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***Creating: Quilts of the Lakota* presents twenty eye-dazzling 20th century quilts**

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Creating: Quilts of the Lakota presents twenty eye-dazzling 20th century quilts from The Heritage Center at Red Cloud Indian School, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota. Several of the quilts in the exhibition are exhibited publicly and published for the first time. The exhibition and related catalogue reflect a three-year collaboration between the Arthur Ross Gallery and The Heritage Center.

Mary V. Bordeaux, a SICANGU LAKOTA and guest curator, selected the superb Star quilts that reflect just a fraction of The Heritage Center's collection. In the exhibition catalogue Ms. Bordeaux notes: "When receiving a quilt...a Lakota person feels a sense of pride and respect, and those feelings are embodied in each and every quilt."

To add historical and cultural context, 19th-century Lakota artifacts, including moccasins, a cradleboard, and parfleche boxes, are included in the exhibition and lent by the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. These artifacts reflect Native American sewing traditions prior to the introduction of quilting in the 1880s by missionaries at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Visitors will discover both Lakota quilting techniques and as learn more about Lakota traditions. This exhibition promotes interdisciplinary learning, engages new audiences, and involves Penn faculty and students. Tours of the exhibition will be offered on weekend afternoons at 1 pm to the public.

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