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Press Release

SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

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DATE: **May 18, 2012**

Marlene Nielsen: Sheldon Jackson Museum Visiting Artist and Demonstrator

SITKA – The Sheldon Jackson Museum is hosting Marlene Nielsen as a visiting artist and demonstrator May 22-24. Marlene is visiting Sitka from Kokhanok, Alaska, a small Yup'ik community located on the south shore of Lake Iliamna. She is known for her salmon skin masks and dolls. Stop by the Museum on May 23 or 24 to meet Marlene and watch her demonstrate fish skin processing and sewing between noon and 2 p.m.

Marlene's visit is sponsored by the Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum, the Alaska Humanities Forum and the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. Sitka Sound Seafood generously donated Coho salmon to use for her demonstration.

Summer hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Summer admission is \$5 with a \$1 discount for seniors. Visitors 18 and younger, Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum, and those with passes are admitted free of charge.

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