

June 2024 E-Newsletter



2024 Alaska Native Artist in Residence Program

The first artist in the 2024 Alaska Native Artist in Residence Program arrives next week.

Please help us welcome Lisa Lynch, Inupiaq painter and beader June 11 - July 2, 2024

Lynch's crafts and artwork are inspired by her culture and formed from her studies in Italy. She focuses on creating everyday objects with a twist of Iñupiaq culture. Her personal philosophy is there doesn't need to be a special occasion to be Iñupiaq since that's who she is, so she doesn't "feel weird about incorporating traditional clothing, foods and arts into everyday life." Her mother is a talented seamstress, and she grew up watching her and her grandmother craft kuspuks, blankets and keepsakes for the entire family.

We are pleased to bring the additional 2024 indigenous artists to Sitka for artist demonstrations and in-person and virtual art classes and presentations:

July 23 - August 11, 2024 Neva Mathias, Cup'ik grass weaver and dance fan maker

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

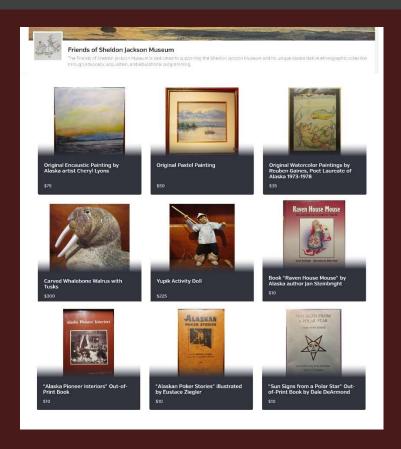
Please visit <u>friendsofsjm.com/calendar</u> for the full schedule of Artist Talks and Classes.



Still time to register! There are a few seats remaining in Lisa Kamahamak Lynch's two-part beginner beading class next week on Thursday, June 13th 2-3:30pm and Thursday, June 20th 2-3:30pm.

This is a in-person only class at the museum. Lynch will teach how to make either a beaded keychain or a pair of beaded earrings. The class is free, but a \$10 materials fee applies. Lisa will provide material packets the first day of class. Students should make a check out to Lisa Lynch or bring cash at the time of sign up. To register, call (907) 747-8981 or stop by the museum. Students ages 10+. Space is limited.

Online Silent Auction 2024 Fundraiser



One month left for the 2024 Silent Auction https://fsjm.betterworld.org/

For more information please email us at <u>friendsofsjm@gmail.com</u> 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 riendsofsim@gmail.com.

Staffing Updates



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 <u>museums.alaska.gov</u> 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 riendsofsjm.com/membership to renew.

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