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Children's Arts Class Offered

Portland, IN. If you are wondering how to keep your children busy and occupied during their Christmas break from school, National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture, Inc. (NCGLNAC) has the perfect answer for one day! On Saturday, December 29, NCGLNAC will host a class on metal embossing taught by Robin McBride Scott for ages 5 and up from noon to 3 p.m. at the Jay Community Resource Center meeting room, 118 South Meridian Street in Portland. There is no charge for the class except for a fee of \$8 per student for the cost of materials used in the class.

Robin McBride Scott is well-known as an artist and for her research into pre-contact river cane basketry and mats. She has participated in the Smithsonian Carriers of Culture and as an artist in residence at the Eiteljorg Museum. Around 200 B.C. artists of the Hopewell Culture of the Midwest brought techniques of working metals and copper to high levels of technical skills. They flattened natural nuggets of copper into beads, ear spools and many other adornments. By the Middle Woodland period, artists began using repousse, chasing, cladding, sinking forms and cutting templates as they placed greater emphasis on motif and design.

Soft foil metal is a great magical medium to create works of art. Students will explore their creativity through the technique of embossing. Metal foils are a super material to create low relief embossed artworks using simple tools. It is fun to make, has endless possibilities for creativity and the end results are breathtaking! It is very easy for children of all ages to create one-of-a-kind pieces of art! The finished piece will be matted for framing. The material fee of \$8 covers all supplies needed. There is no other class fee. In order to insure adequate materials for the class, pre-registration is requested before December 26. For more information or to request a registration form, please contact Kay Neumayr at kay.neumayr@ncglnac.com or 765-426-3022.

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