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MUSEUM OF ALABAMA OPENS NEW EXHIBIT
REVIVAL: CREEK TRADITIONAL ARTS IN ALABAMA

Montgomery, AL (11/5/18) – The Museum of Alabama, located inside the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH), opened a new temporary exhibit today, *Revival: Creek Traditional Arts in Alabama*. The exhibit features contemporary pottery, baskets, shell carvings, jewelry, clothing, and other items made by members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

In 1984, the Poarch Creeks became the only federally recognized tribe in Alabama. In the generation that followed, efforts increased to revive the teaching of traditional native arts. Through instruction in basket-weaving, pottery, piecework quilting, clothes-making, and Creek language courses, they have engaged in a decades-long cultural and artistic revitalization. In the spring of 2018, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians opened a new, state-of-the-art community center which includes classrooms to continue teaching traditional arts for years to come.

Artisans from the Poarch Creek visit Montgomery periodically to examine Native American artifacts in the collections of the ADAH. Many of the pieces on view in the exhibit are inspired by historical artifacts made by the ancestors of the Poarch Creeks who lived in Alabama hundreds of years ago.

The exhibit is on display through the spring of 2018 in the ADAH's second-floor lobby. For additional information, call (334) 353-3312.

The Museum of Alabama is located at the Alabama Department of Archives and History, the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, in downtown Montgomery across the street from the State Capitol. Regular hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30 and admission is always free. Parking is available in a free lot directly behind the Archives' building on Adams Avenue. For more information visit www.museum.alabama.gov or call 334-242-4364.

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