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29th Annual Celebration of Textiles June 2 & 3, 2007

April 30, 2007, Washington, DC — The Textile Museum will hold its 29th Annual Celebration of Textiles on Saturday, June 2, 10 am – 4 pm and on Sunday, June 3, 1 – 4 pm.

This **free festival for all ages** allows visitors to explore the textile arts and cultures of the world through hands-on activities and artist demonstrations in the Museum's gardens, historic buildings and current exhibitions.

Please note: *Activities and demonstrations vary on Saturday and Sunday. More information is available at www.textilemuseum.org/celebration.htm.*

The festival includes opportunities for visitors of all ages to learn how to make embroidered textiles and to create their own felts. A special activity for young hands will be available as well as the opportunity to try on and be photographed wearing clothing from around the world.

Visitors can see and try out a variety of looms, including a Braille loom provided by the Blind Faith Awareness Group. Other activities include the opportunity to try spinning wool into yarn, watch quilting and rug restoration demonstrations, and talk to knitters, crocheters and contemporary fiber artists about their work.

On Saturday there will be sheep shearing in the Museum's gardens (weather permitting) and a special performance of Central Asian dance by the Silk Road Dance Company. The program on Saturday also includes the unveiling of a special display of textile art by students from three District of Columbia Public Schools – Marie H. Reed Community Learning School, Two Rivers Public Charter School and A Kiger Savoy Elementary School.



The Textile Museum's annual Celebration of Textiles includes numerous hands-on activities for visitors of all ages.
Photo by Bill Petros.

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Refreshments will be available for purchase (*cash only*).

Visitors can learn about woven tent bands, used to support Central Asian trellis tents in *Architectural Textiles: Tent Bands of Central Asia*. Also on view is the exhibition *RED*, which explores the uses and meanings of red in textiles across time and place.

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE.

Celebration of Textiles is part of the Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium's Museum Walk Weekend. For more information, visit www.dkmuseum.com.

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Founded in 1925 by George Hewitt Myers, The Textile Museum is an international center for the exhibition, study, collection and preservation of the textile arts. The Museum explores the role that textiles play in the daily and ceremonial life of individuals the world over. Special attention is given to textiles of the Near East, Asia, Africa and the indigenous cultures of the Americas. The Museum also presents exhibitions of historical and contemporary quilts, and fiber art. With a collection of more than 17,000 textiles and rugs and an unparalleled library, The Textile Museum is a unique and valuable resource for people locally, nationally and internationally.

The Textile Museum is located at 2320 'S' Street, NW in Washington, DC. The Museum is open Monday - Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Admission is free; suggested donation is \$5.00. For further information, call 202-667-0441.

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