



THE TEXTILE MUSEUM

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Family First Saturdays at The Textile Museum October 7, November 4 & December 2, 2006

September 5, 2006, Washington, DC — Beginning this October, The Textile Museum offers a new monthly drop-in afternoon program for families, Family First Saturdays. This free ongoing program will be held the first Saturday of each month from 2 – 4 pm. Each month's themed program engages families in exploring the textile arts. Participants will enjoy scavenger hunts, hands-on projects, visits with local artists, performances and more. Upcoming programs include:



Visitors to The TM enjoy a hands-on weaving activity.
Photo by Bill Petros.

Discover! The Textile Museum

Saturday, October 7 • 2 – 4 pm

What are textiles? Who makes them? Discover the answers to these questions and more while exploring the Museum's galleries and gardens on a treasure hunt. Enjoy weaving demonstrations by Springwater Fiber Workshop, and then create your own woven works of art. FREE; no reservations required.

Achievement Clothing

Saturday, November 4 • 2 – 4 pm

Learn about the beautiful and culturally significant clothing made by the Chin, a group of two million people who live in the hill of western Myanmar, northeastern India and eastern

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Bangladesh. Discover how these traditional textiles play a central role in the Chin's practice of achieving merit. Create your own achievement clothing and have your photograph taken while wearing it. FREE; no reservations required.

Magic Carpet

Saturday, December 2 • 2 – 4 pm

Experience the magic of carpets by taking a journey through the exhibition *Pieces of a Puzzle: Classical Persian Carpet Fragments*. Learn how fragments of carpets are like pieces of a puzzle and listen to the story of "Legend of the Persian Carpet." Be inspired by the exhibition and create your own holiday carpet card to take home. FREE; no reservations required.

An interactive docent-led tour will take place at 3 pm on each Family First Saturday.

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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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