



Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum

July 2024 E-Newsletter



The first artist in the 2024 Alaska Native Artist in Residence Program leaves this week and the second artist arrives towards the end of July.

Recordings of the three Artist Talks by Lisa Kamahamak Lynch are available on the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum YouTube channel. www.youtube.com/@friendsofSJM

A playlist has been created for the 2024 Alaska Native Artist in Residence Program. So far it includes three Art Talks

1. June 14, 2024 Art Talk - [Beadwork: A Quiet Luxury](#)
2. June 21, 2024 Art Talk - [History of Reindeer Herding in Alaska](#)
3. June 27, 2024 Art Talk - [Sewing: A means of survival in both the ancient and modern age](#)

Welcome Neva Mathias

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**NATIVE ARTIST
RESIDENCY PROGRAM
JULY-AUGUST 2024**

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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|  Doll by Neva Mathias | JULY 23 Neva Mathias (Cup'ik) Grass Basket Weaver & Dance Fan Maker 10-12, 2-4 | JULY 24 Neva Mathias (Cup'ik) Grass Basket Weaver & Dance Fan Maker 10-12, 2-4 | JULY 25 Neva Mathias (Cup'ik) Grass Basket Weaver & Dance Fan Maker 10-12, 2-4 | JULY 26 Neva Mathias (Cup'ik) Grass Basket Weaver & Dance Fan Maker 10-12, 2-4 Dance Fan Class 11-12 & 2-3:30 |
| JULY 29 Neva Mathias (Cup'ik) Grass Basket Weaver & Dance Fan Maker 10-12, 2-4 | JULY 30 Neva Mathias (Cup'ik) Grass Basket Weaver & Dance Fan Maker 10-11:30, 2-4 | JULY 31 Neva Mathias (Cup'ik) Grass Basket Weaver & Dance Fan Maker 10-12, 2-4 | AUGUST 1 Neva Mathias (Cup'ik) Grass Basket Weaver & Dance Fan Maker 10-12, 2-4 Dance Fan Class 11-12 & 2-3:30 | AUGUST 2 Neva Mathias (Cup'ik) Grass Basket Weaver & Dance Fan Maker 10-12, 2-4 Dance Fan Class 11-12 & 2-3:30 |
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Artist talks & classes are free and open to the public. Registration is required. Call (907) 747-8981 to reserve your spot. Materials fee may apply for classes.

Museum Hours
Monday-Saturday, 9 am-4:30 pm
& Sunday, 1-4:30 pm

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Neva Mathias



Neva weaves a grass basket.



Grass baskets by Neva Mathias

The next artist in residence is Neva Mathias. She is a returning NARP artist. Neva is a Cup'ik grass weaver and dance fan maker who will be with us from July 23rd to August 11th, 2024.

There is a three-day dance fan making workshop with Neva that has room for more students. Sign-ups are happening quickly. If interested, please contact museum staff at (907) 747-8981.

Remaining 2024 Alaska Native Artist in Residence Program artists:

August 20 - September 8, 2024

James Hart, Tlingit carver

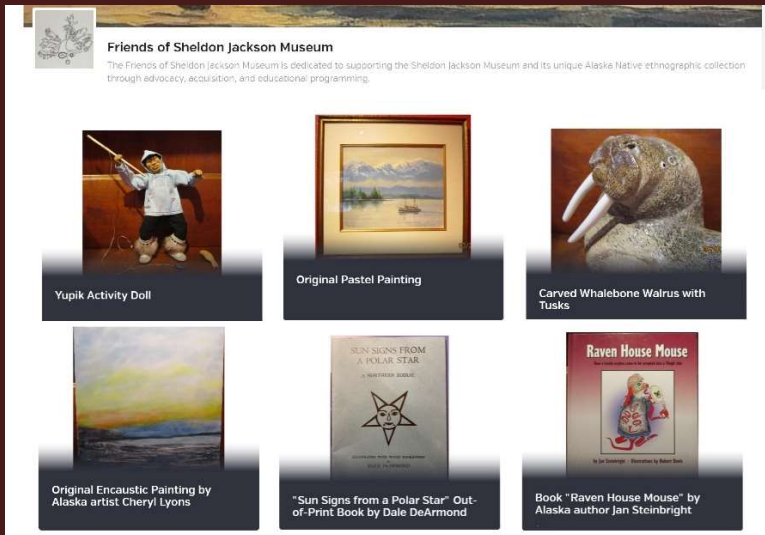
September 10 - October 2, 2024

Tina Harness, Mixed Yup'ik beader

October 3 - October 24, 2024

Denali McGlashan, Unangax painter

Thank You For Supporting the Summer Silent Auction



The screenshot shows a webpage for the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum. At the top, there is a logo and the text: "Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum" and "The Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum is dedicated to supporting the Sheldon Jackson Museum and its unique Alaska Native ethnographic collection through advocacy, education, and educational programming." Below this, there are six items for sale, each with a small image and a caption:

- Yupik Activity Doll**: A small figure of a person in traditional clothing.
- Original Pastel Painting**: A framed painting of a landscape with a body of water and mountains.
- Carved Whalebone Walrus with Tusks**: A sculpture of a walrus head with large tusks.
- Original Encaustic Painting by Alaska artist Cheryl Lyons**: A painting of a sunset over water.
- "Sun Signs from a Polar Star" Out-of-Print Book by Dale DeArmond**: A book cover featuring a star and a face.
- Book "Raven House Mouse" by Alaska author Jan Steinbright**: A children's book cover with a mouse and a raven.

Thank you for a successful summer fundraising auction. Staff is working to get items shipped to winners. If you haven't already coordinated delivery of items you won in the auction, please contact friendsofsjm@gmail.com or call us at (907) 747-6233.

Seeking Volunteer Greeters!

The Friends of SJM are looking for volunteer greeters for the summer season. Volunteer greeters welcome guests to the Museum, host the shop, answer questions, and share information about the Friends. If you would like to learn more, please contact us at (907) 747-6233 or friendsofsjm@gmail.com.

Staffing Updates

SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

Join our team
We're hiring!

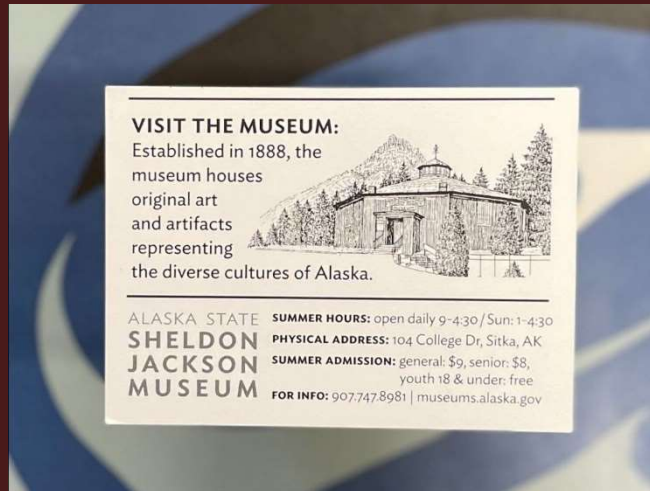


State of Alaska is now accepting applications for:

Part-Time Positions - Apply Anytime with your resume!
Dynamic working environment, great pay, set within a historically & internationally recognized Alaska Native collection.

The Sheldon Jackson Museum is still accepting applications for part-time visitor services staff members! If interested, contact Sue Conrad at (907) 747-8981 or grab your resume and drop it by the museum at 104 College Drive any time during open hours.

Summer Hours & Admission

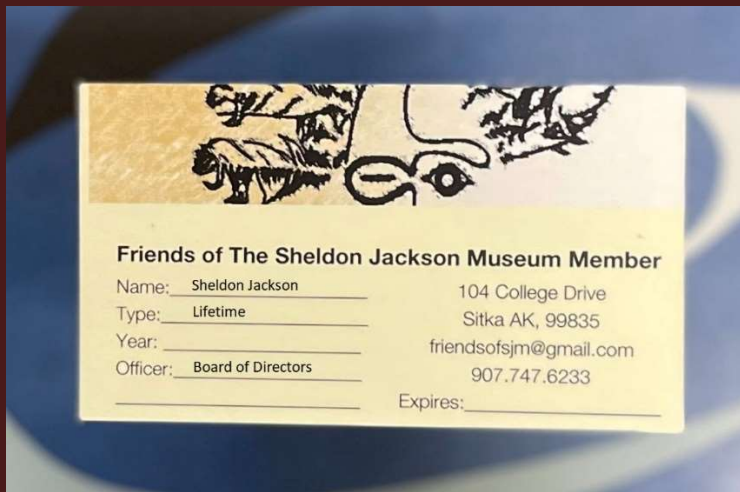


The Sheldon Jackson Museum is currently open from **9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday through Saturday** and from **1:00 PM - 4:30 PM on Sundays**, with closures on state holidays.

General admission is \$9, \$8 for seniors and free for active-duty military, their families, and youth 18 and under.

Visit museums.alaska.gov or call 907-747-8981 to learn more about current hours of operations.

Renew Your Membership!



Membership to the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum helps support the museum by sponsoring free events, providing educational programming, supporting the Native Artist Residency Program, and advocating for the museum. It also provides member benefits like free museum admission and 10% off workshop materials! If you are interested in furthering our goals and supporting the museum financially, please visit our website at friendsofsjm.com/membership to renew.

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