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Madeline Island Museum to Host Ojibwe Artist Residency Makizinikewin (Moccasin) Workshop

La Pointe, Wis. – On August 19-20, the Madeline Island Museum, a Wisconsin Historical Society Site, will host the special event: Ojibwe Artist Residency with Sarah Agaton Howes (Fond du Lac). Howes is widely known for her handmade regalia and moccasins featuring the Ojibwe Floral.

“Guests will be able to view and participate in a traditional moccasin making class,” said Keldi Merton, site director at Madeline Island Museum. “The demonstration and class will walk guests through the four main steps of creating an Ojibwe Pucker Toe Moccasin: gathering materials, making and cutting the pattern, Manidoominensikaan (beadwork) and Odoojibwegigiwaadaan (pucker sewing).”

Guests can view the demonstration or choose to participate in the Makizinikewin (Moccasin) Workshop. The class will take place on August 19-20 (two day event) from 9:00am – 1:00pm each day at the Madeline Island Museum. The cost to participate in the class is \$125.00 per person.

Howes is an Anishinaabe artist, teacher, and community organizer from Fond du Lac Reservation in Minnesota. An experienced teacher with a foundation in anti-racism and community-based social change work, she frequently shares her knowledge and experience with bead work, making moccasins and creating regalia in her community and beyond. Howes is also a leader in her community. She currently organizes an Indigenous Women’s Running Group and utilizes social media to provide inspiration and support to promote wellness and health.

For more information or to sign-up for the class contact the museum at 715-747-2415 or email madelineisland@wisconsinhistory.org. All Wisconsin Historical Society members receive free admission to this event and the museum. Tickets for adults (18-64) cost \$8; seniors (over 65) \$7; Children: Free. The Madeline Island Museum is open daily May 27 – October 14. Additional information regarding operating hours and special events can be found at madelineislandmuseum.org.

About Madeline Island Museum

Founded in 1958, the Madeline Island Museum tells the story of Madeline Island and surrounding region. Owned and operated by the Wisconsin Historical Society since 1969, the Madeline Island Museum is located in La Pointe, Wisconsin. Open 7 days a week, 10:00am -5:00 pm, the Museum is located half a block from the ferry dock. Visit madelineislandmuseum.org for a complete list of 2017 Programs & Events, or call 715-747-2415 for more information.

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