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Press Release

SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

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Sheldon Jackson Museum to Host Native Art Activities

SITKA – In 1976 a Senate resolution authorized the president of the United States to declare the week of October 10 as Native American Awareness Week. Congress expanded the practice in 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month. In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, the Sheldon Jackson Museum will sponsor a series of Alaska Native art activities for students in grades 2-5, from 1-3 p.m., each Saturday throughout the month of November. These youth art activities will explore Alaska Native cultures through hands-on activities and studying the museum's exhibits. Sessions will include:

- Nov. 3 Tlingit button blankets
- Nov. 10 Athabascan birchbark baskets
- Nov. 17 Aleut dolls with gut parka and visor
- Nov. 24 Inupiaq snow goggles

During the final session, students will also have the opportunity to use replica tools to hunt caribou or seal on the museum lawn.

These free workshops are limited to 12 students per session. Registration is required. For more information or to register for a workshop, please contact the Sheldon Jackson Museum at 747-8981.

Winter hours at the museum are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 – 4 p.m. with \$3 admission. Visitors 18 and younger, Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum, and those with passes are admitted free of charge.

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