

Tanning book is published

"How I Tan Hides," by Katherine Peter, has just been published by the Alaska Native Language Center of the University

of Alaska. Written in both English and Gwich'in Athabascan dialect, the book follows the format of a book published by ANLC in 1979 on birchbark basket making.

Peter's book describes traditional Athabascan moosehide tanning methods. The author learned to work on skins while growing up in Fort Yukon and Arctic Village. She explains each step and the materials and tools needed. The entire process is illustrated with documentary photographs.

"How I Tan Hides" is available from the Alaska Native Language Center, University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Single copies cost \$3.00.