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N.E.A Funds Free Children's Workshop at Abbe Museum

August 14, 2009, Bar Harbor, Maine – Please join us on Monday, August 24, 2009 from 10:00 to 12:00 at the Abbe Museum Downtown for a Free Children's Dream Catcher Workshop. As part of a National Endowment for the Arts grant that was received for the *Twisted Path: Contemporary Native American Artists Walking in Two Worlds* exhibition, Lenny Novak, Abenaki, will teach children up to age 18 the art of weaving a natural dream catcher. (children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult) Interested adults are encouraged to register for the 2:00 to 4:00 workshop where they will get the same chance to create their own natural dream catcher. The cost for this workshop is \$35 for museum members and \$45 for non-members. Call (207)288-3519 to register. Lenny Novak is well known in Native American art circles for his finely crafted dream catchers. Adults will have the chance to work with bone, antler, sinew, feathers and wood.

On Tuesday, August 25, Lenny will demonstrate the art of his uniquely intricate web weaving and discuss how he came to produce this incredible feat of hand weaving in which he uses up to 300 feet of sinew for one web. This demonstration is free with admission to the Abbe Museum Downtown and takes place from 1:00 to 4:00. Support for this program is made possible, in part, by the Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, a proud sponsor of *Cultural Connections* museum programming.

The Abbe Museum is the only museum in the world dedicated to the Wabanaki, the Native American people of Maine and the Maritimes. The Abbe has a collection of over 50,000 archeological, historic and contemporary objects including stone and bone tools, pottery, beadwork, carved root clubs, birch bark canoes, and supporting collections of photographs, maps, and archival documents. It holds the largest and best-documented collection of Maine Native American basketry in any museum. Its collections conservation program is recognized nationally as a model for museums.

For more information on these unique cultural events call (207)288-3519 or visit www.abbemuseum.org.

Photo Caption: *Lone Wolf Double Web Whitetail Deer Dreamcatcher*
by Lenny Novak, Abenaki - photo courtesy of Lenny Novak/Abbe Museum

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