

## TEXTILE MUSEUM AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



The Textile Museum, established in 1925, includes objects representing five millennia and five continents. Collections include clothing (robes, shawls, hats, etc.) and home goods (carpets, curtains, pillow covers, etc.). There is also a collection of manuscripts, photographs, stamps, currency, prints and maps. The special exhibit will be – Stories of Migration: Contemporary Artists Interpret Diaspora.

**Date:** Monday, April 4, 2016



## GYPSY'S TEA ROOM

Let's pamper ourselves by having tea at Gypsy's Tea Room, which provides an intimate setting, paying special attention to the formal English table, menus, standards and style of service. Housed in the William Winchester House in Westminster, (circa 1760), the location and charm of the original building makes this tea very special. Menus are primarily based on traditional recipes. All aspects of the tea will be freshly prepared on the day of our visit. The inn's rural setting and beautiful grounds add to its charm.

**Date:** Thursday, April 7, 2016

## MEXICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE

The Institute is located in a mansion that is one of the most spectacular on 16th Street. The main hall, inspired by late 15th century Italian architecture, is a majestic setting for the mahogany English banister and 18th century Mexican altarpiece. The three-story mural by Roberto Cueva del Río, depicting some of



Mexico's more colorful traditions, provides a breathtaking backdrop to this grand entrance hall. The mansion is filled with beautiful murals, gorgeously furnished rooms and galleries of art.

**Date:** Thursday, April 14, 2016

## MARTIN SLATER – FIGURATIVE ARTIST

This is the first "X-rated" art program offered by Brandeis National Committee. Martin Slater's remarkably detailed work concentrates on the human figure, usually the nude female form. He works primarily with charcoal and three color chalk and "his aim is to reveal the structure beneath the surface." His models can be seen standing, seated and reclining, focusing primarily on the torso and the legs and reflecting "the feeling of intimacy with the body." Formerly a microbiologist at the National Institutes of Health, he has studied at Montgomery College, the University of Maryland, and the Torpedo Factory and dedicated himself to his lifelong interest in drawing since his retirement in 2001.



**Date:** Monday, April 18, 2016

## A SPRING DAY AT HILLWOOD ESTATE MUSEUM AND GARDEN



Join us as we visit Hillwood – Marjorie Merriweather Post's splendid home. She was the only heir to her father's Post cereal fortune. Her husband, Joseph Davies, was the Ambassador to the Soviet Union in the late 1930s and she took the opportunity to scour the country for treasures of Russian imperial art. There is also French eighteenth-century decorative art and her personal collection of apparel, jewelry, and accessories. Spring is the perfect time to view the beautiful gardens.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016

## HONORING WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

We will have a docent-led tour of the Women's Museum at Arlington Cemetery. It is the only major national memorial honoring women who have served in our nation's defense during all eras and in all services. Along with a short movie, we will find out about the history of women in the military from the Civil War to the present. There is an interactive registry with photos and stories of individual women.

**Date:** Monday, May 2, 2016



## A WALK IN WALT WHITMAN'S SHOES

This docent-led walking tour visits the numerous sites related to the Civil War poet's decade in DC. We start at the Old Patent Office (Smithsonian American Art Museum) and continue to the newly-opened Clara Barton's Missing Soldiers Office, then to Ford's Theatre, Freedom Plaza, and finally the Treasury Building where Whitman worked and suffered a stroke. An optional post-tour happy hour will take place at the POV Lounge atop the W Hotel Washington with its spectacular view of Washington, and our guide, Garrett Peck (who led two previous tours for us), will be happy to autograph copies of his book *Walt Whitman in Washington, D.C.* for participants.



**Date:** Thursday, May 5, 2016

## Walking Tour of Jewish Old Town Alexandria

Walk through the streets of Old Town Alexandria to learn about the long and storied Jewish history, from the 1850s to today. Tour includes the sites of two former synagogues and several Jewish businesses along King Street, including some that show traces of past Jewish owners.

**Date:** Thursday, May 19, 2016 (Rain date: June 2, 2016)



## ANDERSON HOUSE

Come join us at Anderson House, headquarters of the Society of the Cincinnati, an organization founded by George Washington. In addition to being steeped in American history, this house, built in 1905, was the home of Larz Anderson, a member of the diplomatic corps who was host to presidents and kings. Filled with treasures from all over the world, the house will give you a glimpse into Washington at the turn of the 20th century and will immerse you in its beautiful Beaux-Arts style. Attention former Bostonians: this is the Washington home of our Larz Anderson whose great park we skated in or spent hours enjoying the antique cars.



**Date:** Tuesday, May 24, 2016

## FROM SHEEP TO YARN: A Day on the Farm

Join us as we head to the northern part of the county to explore Dancing Leaf Farm in the foothills of Sugarloaf Mountain. Dancing Leaf is a small sheep farm where the owner will demonstrate how to take raw wool and make it into yarn. Learn the entire process. There is also a charming studio/shop filled with handcrafted jewelry, felt shawls, gift items and, of course, the most beautiful yarns including those hand-painted in a rainbow of colors. The sheep are not for sale but are so very cute!



**Date:** Thursday, June 2, 2016

## VICTORIAN TEA AND TOUR OF TUDOR PLACE

Tudor House, built in 1816 by a granddaughter of Martha Washington, remains one of the nation's few historic urban estates retaining the majority of its original landscape. We will begin with a special tour about the lives, legal status and milieu of women and how the women of this particular property held onto it through the turmoil of the Civil War and beyond. We will enjoy an elegant Victorian tea party in the 1867 Dower House. The landscaped gardens can be enjoyed afterwards.

**Date:** Thursday, June 9, 2016

