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Annual Celebration of Textiles June 5 & 6, 2004

April 30, 2004, Washington, DC — The Textile Museum will hold its 26th Annual Celebration of Textiles on Saturday, June 5, 10 – 4 pm, and on Sunday, June 6, 1 – 4 pm. At this **free festival for all ages**, visitors can explore the textile arts and cultures of the world through hands-on activities and demonstrations in the Museum's garden, historic buildings, and exhibitions.

Please note: *All of the activities described below will be available on Saturday, June 5; a more limited selection of demonstrations and hands-on activities will be available on Sunday, June 6. More information is available at www.textilemuseum.org/celebration.htm.*

Visitors will be able to see and try out a variety of looms, including a loom based on the Braille typewriter for blind weavers. There will also be opportunities to make a woven paper placemat, framed yarn weaving, or printed-fabric bandana. Visitors will be invited to try spinning wool into yarn, and to watch quilting, crocheting and knitting demonstrations. Batik artist Kathy Strauss and tapestry weaver Louise Wheatley will demonstrate their art. On Saturday there will be sheep-shearing and music in the Museum's gardens.

Exploring the exhibition *Draped, Wrapped and Folded: Untailored Clothing*, visitors can learn how various cultures create beautiful clothing from rectangular lengths of cloth, and try on similar garments. Also on view are the exhibitions *By Hand in the Electronic Age: Contemporary Tapestry* and *Timeless Connections: Exploring Tapestry Weave*. Refreshments will be available for purchase. **ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE.**



A young visitor tries his hand at weaving during The Textile Museum's annual Celebration of Textiles.

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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 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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