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The Autry Museum of the American West Hosts its Annual Marshall McKay Seminar for Empowering Native Knowledge: *Perspectives on Native Basketry*

The Marshall McKay Seminar will focus on Native basketry with an emphasis on revitalization and environmental resource management within Native communities.

(**November 2, 2023 - Los Angeles, CA**)— Named in honor of Marshall McKay, former Chairman of the Yoche Dehe Wintun Nation Tribal Council and the first Native person to serve as Chair of the Autry's Board, ***Marshall McKay Seminar for Empowering Native Knowledge*** seeks to empower Native knowledge by exploring topics that impact Native communities and beyond.

On Nov. 18, 2023, the one-day Seminar will focus on baskets and include hands-on workshops exclusively for Native community members. Native basket weavers, knowledge keepers, scholars and other experts will address these topics during a half-day seminar open to the public, followed by an in-person weaving workshop for a limited number of Native community members in the afternoon.



Pomo basket with a string handle, before 1933. Mallard and woodpecker feathers. The Louis Jerome Gillespie Memorial Collection. Autry Museum; 611.G.289

Amanda Wixon, Associate Curator, believes the seminar will empower Native knowledge and help to ensure Native communities have access to their cultural materials at the Autry.

“This year, we have a very diverse set of speakers from all over Indian Country that will share their cultural and environmental knowledge and experience with our seminar audience. We hope that each participant will learn something new that can inform their own style of indigenous activism,” says Wixon.

A top priority of the Marshall McKay Seminar is to make the information presented widely available, specifically to Native communities. The seminar will be held in person at the Autry Museum and will be streamed online.

For more information, please visit TheAutry.org/MarshallMckaySeminar.

SCHEDULE:

- **9-9:30 a.m.** - Doors open; coffee and pastries available
- **9:30-9:45 a.m.** - Welcome remarks and keynote speaker
- **10-11:20 a.m.** - Panel Conversation #1 with Q&A
- **11:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m.** - Panel Conversation #2 with Q&A
- **12:50-2 p.m.** - Lunch

About the Autry Museum of the American West

The Autry is a museum dedicated to exploring and sharing the stories, experiences, and perceptions of the diverse peoples of the American West, connecting the past to the present to inspire our shared future. The museum presents a wide range of exhibitions and public programs—including lectures, film, theatre, festivals, family events, and music—and performs scholarship, research, and educational outreach. The Autry’s collection of more than 600,000 pieces of art and cultural objects includes one of the largest and most significant of Native American materials in the United States. For more information, please visit TheAutry.org.

The Autry Museum of American West acknowledges the [Gabrielino/Tongva](#) peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (the Los Angeles basin and So. Channel Islands). We recognize that the Autry Museum and its campuses are located on the traditional lands of Gabrielino/Tongva peoples and we pay our respects to the Honuukvetam (Ancestors), ‘Ahihirom (Elders) and ‘Eyoohinkem (our relatives/relations) past, present and emerging.

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