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**Staff use only:**

## Southeast Alaska Sustainable Arts Project – Skin Sewing

**Eligibility:**

In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act:

Those with 1/4 Native blood quantum or greater and with a copy of their Certificate of Indian Blood issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs or Tribal I.D. card issued by a federally recognized Alaska Native Tribe.

Those who are not eligible can bring their own non-marine mammal fur/material to participate in the class.

**FEE:** \$50.00. SHI will provide a sea otter hide if you qualify, patterns, basic supplies, and instruction are provided. Fee can be reimbursed if artist donates one of the hand sewn garments of SHI's choosing to the Sustainable Arts Project. The proceeds will support the Walter Soboleff Center and SHI programming.

**Workshop Community:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mailing Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City**                      **State**                      **Zip**

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**Daytime Phone**

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**Blood Quantum**

**SHI is partnering with the Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) and needs to know if you live in a THRHA home or has received/is receiving THRHA assistance?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**Participant Waiver, Release and Certification**

- 1) I agree to hold Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI), its employees, officers, and volunteers harmless from any and all claims I might have for personal injury or damages to or loss of my property while participating in the Southeast Sustainable Arts Project.
- 2) I verify that I am at least one quarter Alaska Native and have enclosed a copy of my **Certificate of Indian Blood issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs or Tribal I.D. from a federally recognized Alaska Native Tribe** for verification.
- 3) I agree to comply with applicable federal, state and local laws, including but not limited to codes regarding the use of seal and sea otter materials.
- 4) I authorize the use of my name, photo, and biography for educational, promotional, or cultural purposes or public requests for names of artists.

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**Participant Name (Print)**

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**Participant Signature**                      **Date**

## Skin Sewing Class Checklist and Notifications

- Provide legal proof of at least ¼ Native blood quantum. If you do not meet the blood quantum requirement, you will be required to bring non-marine mammal fur/skin.
  - Pay the \$50.00 fee to secure your place in the class  
**Your place in the class will not be guaranteed until the fee is paid. Each class is limited to 15 participants.**
- Wear closed toed shoes and working clothes. You may wish to bring something to cover your face i.e. bandana to keep the fur out of your eyes, nose and mouth.
- If you have a thimble you prefer to use, feel free to bring it.
  - Bring a water bottle that sprays a mist  
An old washed out Windex bottle will work.
  - Pack a lunch and/or snacks

**SHI staff is unable to bring plywood or fans to your community. Please arrange to bring plywood or request an organization to donate plywood for the class.**

1. Each participant will need one side of ½ sheet of plywood to stretch your hide;
  - A full sheet of plywood can be used for four participants
  - A half sheet of plywood can be used for two participants
2. Two or three large fans for the working space to keep the air circulating.

**We greatly appreciate your assistance in providing the plywood and fans to ensure that these classes are successful!**