



Baashkadodin-Giizis (Moon of the Freezing Ground) **November 2016** 

PEER ARTIST DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP took place on Wednesday, November 16. This free 1/2 day training was designed to provide Native artists tools and support to manage artistic businesses in order to achieve economic success as well as to grow as leaders in their Tribal communities.

The exceptional peer artist trainers were Shirley Brauker [Author, Illustrator, Painter and Pottery artist], Marcella Hadden [Photographer], Alice Jo Ricketts [Beadwork artist], and Craig Waynee [Jewelry artist]. These trainers shared techniques and practices used in marketing, pricing, budget management, packaging and product display.

Artists in the workshop also shared their stories of struggle and success along with additional tools of the trade learned in their artist and business lives. Those new to the art business world were able to see and learn from both the business and personal sides of the entrepreneurial world of Native American artistry.

One participant shared his life story of 50 years in the artworld. He emphasized the value of putting in the time and taking pride in the end product as essentials to a financially and personally successful life as an artist.

Another participant shared her life struggles prior to being fully committed to art including a self-esteem issue that almost kept her from entering an art competition which ended with her being awarded first-place!

Some of the artwork of these trainers are on display this week at the Circle of Indigenous Arts Market and Competition at the Ziibiwing Center. This event began on Friday, November 18 and will continue on Saturday, November 19 from 11am to 6pm. It will culminate in the People's Choice Award presentation which will be decided on by the Art Market attendees and provides \$2500 in winnings.

Other awards associated with the Circle of Indigenous Arts were presented at an awards banquet later in the evening of Wednesday, November 16. The winners of those awards, as decided by Tribal Council, were Shirley Brauker, who received the Daniel "Gomez" Mena Master/Apprentice Fellowship, Kelly Church, who received the Ziibiwing Center Ashenigewin (Giving Back) Award, George Martin, the Minnie Jackson Lifetime Achievement Award, and Christina Benz, the Emerging Spirit Scholarship. A \$1,000 check was presented along with their award plaques.



Peer Artist Development Workshop Attendees



Awardees at Awards Banquet

Ziibiwing will be closed Thursday, November 24, 2016.
We will be open Friday, November 25 & Saturday, November 26, 2016.







