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## Abenaki Art On View At Fairbanks

ST. JOHNSBURY — Baskets, jewelry, pen and ink drawings, totem and woodcarvings are among the arts and crafts of more than 10 Abenaki artists that will be on view in an exhibit at the Fairbanks Museum this summer.

Visitors can see People of the Dawn, The Art and Culture of the Abenaki from July 8 through Aug. 31. Jeanne Brink, a Vermont basket maker and artist who lives in Barre, is the organizer of the exhibit. The list of artists included in the show and their media is: Philip Lightbear—jewelry; Rick Hunt—pen and ink drawings; Jeanne Brink—ash splint and sweetgrass fancy baskets; Andre Dennis-Newton—to-

tems; her father was a carver, and she began carving after he died, carrying on the tradition. Totems are often carved with animals or birds and are used to identify a family clan. They were traditionally placed outside the home and used to signify a special welcome to visitors who came from the same family clan. Cheryl Heath—ash splint and the ket, Bill Underwood—walnut loon and hawk carvings, miniature Canadian goose carved of basswood, Christian Charlebois—acrylic painting and a beaded horsemanship knife belonging to his wife, Michael Eastman—limited edition prints; Allyn Underwood Family—cradle board, doll, knife sheath and baby backpack; Cheryl Blais-Delventhal—beaded knife sheath and dance fan. The exhibit will be on view during regular museum hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Admission is included with museum admission. For more information, call 802-748-2372, ext. 103.



An elk looks over its realm at the Nelson farm in Iraburg. (photo by Janet Reed)

## Animals In Lore And Legend

ST. JOHNSBURY — For thousands of years animals have featured prominently in the legends of diverse cultures around the world, from Lakota creation myths to Japanese folk tales. This summer, the Fairbanks Museum's Nature Corner exhibit will focus on many of the stories and legends that have featured animals, and will include live animals relating to these tales. Animals in Lore and Legend: The Symbolic Meanings of Wild Creatures, will be on view from Saturday, July 1 through Aug. 27, and is geared to children ages 4-10. Guppies, hermit crabs, box turtles, poison arrow frogs, a cockatiel, a red-tailed hawk, a scorpion, leopard gecko, a ray-haired tarantula and others will be on view and be paired with explanations of the ways in which they have been used as symbols. Many of the live animals can be handled. Student cursors, aged 11-15, who staff and explain the exhibit to visitors, will tell stories at intervals throughout the day. Sections of the exhibit will feature the Chinese horseshoe, sports mascot and business logos collages. A scavenger hunt will encourage how animals have been represented by different cultures. A book rack full of traditional animal stories will be a cozy learning and resting place, and handouts listing reference materials and websites will encourage children to "take home" some of the information they are exposed to through the exhibit. Nature Corner hours are: Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday 2-4 p.m. Museum hours in July and August are: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Call 802-748-2372 for additional information.

## Summer Fun At The Library

CRAFTSBURY — Exciting and educational activities for pre-K through sixth grade children are available this summer at the Craftsbury Public Library "Time Travelers" summer reading activity program. The events planned for the children include: July 5 - Make a Time Travel T-Shirt with Tule Fogg; July 12 - Hand Puppet Extravaganza with Claire Delan; July 19 - Skyshows & Co. will bring a complete planetarium to the library. Discover how an asteroid killed off the dinosaurs as other interesting facts about the night sky; July 26 - Storytellers Jeremiah and Isaac Reilly will present "Really, Really Old Stories"; Aug. 2 - The Traveling Storyteller & Co. will present the Pincos and the Pica (a puppet show); Aug. 9 - Song and Dance Old and New - Put on your dancing shoes as Eve Desjarlais leads some fun singing and dancing; Aug. 16 - Steve Ames returns with "Feathered Gems: The Hummingbird." Aug. 23 - "Optical Illusions" visits from the Flemming Museum. Eye Fooled You! Make designs to take home. At the end of the summer children will receive a free book as a bonus for participating in the program. The events will take place at the Craftsbury Public Library on the Common Wednesdays at 1 p.m. beginning July 5 and continue through August. For additional information, call either Linda Wells at 586-9653 or Leslie Rowell at 586-7798. The annual Library Book Sale (not just old books, either) happens with more books than ever on Saturday, July 8. The annual Silver Tea takes place on Sunday, July 16 from 3-5 p.m., sponsored by the Searchlight Club. Summer hours are: Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-noon; Tuesday 1-5 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.-noon, and Friday 1-6 p.m.

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## Johnson Reads Love Letters

MONTPELIER — Author Joyce Johnson will read from her new book, *Door Wide Open: A Best Love Affair in Letters, 1957-1958*, chronicling her relationship with the famous Beat writer Jack Kerouac, on Tuesday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at Bear Pond Books in Montpelier. This book, containing the many letters Johnson and Kerouac wrote to each other, reveals a surprising side of Kerouac — his capacity for forming a tender bond with a woman who shared his passion for writing. It also provides a vivid picture from the female perspective of what it took to be young and Beat in the Cold War '50s and to participate in the formation of a defiant new Bohemia in downtown Manhattan. Johnson is the author of three novels, including *The Night Cafe*, *Her memoir, Minor Characters*, won the National Book Critics Award. Her work has been published in major magazines, including *The New Yorker*, "Harper's" and *Mimble*. She lives in the Montpelier area.

## Shelburne Museum To Host Native American Intertribal Pow-Wow

Shelburne Museum will host one of the largest Pow-Wows in the Northeast on July 15-16. The Intertribal Pow-Wow attracts Native Americans from all corners of the North Country and beyond, including, but not limited to, Abenaki (Vermont and Canada), Mohawk (New York), Wampanag (Massachusetts and Connecticut), Passamaquoddy (Maine), Micmac (Maine), Penobscot (Maine), Pequot (Connecticut), Mahican and Huron. The Pow-Wow will feature drumming, singing, dancing, flute music, storytelling, native arts, crafts, demonstrations, and foods. A fire will be maintained throughout the weekend. The event is open to the public and participation is encouraged. The pow wows offers the opportunity for people of all ages to experience firsthand a gathering of Native American cultures. This is to celebrate what we are all related," said Pow-Wow organizer Jeanne Brink, in a statement announcing the event. "Pow-Wows are an opportunity for non-native people to experience first-hand and learn more about Native American people." Activities begin with flute music each day at 11 a.m., and at noon a Grand Entry will take place featuring Native American dancers in regalia. Intertribal dancing will take place during the afternoon hours to the sounds of singing and drumming. The public will be invited to join in and learn certain dances, and there will be instruction in native crafts for children. Pow-Wow include award-winning writer and storyteller Joseph Bruchac, Iron River Singers (best drum), Rice Lake Singers (quest drum), Four Wind Singers (quest drum) and David Santapaas (native flute music). Twenty-five vendors will showcase a wide variety of native foods and crafts. The grounds open at 10 a.m. each day. Visitors should bring chairs and/or a blanket to sit on. The Pow-Wow will conclude at sunset on Saturday and at 5 p.m. Sunday. Shelburne Museum is located on Route 7 in Shelburne. Information: (802) 985-3546; www.shelburnemuseum.org.

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## "Sleeping Beauty" And "Paquita" Featured In Week Two At Burkllyn Ballet

JOHNSON — Burkllyn Ballet Theatre will continue its 2000 summer dance season with a performance on Saturday, July 8 at 8 p.m. at the Doheny Center for the Arts at Johnson State College. Featured will be highlights from the prologue of "Sleeping Beauty" and "Paquita". Now in its 24th season, the dancers of Burkllyn Ballet Theatre come to study and perform for six weeks each summer from all over the country. In this second production of their season, they will perform selections from the prologue of "Sleeping Beauty," Tchaikovsky's 1890 ballet based on the 17th century fairy tale. Next on the program will be "Phantom of the Ball," choreographed by England's Royal Ballet.

alumnus Alexander Bennett, this is a haunting, original ballet set to "Symphonie Fantastique" by Berlioz. "Phantom of the Ball" was premiered at Burkllyn Ballet Theatre in 1989. Concluding the program will be highlights from "Paquita." This production of the 1881 Paquita ballet will be staged by Arthur Leeth of Boston Ballet, who has also taken the position of managing director of Burkllyn Ballet Theatre this season. Tickets for this and Burkllyn Ballet Theatre performances are available at (802) 635-1470, or (802) 635-1290. For more information, call (802) 635-1290, or write to Burkllyn Ballet Theatre, P.O. Box 302, Johnson, VT 05656.

## Summer Youth Program

MORRISTOWN — The Lamouille Family Center is offering its third annual summer youth program. Area youths will have the opportunity to engage in activities on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from July 11 through Aug. 17. Swimming, hiking, and trail-

campe development, overnight camping, and a trip to the Great Escape are the highlights of this summer youth program. Limited space is available. For further details and registration, call Ron Shepard at the Family Center, 808-5229.

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