

Skilled Aleut Basket Weaver Shows Art at State Museum

Mrs. Anfesia Shapsnikoff, a resident of Unalaska, has been demonstrating the art of weaving Attu baskets at the Alaska State Museum in Juneau.

Born on Atka, Mrs. Shapsnikoff moved to Unalaska at an early age. There she attended both English and Russian speaking schools.

Fluent in Aleut, Russian, and English, Mrs. Shapsnikoff is one of the few Aleut women still practicing the fine art of Aleut basket weaving.

Mrs. Shapsnikoff is well traveled, having given weaving demonstrations at the Oregon Centennial celebration, at museums in the San Francisco area, and most recently in Seward,

Alaska.

While in Juneau Mrs. Shapsnikoff was hosted by the Baranof Western Hotel.

Her visit was sponsored by the Juneau-Douglas Community College under the auspices of the Alaska Department of Vocational Education.