



THE TEXTILE MUSEUM

# BLUE

April 4 - September 18, 2008

Education Programs

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## **GALLERY TALK & TOUR**

**Saturday, April 5 • 11:00 am**

Join exhibition curators Lee Talbot and Mattiebelle S. Gittinger for a tour of the new exhibition.

**FREE; no reservations required. Limited to 35 participants.**

## **FAMILY FIRST SATURDAYS: “BLUEBLOOD: PRINCES AND PRINCESSES FOR A DAY”**

**Saturday, April 5 • 2 – 4 pm**

Did you know that in many places blue is a royal color? Explore the exhibition *BLUE* and learn about the history of this magical dye through different cultures and time periods. Create your own textile crown and watch *The Emperor’s New Clothes*. **FREE; no reservations required.**

## **TEACHER WORKSHOP: “THE POWER OF BLUE”**

**Saturday, April 12 • 10 am – 1 pm**

Indigo and indigo-dyed cloth pervade the myths, medicines and rituals of many cultures around the world. Explore textiles that convey the powerful symbolism of this mysterious color through gallery activities and hands-on experiences. Participants receive a packet with information on indigo, related classroom activities, and images. Light refreshments are also included. **Fee: \$5 /members; \$8/non-members. Advance registration required; limited to 30 participants.**

**Call (202) 667- 0441 ext. 64.**

## **FAMILY FIRST SATURDAYS: “BLUE JEANS”**

**Saturday, May 3 • 2 – 4 pm**

Learn why your denim jeans are called “blue jeans” and examine Levi Strauss jeans from different eras. Wear your favorite pair of jeans and receive a free bookmark (*while supplies last*). Inspired by the exhibition *BLUE*, decorate your own jeans or make another blue textile. **FREE; no reservations required.**

## **BLUE LECTURE SERIES**

Learn more about the color blue in the textile arts, from the history of indigo dyeing to your favorite pair of jeans. This lecture series complements the exhibition *BLUE*. **Fee per lecture: \$5/ members; \$8/non-members. Advance registration required; space is limited. Call (202) 667-0441, ext. 64 to register.**

## **“A Passion for Indigo: My Fascination with the Exotic Past and Exciting Future of this Unique Dyestuff”**

**Thursday, April 10 • 6:30 pm**

Jenny Balfour-Paul, textile artist, researcher, and author of *Indigo*, examines the mysteries and mystique of this ubiquitous dyestuff.

## **“African Blues”**

**Thursday, April 24 • 6:30 pm**

Lisa Aronson, associate professor of art history at Skidmore College, explores the use and meaning of blue in African textiles.

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**“Transforming Blue: From Seed to Dye, Indigo in Contemporary Japan”**

**Thursday, May 1 • 6:30 pm**

Artist Rowland Ricketts shares insight into the transformative process of using indigo dye.

**“Indigo Immortal: The History and Global Culture of Levi’s Jeans**

**Thursday, May 15 • 6:30 pm**

Lynn Downey, an historian with Levi Strauss and Company, looks at the evolution and lasting appeal of Levi’s denim jeans.

**“Indigo: A Personal Journey”**

**Thursday, May 22 • 6:30 pm**

Hiroyuki Shindo, a Japanese artist who processes his own indigo to produce innovatively patterned textiles, discusses the use and meaning of this dyestuff in his artwork.

**CELEBRATION OF TEXTILES**

**Saturday, June 7 • 10 am – 4 pm**

**Sunday, June 8 • 1 – 5 pm**

Join us for the 30th anniversary of Celebration of Textiles, an annual festival of hands-on fun and learning at The Textile Museum. Visitors of all ages are invited to explore the textile arts and cultures of the world through a multitude of activities and demonstrations in the Museum’s historic buildings, exhibitions, and garden. During this year’s program, learn about natural dyes and create a blue textile, inspired by the exhibition *BLUE*. **FREE; no reservations required.** *Celebration of Textiles is part of the Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium’s Museum Walk Weekend.*

*Additional programs may be added. For updates, visit [www.textilemuseum.org](http://www.textilemuseum.org).*

*The Textile Museum is located at 2320 S Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008. The Museum is a 10-minute walk from the Dupont Circle Metro station (Q Street exit). The Museum and Shop hours are Monday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 1 to 5 pm. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members.*

*The Museum’s Arthur D. Jenkins Library of Textile Arts is open Wednesday through Friday 10 am to 2 pm and Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. The Library has an unparalleled collection of literature and visual materials about all aspects of textiles, costume, rugs and the cultural history of the regions represented in the Museum’s collections.*

*In fall 2008 The Textile Museum will open a second site, dedicated to exhibitions and educational programs, at 421 7th Street, NW, in Washington DC’s thriving Penn Quarter. For more information on this exciting initiative, visit [www.textilemuseum.org/secondsite.htm](http://www.textilemuseum.org/secondsite.htm).*