

# Athabaskan project starts

The Institute of Alaska Native Arts (IANA) has received funds from Community and Regional Affairs to research and document the processes involved in Athabaskan arts and crafts. The result of the research and documentation will be a book available to schools and libraries statewide.

IANA Program Director, Jan Steinbright, has already be-

gun collecting information. The emphasis of the documentation will be on the interrelation of the season and the item; there are seasons when materials are gathered and items are made and used. The book will photographically and contextually document the production of birchbark and willow root baskets, fishnets, fishtraps, snowshoes, quill and beadwork, and skinsewing.