



TEXTILE MUSEUM TO KEEP REGULAR HOURS DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

TEXTILE MUSEUM HOURS: Tuesday - Saturday, 10am to 5pm, + Sunday 1 to 5pm

April 6, 2010, Washington, D.C. - Despite upcoming potential government shutdowns, starting Friday, April 8 (which could include the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery and the National Park Service), the Textile Museum will be open during its regular hours (Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm, and Sunday 1 to 5pm). Furthermore, the Arthur D. Jenkins Library will be open regular hours (Wednesday 11am to 3pm and Saturday 12 to 4 pm - appointment recommended).

Second Lives: the Age-Old Art of Recycling Textiles - February 4, 2011 through January 8, 2012
Complementing *Green: the Color and the Cause* is *Second Lives: the Age-Old Art of Recycling Textiles*, on view at The Textile Museum February 4, 2011 through January 8, 2012. The exhibition highlights the ways that traditional cultures around the world have been repurposing and recycling fabrics for centuries. Dating from the 16th through the 20th centuries, the featured textiles include a patchwork hanging from Central Asia pieced from scraps of ikat silks, printed cottons and other fabrics; a rare sutra cover, or covering for a religious text, made from a 15th-century insignia badge worn by a Chinese official; a vest fashioned from a Pacific Northwest coast Chilkat Indian blanket; and other repurposed fabrics.

Green: the Color and the Cause - April 16 through September 11, 2011
Many cultures traditionally associate the color green with nature and its attributes, and in recent years green has become the symbolic color of environmentalism. The Textile Museum's spring exhibition, *Green: the Color and the Cause*, will engage audiences in an exploration of "green" textiles from both perspectives. *Green* will feature original works by 32 international fiber artists that incorporate the color green and/or address issues of environmental sustainability. The exhibition will also include 13 historical pieces from The Textile Museum's permanent collection that demonstrate the ways that people around the world have created green textiles and the meanings this color has had across different cultures and time periods.

RELATED PROGRAMS: (Register for events + see the full calendar at www.textilemuseum.org)

Saturday, April 9 - 1:30 PM
HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Saturday, April 9 - 10:30 AM
RUG & TEXTILE APPRECIATION MORNING:
What's Islamic About Oriental Carpets?

Sunday, April 10 - 1:30 PM
HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Saturday, April 16 - 11 AM
PUBLIC GALLERY TALK AND TOUR

Saturday, April 16
EXHIBITION OPENS:
Green: the Color and the Cause

Saturday, April 16 - 1:30 PM
HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Sunday, April 17 - 2 PM
ARTIST LECTURE SERIES
Shigeo Kubota: Light and Shadow in
Japanese Space

Sunday, April 17 - 1:30 PM
HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

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, 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 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. An \$8 donation is requested of non-members. For more information, call (202) 667-0441 or visit www.textilemuseum.org.

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