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[SILVER BRACELET](#) FEBRUARY ARTIFACT OF THE MONTH

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A silver bracelet made by master carver Louis Minard is the Sheldon Jackson Museum's Artifact of the Month for February. This 1 1/8-inch wide bracelet was presented to the museum by the Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center, which commissioned Minard to create it. It was donated to the Sheldon Jackson Museum in appreciation for allowing center artists to work in the museum gallery during the summer of 2001 while cultural center space at Sitka National Historical Park was being remodeled.

Minard presented the split wolf bracelet to the museum in April 2003 on behalf of the cultural center. He explained the split wolf design represents the story of a man walking in the woods who heard a small animal crying. He discovered it was a young wolf that had porcupine quills in its mouth and face. The man removed the quills and the wolf stayed close to him, eventually becoming a symbol of his clan.

One of Minard's first bracelets has been in the museum since 1974, created after he had taken a class on silver carving from A.P. Johnson through Sheldon Jackson College. "The museum is fortunate to have these two fine examples of contemporary silver carving done in traditional form line style," said Curator of Collections Rosemary Carlton.

The silver bracelet will be on display Feb. 3-28. Winter hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Admission is \$3; youth 18 and younger are free. Annual passes and membership in the Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum, allowing entry at no charge, are available.

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