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Experts on Hand at Tamástslíkt Reservation Roadshow

Saturday, November 10, 2007, from 9am-12 noon and 1-5pm, Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute will offer the public an opportunity to bring family heirlooms such as artifacts, books, photographs, beadwork, regalia, and baskets for evaluation by experts from all over the country. "This is a free community service," said Randall Melton, Curator, "but we do ask that an individual bring no more than five objects for appraisal."

Barry Friedman, author of *Chasing Rainbows*, will once again be on hand to evaluate blankets of all kinds. "Last year Mr. Friedman was thrilled to see a couple of rare and beautiful blankets from the Racine woolen mill, as well as a Navajo rug that was in excellent condition," said Bobbie Conner, Director.

Professional conservator Thomas Fuller of the Burke Museum will be on hand to advise on the best methods for taking care of heirlooms. Jack Walsdorf will examine books and can evaluate their worth. Larry Tyler of Portland will give verbal appraisals of material objects such as baskets and artifacts. Rich Engsdorf is an expert on photographs. "We also want to acknowledge Light Impressions and University Products as vendors who generously donated archival materials for this event," said Melton.

Alyce Sadongei, Arizona State Museum, will interpret the results of the X-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectrometer in measuring chemical residue. Melton added, "Last year some objects were loaded with heavy metals and arsenic, residues of pesticides. People should be concerned about possible contamination especially when they don't know the provenance or source of their object. Maybe their ancestor traded something from an Indian trader who got it from a museum. Using such items would not be good for one's health."

Other activities on the same day will be an outdoor flea market in the parking lot. Vendors can call Malissa Minthorn-Winks at 966-1908 for further information. Kinship Café will offer a special of Indian tacos. Call 966-9748 for more information.//