

Award Ceremony

On Saturday, from 12:30 to 1 pm, a ceremony will be held recognizing the students participating in this year's Museum-School partnership. Through this program, the Museum educates students about textiles and the cultures that produce them, and works with students in the creation and display of their own textile artwork. Their creations will be unveiled on June 6 and will remain on view at The Textile Museum through the month.

Current Exhibitions

Visitors can explore one of the most unique and beloved of American art forms with the exhibition *Constructed Color: Amish Quilts*, on view April 4 through September 6, 2009. Also on view is an exhibition featuring new additions to the Textile Museum's trove of treasures, *Recent Acquisitions*, on view now through January 3, 2010. The 19 diverse objects featured in the exhibition, including clothing, bags, rugs and furnishing fabrics drawn from several continents, were selected to represent the breadth of the museum's collection, which spans centuries and cultures.

More About Celebration of Textiles

This festival started with the goal of inviting people to come in casually and learn about the techniques and cultures represented in the Museum's exhibitions, drawing in new audiences and offering an opportunity for people of all ages to explore the wonder and variety of textile art. While The Textile Museum now provides a variety of opportunities for children to learn about textiles year-round through school programs and the hands-on Activity Gallery of The Textile Learning Center, the spirit of Celebration of Textiles has remained constant. It aims to build a greater appreciation of the textile arts through intergenerational activities that can be enjoyed by children, parents, grandparents and friends alike.

Celebration of Textiles is part of the Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium's Museum Walk Weekend. For more information, visit www.dkmuseums.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 18,000 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, D.C. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 am – 5 pm and Sunday 1-5 pm. Admission is free; suggested donation is \$5.00. For further information, call 202-667-0441 or visit www.textilemuseum.org.

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