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Press Release

SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

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DATE: May 25, 2012

Visiting artist resident and lecture scheduled: Jennie Wheeler

SITKA –The Sheldon Jackson Museum is hosting visiting Tlingit artist Jennie Wheeler from Yakutat from May 30-June 5. Wheeler is a textile artist who works with sealskin, smoked moose hide, wolf, beaver and sea otter fur to make slippers, boots and bags. She is also a spruce roots basket weaver. The Sheldon Jackson Museum is pleased to offer this artist residency through the support of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian and the Alaska Humanities Forum.



Jennie Wheeler

While she is in Sitka, Wheeler will participate in a spruce root harvesting outing led by Teri Rofkar. She will also study the spruce root basketry collection at the Sheldon Jackson Museum, meet with visiting National Museum of the American Indian conservators and share her work with the public through an artist demonstration.

Please visit the Sheldon Jackson Museum on Saturday June 2nd from 9 AM-noon to meet Jennie and learn about her work during her artist demonstration. For more information, please contact the museum at 907.747.8981.

Summer hours at the Sheldon Jackson Museum are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Summer admission is \$5 with a \$1 discount 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 Visitor Services at 747-8981 before the visit.

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