

Film, exhibit feature Klukwan art

JUNAEU — A film on the crest art of Klukwan is being produced in association with a major exhibit planned by the Alaska State Museum, according to *Naa Kaani*, the Sealaska Heritage Foundation Newsletter.

The film is being produced by Pacific Communications and Marketing and is sponsored by the Sealaska Heritage Foundation. It will be completed in the spring of 1990.

The film, according to the newsletter, focuses on what crest art means to Tlingit people whose families have commissioned, used and handed down

this traditional art for many generations.

It will look at the different values placed on those objects by art historians, museum curators and collectors. The film's producers, Janet Fries and Eric Eckholm, recently produced a film about kayaks for the Alaska State Museum.

"We're working very hard to make this a film that gives the audience a better understanding of how this art is used and what it means to Tlingit people as well as what it means to the international art world. The people of

Klukwan will be involved in all aspects of the film, including script review and production," said Eckholm.

The script is written by Dave Hunsaker, who adapts and directs the Naa Kahidi Theater plays.

The film is supported by grants from Alascom, Klukwan Heritage Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, Friends of the Alaska State Museum, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Alaska Humanities Forum and Sealaska Heritage Foundation.