



THE TEXTILE MUSEUM

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FAMILY FIRST SATURDAYS AT THE TEXTILE MUSEUM

WHAT: Continuing the engaging Family First Saturdays series, The Textile Museum will offer four special programs the first Saturday of each month from 2-4 pm, beginning February 2 and ending May 3.

February 2 features Collecting Stories, an exploration of collecting and narrative. Storyteller Judith Gravitz will weave a tale inspired by the current exhibitions, both of which examine collecting, and families will have the opportunity to create a textile storybook.

The series continues March 1 with Small Wonders; Bags, Belts and Knitting from Bolivia, in which participants can explore the new exhibition The Finishing Touch: Accessories from the Bolivian Highlands, watch a knitting demonstration and make a textile bag to take home.

On April 5, investigate the significance of blue dyes in different cultures with Blueblood: Princes and Princesses for a Day. Families can explore the exhibition BLUE and learn about the fascinating history of this color in textiles across place and time, then create a textile crown and watch The Emperor's New Clothes.

The spring Family First Saturdays conclude May 3 with Blue Jeans, a look at the origins and evolution of denim jeans with examples of Levi Strauss jeans from different eras, including one of the oldest pairs still existing. Participants will receive a free bookmark if they wear their favorite jeans. Inspired by the exhibition BLUE, visitors may bring in an additional pair of jeans to decorate or use materials provided to create a blue textile work.

This program is FREE. No reservations required.

WHEN: Saturdays: February 2, March 1, April 5 and May 3, 2-4 PM

WHERE: The Textile Museum, 2320 S Street NW, Washington DC 20008
Metro: Dupont Circle, Q Street exit

ABOUT THE TEXTILE MUSEUM:

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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