



## THE TEXTILE MUSEUM

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### VALENTINE'S PARTY: PRIVATE PLEASURES AT THE TM

WHAT: In anticipation of Valentine's Day, The Textile Museum will host a celebration with a final look at the exhibition *Private Pleasures: Collecting Contemporary Textile Art*. Exhibition curator Rebecca A.T. Stevens will discuss various works in gallery talks throughout the evening. The Museum will provide acoustic guitar music, refreshments and the opportunity for each participant to make his or her own unique textile valentine.

Participants may enter a drawing to win a private tour through the home of a lender to the exhibition.

A portion of the evening's proceeds will go to our co-sponsor, the Whitman-Walker Clinic.

Fee: \$12/NON-MEMBERS; \$8/MEMBERS.

Advance registration required. Call (202) 667-0441, ext. 64.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 13, 6-8:30 pm

WHERE: The Textile Museum, 2320 S Street NW, Washington DC 20008

Metro: Dupont Circle, Q Street exit

### ABOUT THE EXHIBITION PRIVATE PLEASURES: COLLECTING CONTEMPORARY TEXTILE ART:

*Private Pleasures: Collecting Contemporary Textile Art* provides unique insight into why Washingtonians collect contemporary textile art and what objects they are inspired to collect. The reasons people acquire fiber art are as individual as the collectors themselves, but all would agree with collector Marc Grainer: "These works have everything a collector seeks. They combine technical virtuosity with interesting, challenging ideas." The exhibition explores the individual preferences of the collectors and showcases the textiles on view as outstanding examples of the art form. Drawing from the personal worlds of Washington area art lovers, the exhibition highlights the various approaches taken to collect objects. *Private Pleasures* is on view until February 17, 2008.

### 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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