Pike to hold five-week bead workshop

Tlingit artisan, Mabel Pike, will hold a five-week bead workshop at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon this Saturday, Jan. 27 and Feb. 3. The class is open to any interested beginning beaders.

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. Students are welcome to bring their own designs and patterns.

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. Some of her work has been sold in retail stores, although 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. Tuesdays through Fridays in the Museum Administration Office on the second floor. The workshop costs \$50 to be paid at the time of registration. Participants are responsible for furnishing their own supplies, which will be outlined at the first meeting.

Those who want more information may contact Mabel Pike at 272-5829 or the museum at 343-4326.