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Press Release

SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

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## **Smithsonian NMAI conservation team to lecture at the Sheldon Jackson Museum: Conservation of spruce root basketry and place-based education**

SITKA – The Sheldon Jackson Museum is hosting a lecture by visiting Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian conservators on Tuesday June 5th from 5-6 PM. The conservation team is visiting Sitka to participate in a field research project with local artist Teri Rofkar to learn about spruce root harvesting and basketry through place-based education. While in Sitka, the group will participate in a field trip to harvest spruce root, study the basketry collection at the Sheldon Jackson Museum and the Sitka National Historic Park, and complete a service project with the Sitka Historical Society and Museum.

This program is made possible with the support of the National Endowment for the Arts “Our Town” grant, the Cargill Foundation, Sitka Native Education, the Alaska State Museum and the Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum.

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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