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## **For Immediate Release**

## Native American Arts & Crafts Holiday Bazaar Dec. 6 & 7 at Mitchell Museum of the American Indian

November 25, 2014—Just in time for the holidays, Native American artists will be selling their art and craftwork directly to visitors at the Mitchell Museum's annual Native American Arts and Crafts Holiday Bazaar. The two-day event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 7, during regular museum hours at the 3009 Central Street building, directly next door to the museum in Evanston. Jewelry, pottery, beadwork, dolls, paintings, moccasins and an array of other items will be available for purchase.

Award-winning artists come from all over the Chicago area and the Midwest including Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan. Throughout the weekend, artists will demonstrate their technique, speak about their culture and art, and answer visitor questions. For more details about the Bazaar, including a list of artists and schedule of events, visit the Mitchell Museum Facebook page or <a href="https://www.mitchellmuseum.org">www.mitchellmuseum.org</a> during the week prior to the Bazaar.

"The Bazaar has become an annual tradition for the museum, and we are excited to offer this unique opportunity for visitors to purchase American Indian arts and crafts directly from the artists again this year," said Kathleen McDonald, Executive Director of the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian. "Additionally, through daily demonstrations and classes, visitors can learn more about the traditions and techniques that go into making each piece."

Admission to the Native American Arts & Crafts Holiday Bazaar is free for Mitchell Museum members and children under 12. Non-members are \$5, which includes admission to the museum. Saturday hours are 10:00am-5:00pm, and Sunday hours are 12:00pm-4:00pm.

The Mitchell Museum is one of only a handful of museums in the country that focuses exclusively on the art, history and culture of American Indian and First Nation peoples throughout the United States and Canada. In 2012, The Mitchell Museum was named "Best Museum of The North Shore: Up and Comer" by *Make it Better* magazine, won the Superior award by the Illinois Association of Museums and was named a national finalist by the American Association of State and Local History award program.

For more information about The Mitchell Museum of The American Indian, visit <a href="https://www.mitchellmuseum.org">www.mitchellmuseum.org</a> or call 847-475-1030. The museum is open Tuesday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday- Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students and children and Free for Mitchell Museum members and Tribal members.

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