



Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum

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Artist Talk by Laine Rinehart (Tlingit)



Rinehart weaving while working as an artist-in-residence at Sheldon Jackson Museum.

The Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum and the Tanana Yukon Historical Society invite the public to attend its third event in its Winter Share Your Culture/Share Your Research Series. The event is free and open to all and will take place on Zoom.

On Friday, Dec. 2nd at 12:00pm Tlingit weaver Laine Rinehart (they, them, theirs) will present on Chilkat weaving and share a visual update on their robe-in-progress from the loom.

From Rinehart:

Chilkat weaving has been practiced by many tribes along the Northwest Coast, both historically and in modern times, with many weavers contributing to the growth of this unique textile art form. Unique in its adaptation of Northwest Coast formline into a curvilinear weaving form, it is an in-depth technique

which tells clan histories and stories and often is representative of clan crests.

This conversation will include a history of Chilkat Weaving, its origin, how this style of weaving has traveled, and how it continues to spread across different tribes. Additionally, the artist will share the Chilkat robe that they were weaving as an artist-in-residence at the Sheldon Jackson Museum in June of 2021. Further discussion will revolve around the preparation of mountain goat wool, from the hide to weft yarns and the spinning of warp, in order to prepare to for the actual weaving of a robe. Finally they will examine the differences between mountain goat wool and merino wool for the dye and spinning process.

To attend the Dec. 2nd event, visit www.zoom.com and input meeting ID: 878 6155 6757 and passcode: Rinehart.

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The Sheldon Jackson Museum is currently open Wednesday through Saturday from 10am until 4:00pm and is closed holidays. The museum is open by appointment only on Tuesdays. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and free for ages 18 and under and active duty military and their families (with an ID). Call (907) 747-8981 to confirm hours.

The Tanana Yukon Historical Society has helped celebrate and preserve Alaska's history since the 1960s. The Society's mission is to collect and share State and local historical knowledge through public lectures and events; historical preservation and cultural resource management projects; historical grant writing and administration; and operation of the Wickersham House Museum, Pioneer Park, Fairbanks, Alaska. To learn more about the Tanana Yukon Historical Society, visit: <https://tananayukonhistory.org/>

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