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Press Release

SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

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Visiting artist resident and lecture scheduled: Sonya Kelliher-Combs

SITKA – The Sheldon Jackson Museum is pleased to host visiting artist resident Sonya Kelliher-Combs from Anchorage, Alaska June 4-June 7. Sonya is a mixed media artist whose work includes sculpture, painting and jewelry. Raised in Nome, Sonya's art is inspired by traditional Alaska Native women's work and explores contemporary issues surrounding identity and self-definition in an Alaskan context. While she is in Sitka, Sonya will study artifacts from Northwest Alaska, especially looking at clothing made from sea mammal intestines, ornamentation and design elements on artifacts, and garment trim.

Please visit the Sheldon Jackson Museum on Wednesday June 6th to meet Sonya and learn about her work during an artist lecture from 5-6 PM in the Museum gallery.

This residency is sponsored by the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, Alaska Airlines and the Alaska Humanities Forum.

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 the museum for more information at 907.747.8981.

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