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MUSEUM TO HOST “QUILTS OF THE LAKOTA” EXHIBITION IN JUNE-JULY 2018

Members of the Lakota Sioux have transposed their heritage of painted buffalo robes to star quilts that maintain their cultural and tribal identity. “Quilts of the Lakota” will open at the museum on Saturday, June 9 and will remain on view through Saturday, July 28. The exhibition is co-sponsored by the Hill Country Quilt Guild.

Lakota quilts are often presented as ceremonial gifts to honor or remember loved ones. The *Quilts of the Lakota* exhibit features some of the traditional sunburst design, while others made by contemporary artists present a more modern interpretation of textile tradition. Together as a collection they tell the story of a Native art form that has continued to evolve through history.

“Lakota people have always worked with textiles, but quilting began when missionaries arriving in the 1900s taught Lakota women to sew using European styles. Native women quickly adapted the art form for their own culture and their own lives, incorporating traditional designs that were once painted on buffalo robes,” says curator Ashley Pourier. “Quilts became much more than something to keep warm with—they became a symbolic gift to mark major moments in life, like marriage and childbirth. And today, quilting is truly an art. Instead of using quilts in our daily lives, we often hang them as ornaments. We wanted to show that progression over time, and celebrate the amazing work of our quilt artists.”

This exhibit is on loan from The Heritage Center at [Red Cloud Indian School](#) in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The award-winning Museum of Western Art is located at 1550 Bandera Highway. Museum hours are 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For information, please call 830.896.2553 or visit [museumofwesternart.com](#).