



THE TEXTILE MUSEUM

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New Program for Starting Rug Collectors at The Textile Museum November 15, 2006 from 6 – 8 pm

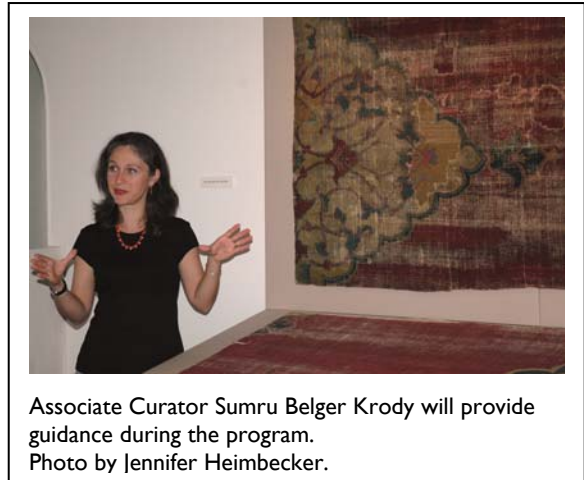
October 17, 2006, Washington, DC — On Wednesday, November 15, 2006 from 6 – 8 pm, The Textile Museum will present a new program for starting rug collectors, **“So, You Want to Collect Rugs...”**

This informative program will guide novices in learning what every beginning rug collector needs to know, including the difference between warp and weft, and the meaning of knots per inch. Experts Sumru Krody, Associate Curator for Eastern

Hemisphere Collections at The Textile Museum, Harold Keshishian, longtime rug collector and The TM Trustee, and Museum Director Daniel Walker will provide guidance and answer questions.

Participants will also enjoy a tour of the exhibition *Pieces of a Puzzle: Classical Persian Carpet Fragments* with Museum Director and exhibition curator Daniel Walker. The exhibition features nine examples of classical Persian rugs from the historic province of Khorasan, including three surviving primary fragments of a 16th-century carpet, brought together from three different collections and reassembled into their original configuration. In bringing these fragments together, *Pieces of a Puzzle* aims to provide visitors with a sense of the scale and grandeur of the complete piece, and allow them to share in the process of research and discover experienced by the curator.

Light refreshments will be served during the program.



Associate Curator Sumru Belger Krody will provide guidance during the program.
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Fee: \$7/members; \$10/non-members

Reservations are required. The program is limited to 35 participants.

Call (202) 667-0441, ext. 64.

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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 \$5.00. For further information, call 202-667-0441.

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