

Given to Baha'i Snowy Owl Mask

A mask "Snowy Owl" has been given by Jim Schoppert to the office of the Official Baha'i Representative, Dr. Victor de Arujo at the United Nations on behalf of the Baha'is of Alaska.

Schoppert, a Tlingit Indian originally from Juneau, lives in Anchorage. He stated that the mask design was drawn by Joe Chief Jr. from Bethel and represented masks used primarily by the Eskimos of Nunivak Island which are held instead of being worn during dancing.

The mask is made with white snowy owl feathers with tufts of white eagle at each tip. The mask itself is yellow cedar wood and the design is basically traditional.

The Third Annual "Earth, Fire and Fibre Show" presented by the Anchorage Historical Fine Arts Museum accepted this mask for display on its tour last year, and awarded a second place prize to it in the division of wood.



JIM SCHOPPERT