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27th Annual Celebration of Textiles June 4 & 5, 2005

April 29, 2005, Washington, DC — The Textile Museum will hold its 27th Annual Celebration of Textiles on Saturday, June 4, 10 am - 4 pm, and on Sunday, June 5, 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 garden, historic buildings and current exhibitions.

Please note: *All of the activities described below will be available on Saturday, June 4; a more limited selection of demonstrations and hands-on activities will be available on Sunday, June 5. More information is available at www.textilemuseum.org/celebration.htm.*

The festival includes opportunities for visitors of all ages to learn how to batik a textile, make a felt container, or create a woven paper placemat. Visitors can also see and try out a variety of looms, including a loom based on the Braille typewriter for blind weavers. Younger visitors can enjoy making beaded tassels to decorate their favorite containers.

Visitors are also invited to try spinning wool into yarn, to watch quilting and weaving demonstrations, or to try on traditional textiles provided by The Mosaic Foundation. On Saturday there will be sheep shearing in the Museum's gardens and the unveiling of a special display of textile art by students from three District of Columbia Public Schools—Ludlow-Taylor Elementary, Seaton Elementary and Thomson Elementary. Refreshments by Satay Sarinah, an Indonesian restaurant, will be available for purchase.



An eager visitor explores printing on textiles at The Textile Museum's annual Celebration of Textiles.

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Exploring the exhibition *Beyond the Bag: Textiles as Containers*, visitors can learn how containers perform the practical functions of holding, carrying and covering everyday items, and how they are also objects of creativity made with a designing and purposeful eye. Also on view is the exhibition *Textiles for This World and Beyond: Treasures from Insular Southeast Asia*, which features ceremonial textiles from Indonesia and Malaysia.

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE.

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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. For further information, call 202-667-0441.

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