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**Mitchell Museum to Host
Native Arts Holiday Bazaar
December 7-8**

November 21, 2013 — Native American artists from around the Upper Midwest will offer authentic, handmade, traditional, and contemporary arts and crafts items at the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian's annual Native American Arts & Crafts Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, December 8, from noon to 4 p.m. The bazaar will take place in the Mitchell Museum's 3009 Central Street building in Evanston, next door to the museum.

Native artists from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin will be selling work ranging from ink drawings, beadwork, and corn husk dolls to jewelry, pottery, children's quilts, wood flutes, and more. Just in time for the Winter Holidays, shoppers can pick up a handmade gift for everyone on their list. Artists retain all proceeds from their sales.

Artists will give presentations and demonstrate their techniques, speak about their culture and art, and answer visitor questions. Take advantage of the incredible opportunity to learn more about local artists and pick up unique treasures to keep, or gift this winter season.

"We are thrilled to offer the opportunity for the public to meet American Indian artists and learn about the pieces they purchase," says Kathleen McDonald, Executive Director of the Mitchell Museum. "Whether for yourself or a gift, art is cherished even more when there is a personal experience that can be shared over generations. The museum is proud to support local American Indian artists as well as promote future collectors who may later give to the museum."

Admission to the Native American Arts & Crafts Holiday Bazaar is free for Mitchell Museum members and children under 12 and \$5 for adults, which includes admission to the independent nonprofit museum at 3001 Central Street.

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 www.mitchellmuseum.org. 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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