

Tlingit artisan offers five-week bead workshop

Tlingit artisan Mabel Pike will hold a five-week bead workshop at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art beginning Jan. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and continuing Jan. 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7.

The class is open to any interested beginning beaders.

Students in the workshop are welcome to bring their own designs and patterns. Pike will teach the basics of beading using a two-needle method. The top needle attaches the beads to the design and the lower needle below the cloth stitches the beads in place.

Pike learned the art of beading from her family elders in Douglas. An Anchorage resident since 1968, she has taught classes for the Alaska Native Arts and Crafts cooperative and in the Anchorage public schools. She loves to bead and share her skills with others.

Some of her work has been sold in retail stores, but she prefers the personal contact with customers which takes place by selling at bazaars and fairs.

Students may register for the workshop from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday in the museum Administration Office on the second floor. The total cost of the workshop is \$50 to be paid at the time of registration.

Participants are responsible for furnishing their own supplies which will be outlined at the first class meeting.

Those who want further information may call Pike at 272-5829 or the museum at 343-4326.