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Wedding dress from the Royal Alberta Museum, 1878.

Something Old, Something New: 125 Years of Wedding Fashion
June 8th - October 16th, 2016

Calgary, AB – May 31st, 2016 – A new exhibition at Lougheed House, ***Something Old, Something New: 125 Years of Wedding Fashion***, includes the unexpected – vibrant colours and a multi-faceted perspective on a pivotal moment in the lives of many. Gowns and numerous wedding accessories from diverse cultural and historical traditions provide insight into how people went down the aisle in style, from the late Victorian era to contemporary times.

The influence of mass-produced designs, royalty and the dawn of Hollywood are explored, along with same-sex and cross-cultural weddings. Many of the gowns in the exhibition were worn by Albertans, and they reflect the cultural shifts of the past 125 years. Guest curated by Sandra Morton Weizman, the exhibit features collections from the Museum of the Highwood, the Red Deer Museum, the Royal Alberta Museum, the Lougheed House Conservation Society, as well as numerous private collections.

Something Old, Something New: 125 Years of Wedding Fashion commemorates the 125th anniversary of the construction of Lougheed House in 1891. As the House has served as a wedding venue for the past ten years, it is an ideal location to reflect on the history and cultural significance of wedding fashion. View photographs of past weddings at Lougheed House as an additional component of the exhibition.

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Sandra Morton Weizman, Exhibit Curator, will be available for interviews in-person or by phone. **Kirstin Evenden**, Lougheed House Executive Director is available for interviews in-person or by phone.

Photography link: <http://bit.do/weddingfashion125>

Lougheed House is holding a 125th Anniversary Party on July 23rd, 2016 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The event is open the public, and includes music, entertainment, tours and more. Free admission.

Lougheed House

Built in 1891 for James and Isabella Lougheed and their growing family, historic Lougheed House is a 14,000 square-foot sandstone prairie mansion with extensive gardens on 2.8 acres in Calgary's beltline community. One of the finest residences in Canada's northwest and the political and social hub of fast-growing Calgary until 1938, Lougheed House is now a National and Provincial Historic Site and Museum run by the Lougheed House Conservation Society (a not-for-profit organization). Subject to availability, historic interpreters are available to give guided tours. Self-guided and audio tours are always available.

Regular admission prices:

\$8.50 Adult

\$6.50 Seniors & Students

\$5.00 Children 6-12

\$25.00 Families

Children under 6 are admitted free of charge.

Lougheed House is at 707 - 13 Avenue SW Calgary, AB T2R 0K8 and is open Wednesday - Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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The Restaurant at Lougheed House serves lunch Wednesday - Sunday, 11:00 - 2:00 p.m., and brunch, Saturday and Sundays only, 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Gardens Our 2.8-acre Gardens are open daily from 7:00 a.m. until sundown