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THE TEXTILE MUSEUM SHOP HOLIDAY SHOPPING PREVIEW

November 17, Washington, D.C. – Many of us leave our holiday shopping until the last minute, but The Textile Museum Shop is holding several events this fall to inspire gift-givers to get a jump start this year.



Bean Scatter Shawl
 by Nuno
 64 percent wool/36 percent
 cotton scarf by the Japanese
 Nuno Coporation. Available in
 The TM Shop in October

The shop— voted as one of the ten best museum stores in the nation’s capital by *National Geographic’s* “Intelligent Travel” blog—offers a colorful selection of scarves, jewelry, books, fine fabrics and other handmade goods for sale. The stock is constantly changing and always unique. In conjunction with the museum’s two new fall exhibitions, *Contemporary Japanese Fashion: The Mary Baskett Collection* and *Fabrics of Feathers and Steel: The Innovation of Nuno* (on view from October 17, 2009 through April 11, 2010), visitors should expect to see fresh exhibition-related items for sale.

The TM Shop is the only retailer in Washington, D.C. for products from the Nuno Corporation of Japan. Featured in adjacent galleries, Nuno’s modern and eclectic textiles translate beautifully to ready-to-wear scarves. The shop also carries a variety of items suited to any wallet and age; everything from hand-painted silk ties to felted stone stool - featured in *The Washington Post’s* “Home” pages.

The holiday season kicked off with the annual “Museum Shop Around at Strathmore Hall” (November 12 – November 15), and continues with other events. Fans of the Japanese dyeing technique shibori, akin to tie-dye, are invited to the shop for light refreshments and a viewing of the film *Arimatsu Narumi Shibori: Celebrating 400 Years of Japanese Artisan Design* narrated by shibori artist Yoshiko Iwamoto Wada (Saturday, December 12). “The TM Member VIP Weekend” is one of the shop’s most popular annual events and caters exclusively to museum members, offering a 25% discount and valet parking (December 5 through 6).

A gift from The TM Shop is not only unique, but helps to support the mission of the museum to expand public knowledge and appreciation – locally, nationally and internationally – of the artistic merits and cultural importance of the world’s textiles.

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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, 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 am to 5 pm and Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm. 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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