



Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum

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Mission Statement: The Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum is dedicated to supporting the Sheldon Jackson Museum and its unique Alaska Native ethnographic collection through advocacy, acquisition and educational programming.

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Visiting Artist at Sheldon Jackson Museum

The Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum will host local Tsimshian artist Abel Ryan as part of the Native Artist Demonstrators Program from June 2 until June 9th. Abel, a carver from Ketchikan who primarily works in the medium of wood carving masks, bowls, spoons, pipes, ladles, plaques, combs and other formline art, will be available to discuss his process and art from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. on most days, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 7th. He will also give a free lecture at the Sheldon Jackson Museum on Saturday, June 8th, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the history and culture of the Tsimshian people.

The artist residency program is made possible with support from the Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Summer hours at the Sheldon Jackson Museum begin May 12th are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The museum is closed on holidays. 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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