



AKTÁ LAKOTA

Museum & Cultural Center

- an outreach of St. Joseph's Indian School -



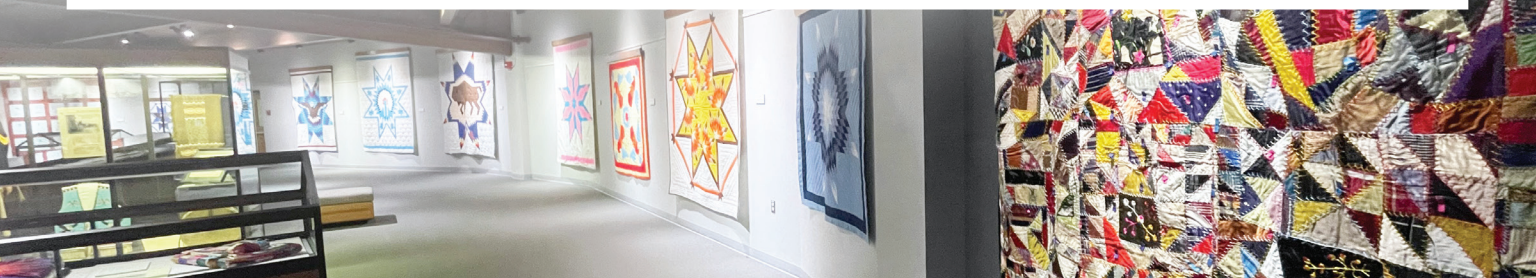
NATIONALLY RENOWNED CENTER OF AMERICAN INDIAN ART

OWÍŃŽA EXHIBIT – HELD OVER!

The Quilt - Owíŋža exhibit is being held over! The exhibit opened this summer and has been a huge draw for new and local visitors. **The Quilt - Owíŋža** exhibit features quilts from 1893 to contemporary that are in the museum's private collection.

These quilts are a testament to the powerful tradition, aesthetic, artisanship, and resiliency of the Lakota culture. When the buffalo was at the center of Lakota life, beautifully decorated hides, often with striking circular patterns, were common. As colonialism brought about the near-extinction of the buffalo, the Lakota turned to quilt-making to replace many of the functions — both utilitarian and ceremonial — that hides performed.

The star quilt held special appeal because of its circular pattern and rhythmic repetition. "Everything the power of the world does is done in a circle," said Lakota spiritual leader Black Elk, expressing the centrality of the circle to Lakota thought. Today the star quilt is often the centerpiece in Lakota celebrations and ceremonies. The exhibit will be on display through the end of the year.



LAKOTA MOON CALENDAR - WÍYAWAPI WÓWAPI HANWÍ

Ptanyétu — *The Moons of Change (Autumn)*

As summer gave way to fall, the Lakota got ready for winter. Food was gathered to last the winter season. Women prepared meat from the buffalo that the men hunted. Underground storage caches were filled with dried meat and fruit, and large quantities of firewood were stocked.

Canwápegi Wi — Moon When the Leaves Turn Brown

Canwapekasna Wi — Moon When the Wind Shakes off Leaves

Waniyetu Wi — Moon of the Rutting Deer

American Indians treasured nature and earth. The people's close connection to nature is seen in their calendars. Based on the moon cycles, the American Indian year was divided into 13 moons with each moon being 28 days long.



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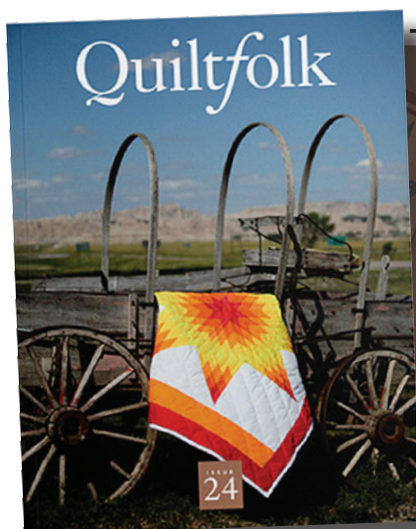
The Lakota year is divided into 13 moons. Each moon is 28 days long, and every day represents something sacred:

Two days for the Great Spirit
Two days for the Mother Earth
Four days for the Four Winds
One day for the Spotted Eagle
One day for the Sun
One day for the Moon
One day for the Morning Star
Four days for the Four Ages
Seven days for the Seven Rites of the Sacred Pipe
One day for the Buffalo
One day for the Fire
One day for the Water
One day for the Rock
One day for the Two-legged People

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

MUSEUM FEATURED IN QUILTFOK

The Aktá Lakota Museum was honored to be part of the **Quiltfolk**, Issue 24: South Dakota. In June Quiltfolk writers and photographers visited the museum in search of American Indian-made quilts and quilters. During their visit, they learned the history of the Star quilt and how it ties into Native culture as well, as how talented quilt-makers are keeping the tradition alive.



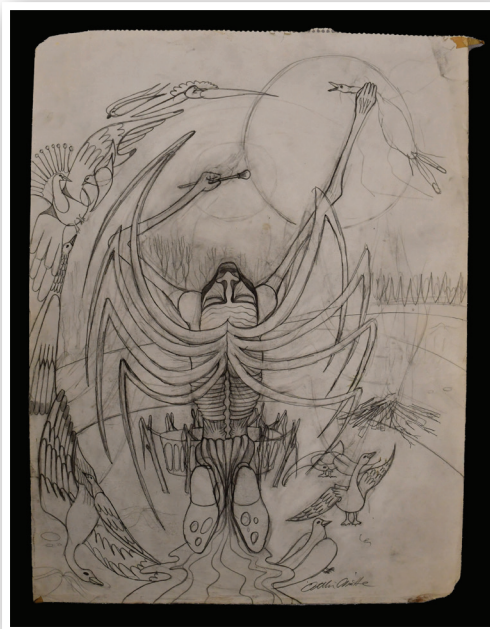
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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Pieces recently added to our collection include works from emerging artists, Henry Payer and Renelle White Buffalo to work by renowned artist Arthur Amiotte.



Four Feathers, 2014
Serigraph
Renelle, White Buffalo



Iktomi and the Birds Sketch, 1972
Pencil Sketch
Arthur Amiotte, Oglala Lakota



I am, Because We Are, 2022
Rawhide Drum
Alfreda Beartrack-Algeo, Sicangu Oyate Lakota



Wandering Winnebago, 2022
Collage
Henry Payer, Ho-Chunk

WÓĤEYAKA GIFTS FROM GENEROUS DONORS



Beaded Vest ca. 1900s
Collected in the South Dakota area
Given by K. Hoagland



Pipe, ca. 1900s
Given in memory of I. J. Frazee
Collected and given by the B. Walker Family

WÓŃHEYAKA GIFTS FROM GENEROUS DONORS, continued...



Beaded Pipe Bag ca. 1900s
Collected in the South Dakota area
Given by K. Hoagland



Headdress ca. 1900s
Collected in the Pine Ridge area.

THE BEST GIFT SHOP AROUND!

The Museum's Gift Shop supports local and regional American Indian artists. The store features unique original art from handmade jewelry to colorful pottery and more. Star quilts, American Indian history books, cards, artistically designed t-shirts . . . all make this a great shopping destination.



Small Business
SATURDAY
30% off Storewide!



AKTÁ LAKOTA MUSEUM

**OPEN
HOUSE**

NOVEMBER 26, 2022
9:00 AM — 3:00 PM

DOOR PRIZES • FREE GIFTS • REFRESHMENTS



FUN FIELD TRIPS AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

FIELD TRIPS WELCOME!

The Aktá Lakota Museum promotes learning for children of all ages and abilities through interactive, informal, hands-on exhibits and programming.

The museum is a welcoming, fun, and enjoyable environment that honors the rich, beautiful history of the Lakota people. Exhibits, both inside and outside, are designed to include subjects in art, literature, culture, and history. The Aktá Lakota Museum is a place that provides children and adults a living lesson on the American Indian way of life — both past and present. [Plan your visit today!](#)



West Holt, NE 2nd Grade



Marty Indian School



O'Gorman High School Exchange Class



Atkinson, NE 2nd Grade

STOP BY AND SEE US

The Aktá Lakota Museum welcomes visitors and group tours. Our fall hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST Monday through Friday, closed weekends and National holidays. Admission is free!

Would you like a tour of St. Joseph's campus or the Aktá Lakota Museum & Cultural Center? Campus tours are available in a variety of ways:



- **Self-guided audio tour (drive or walk):** For those who like to explore on their own, audio tours are available anytime by dialing 1-877-342-0829. Campus maps are available at the front entrance of the museum.
- **Private tours:** Year-round, by appointment only. Need more information?

To schedule an appointment for a guided tour or request transportation for a tour email aktalakota@stjo.org or call 800-798-3452. [Need more information?](#)

Visits are free —with donations encouraged— and the lessons last forever. Learn more about Lakota traditions and more things to do at the museum at Aktalakota.org.

MUSEUM CHANGE OF HOURS/THANKSGIVING CLOSING



GENERAL MUSEUM INFORMATION

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Memberships and Affiliations

ABA – American Bus Association

NTA – National Tour Association

ASDM – Association of South Dakota Museums

SDSHS – South Dakota State Historical Society

AAM – American Association of Museums

IACA – Indian Arts & Crafts Association

MPMA – Mountain Plains Museum Association

AASLH – American Assoc. for State &
Local History

Summer Hours

May – October

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Monday - Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Sunday

Winter Hours

November – April

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Monday - Friday

Closed weekends and National Holidays

- Interactive Displays
- Medicine Wheel Garden
- After Hours Tours by Appointment
- Bus/RV Parking
- Handicap-Accessible
- Guided Tours Available Upon Request

FREE ADMISSION

Donations Welcome



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