



Juneau Arts and Humanities Council – Juneau School District

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

TEACHING ARTIST PROFILE and APPLICATION

Date of Application: Dec. 2016

Artist Name: Della Cheney

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1. I am available to work/teach (check all that apply):

in 1-2 week residency period only

I am flexible and could work different times

I can work 1 day per week for a month or more

I could work part days, different times

2. Please describe your arts education and/or arts background.

I am a practicing and teacher of weaving, since 1993. I was a cultural educator in Juneau School District, Floyd Dryden Middle School for 10 years. I love to take weaving classes and formline design classes.

3. Which Art Forms are you interested in teaching, and how will you incorporate them into the classroom? Please list all, and indicate preferences if any. Also indicate what age children you prefer to work with.

Do not teach my culture, use my culture to teach me.

4. What themes, concepts, and experiences do you want to share with students?

Involves teaching education of place. Harvesting and processing Cedar Bark. Weaving and teaching students about the cultural ways of life in SE AK. While teaching weaving of bracelets, baskets, round and square.

5. Please list or describe any prior teaching experiences you may have had (apart from residencies)

Enjoy teaching at summer culture camps with Sealaska Heritage and Goldbelt Heritage youth programs, Math in a Basket, leadership summer programs and Juneau School District classroom invites.

6. Why do you want to teach the arts in Juneau schools?

The programs of weaving in the school adds teaching about the place our students live. And it is a place that inspires our children to participate in their community.

7. Past Experience with Artist in the Schools residencies: (list all) None to Date:

BAM afterschool program and being invited to teach weaving to different classrooms throughout the year with financial backup through Goldbelt.

8. Have you participated in the **Juneau Teaching Artist Academy series**?

I have completed the series

I participated in some of the series

No, not yet

9. Please list three references who could be contacted about your work and teaching experience. Include name, phone number and email address for each.

Jackie Kookesh, Sealaska Heritage Institute, 105 S. Seward St., Juneau 99801

Dionne Cadiente-Latte, Gldbelt Heritage Foundation, 3200 Hospital Drive, #203, Juneau 99801

BAM After School Program, C. Allen Truit, Zach Gordon Youth Center, Juneau Parks and Rec, Juneau 99081

10. Provide any additional comments or additions that might help illuminate your work or life as an artist.

