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Seminole Artists Inspire People Of All Ages To Learn About Seminole Art

By Taneisha Warren with Risa Levovsky

The Seminole Tribe of Florida's art is unique and continues to flourish using live demonstrations offered by Seminole artists.

One of the many tribal artists who carry on traditional Seminole culture is clearly visible at the Seminole Okalee Indian Village. Donna Frank, one of the tribe's premier Sweetgrass basket weaving artists, performs this spectacular art live. Her unique style and love for her culture is evident to anyone who meets her and watches her perform live. Donna's work clearly demonstrates the determination and survival skills of the Seminole people.

Did you know that Sweetgrass baskets have been made by Seminole Indians for more than 60 years? Donna Frank's demonstrations have an even greater value in its honest and intimate portrayal of Seminole life and trades used for survival.

Every Sweetgrass basket is a work of art. The wild sweetgrass used in these beautiful creations is hand-picked by Donna Frank from high, dry areas of the Everglades basin, washed, laid in the sun to dry and sewn together with colored embroidery thread. Palmetto fiber is the usual basket base material. The baskets may take many different shapes and sizes.

Seminole Sweetgrass basket making is an endangered craft—very few Seminole basket makers remain and their work is in high demand. It is rare to find these authentic Seminole Sweetgrass baskets, most are purchased directly from the basket makers or found

in Seminole Okalee Indian Village Gift Shops.

While everyone loves to learn about Seminole history and culture through books, documentaries and the Internet, seeing the Seminole artisans at work is a special experience and a format for ongoing education about Seminole culture.



Donna Frank and other Seminole artists work diligently to inspire others through awareness, while enabling people of all ages to attain a true historical perspective of Seminole art. It is with this hope that Donna Frank continues to show how ancestors of the Seminole Tribe survived in the Everglades.

It is no secret that Seminole art is an important facet of Florida's history. A trip to see Donna Frank at Seminole Okalee Indian Village in Hollywood, Florida is an unforgettable way for visitors and residents to learn about the Seminole Tribe of Florida's fascinating history and culture and how

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