



THE TEXTILE MUSEUM

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THE TEXTILE MUSEUM ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS OF OPERATION TO TAKE EFFECT IN APRIL 2009

December 17, 2008, Washington, D.C. – The Textile Museum announced today that it is changing its hours of operation. **Effective April 2009 the Museum will be closed to the public on Mondays.** The Textile Museum is currently open Monday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 1 to 5 pm. Museum hours for Tuesday through Sunday will remain the same.

Closing to the public on Mondays will reduce the Museum's operating costs. "Our records indicate that Monday is our least-visited day of the week," said Daniel Walker, director of The Textile Museum. "Closing to the public on Mondays will have the smallest impact on the general public and will allow for more efficient operations, particularly during the installation of major exhibitions."

The museum's Arthur D. Jenkins Library of Textile Arts, which has been closed to the public since September 2008 for reorganization, will also have a new operating schedule in 2009. When the library reopens in September 2009, it will be open to the public for eight hours per week. The exact schedule will be made public mid-year. Before it closed in September, the library was open Wednesday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, and Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. The library serves scholars, collectors, artists, craftspeople and students from elementary school through graduate school. Its holdings include beautifully illustrated monographs, rare out-of-print books, and scholarly studies on the art and cultural history of textiles.

With these changes to its operations, The Textile Museum will continue to offer an ongoing schedule of exhibitions and public programs. The 2009 slate of Textile Museum exhibitions includes *Recent Acquisitions* (March 6, 2009 through January 3, 2010), *Constructed Color: Amish Quilts* (April 4 through September 6, 2009) and *Contemporary Japanese Fashion: The Mary Baskett Collection* (October 17, 2009 through April 11, 2010).

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“The Textile Museum is a cultural jewel here in Washington, D.C., and an international leader in the field of textile arts,” said Walker. “These operational changes will allow us to continue offering our exhibitions and programs to members and visitors for years to come.”

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About The Textile Museum

Established 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 Monday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm. **PLEASE NOTE: Effective April 2009, The Textile Museum will be closed to the public on Mondays.** Hours for Tuesday through Sunday will remain the same. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members. For more information, call (202) 667-0441 or visit www.textilemuseum.org.

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