

## **Exhibition: The Okanagans and their Neighbours.**



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This exhibition is part of an initiative to tell the story of the local Indigenous people and their culture.

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Presented by the Lake Country Museum & Archives in partnership with the Okanagan Indian Band

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*(whay hast səlh-hait) (Greetings, good day)*

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Cedar Root Basket  
Matilda Wilson Collection



Dentalium Shells  
Private Collection



Hand Drum  
Private Collection



Moccasins  
LCMA Collection



Projectile Points  
Golder & Associates