



***STORIES of the
Blackfoot People
WITH MARY HAYS AND LOUIS SOOP
Sunday, September 3^h***

Heritage Park – Yellow Otter Tipi

20 minute sessions at 11:00, 12:00, and 1:00

Louis Soop

Louis Soop, of the Blood nation, has been a cultural consultant and a teacher of Blackfoot Studies and Language at Red Crow Community College, Lethbridge College, Mount Royal College and the University of Calgary. Keeping his culture and traditions alive are two important goals to Louis. He has a keen interest in preserving the artifacts and stories of his Kainai elders and members of the Horn Society. He delights in storytelling and drumming as a way to share the rich culture of the Blackfoot people. Louis has been a guest storyteller of TALES Calgary at several concerts. He believes that everyone has a story to tell.

Mary Hays

Mary Hays, from Olds, Alberta learned the art of storytelling as a child at the kitchen table. Steaming coffee added fuel to her family's imagination as they told stories of growing up on the prairies in the 1930's. She has put her interest in stories to use as a teacher, a librarian and a full time storyteller. Her storytelling adventures have taken her across Canada, to Brazil and to London, England. Mary enjoys stories of her roots found in the folk tales of Sweden and Scotland and also the stories of Alberta history, especially the stories of the Blackfoot people. Louis Soop of the Blood Nation has been her long time mentor in these stories.