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LOST AND THEN FOUND: THE LORE AND LINEAGE OF THE CHEYENNE BATTLE DRESS

**A PRESENTATION HOSTED BY FRIENDS OF THE LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD
FRIDAY JUNE 24, 2016 2:00 TO 3:00 PM**

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Hear the Cheyenne oral history of the Woman's Battle Dress as told by Clifford Eaglefeathers, who as a boy, heard his Northern Cheyenne elders speak of a woman's dress made from the coat of a cavalry soldier killed in battle at the Little Bighorn. The dress was held in secret by several keepers until it disappeared. In 1989 Clifford attended a Native American conference in Spokane, Washington, and while visiting a museum there, his eye was caught by a Cheyenne woman's dress matching the description of the one in the tribe's oral history. Since that day, Clifford has had a goal: to see the dress return to its place of origin for viewing.

Hear Curator Lynn Pankonin tell in words and photos the story of her investigation into the dress' history, the lineage of keepers who cared for it, and how it came to be lost to the Cheyenne Tribe.

Clifford and Lynn have gathered decades of knowledge about the Cheyenne Woman's Battle Dress while it has remained in the museum archives. Over the years they have explored the compelling history of the dress through tribal lore and empirical research. Now, for the first time in a quarter century, the dress is on display and many pieces of this historical puzzle have been assembled.

PRESENTERS

Lynn Pankonin is Curator Emeritus, Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture in Spokane, Washington. Lynn holds a Bachelor's Degree in American History and a Master's degree in American History/Museum Studies from Eastern Washington University. Lynn has published several articles on Indian art and culture and was recipient of the Cecil B. Dryden History Award for Outstanding Contributions in the Field of History from Eastern State University, 1997.

Clifford Eaglefeathers is a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and, holds a Montana State Education Department Teacher's Certificate, with a specialty in Northern Cheyenne language and culture. Clifford is Adjunct Instructor at SUNY Empire State College in New York and co-developer of "Living History: Little Bighorn from a Cheyenne Perspective," a course developed to commemorate the 140th anniversary of the Battle of Little Bighorn and the return of the battle dress to the battlefield.