hands-on workshops given by artists Roy Levine and Alfred Naumoff (pre-registration required – space is limited) and four free lectures given by artists Peter Williams, Abel Ryan, Patrick Lind, and Daisy Demientieff. To view the calendar showing specific dates and times, visit (http://museums.alaska.gov/documents/sjm/4_26_13_artist_demonstrators_poster.pdf). For more information or to register for the workshops, contact the Sheldon Jackson Museum

The Native Artist Demonstrators Program is made possible through the support of the National Endowment for the Arts, Sitka Fine Arts Camp, Alaska Airlines, the Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum, and private donations.

Summer hours at the Sheldon Jackson Museum, beginning May 12th 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. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka and the Alaska State Museum in Juneau is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact the museum for more information at 907.747.8981.

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