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PROGRAM

It's still possible that the details of this program are changed, so please check in periodically for updates.

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This symposium will focus on the contemporary textile art and traditional textile craft.

There will be a panel of international textile artists and sessions including talks and presentations by artists and scientists discussing craft revival projects.

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In the framework of the symposium and the 2nd International Felt Seminar in Alvani, there will be workshops, demonstrations and master class programs given by leading international and local artists and craftspeople.

Invited lecturers [confirmed]: Inge Evers [NL], Karen Musgrave [USA], Sheila Smith [UK].

USEFUL INFORMATION

TRAVEL VISA: The entry visa can be obtained at the airport upon arrival. No passport photograph is needed. Costs 10 USD.

OFFICIAL LETTERS OF INVITATION: Official letters of Invitation can be sent by the symposium office upon written request. These letters do not commit the organizing committee to any financial obligation.

FLIGHT: Direct flights to Tbilisi are available from London [BA], Paris [Airzena, Georgian Airlines], Amsterdam [KLM], Köln/Bonn [Germania], Frankfurt [Airzena], Prag [Airzena], Vienna [Austrian], Istanbul [Turkish], Tel-Aviv [Airzena], Moscow, Kiev etc.

ACCOMODATION: The list of hotels in Tbilisi, can be found on the Internet. Upon request, the symposium office can help with renting a flat or finding accommodation with a family for EUR 25-35 per person, per night [breakfast included].

EXHIBITIONS

The 5th International Textile Art Exhibition "black'&'white"; "On the Map" - IFA touring exhibition; Quilt exhibition of the Georgian Quilters Group; Various solo exhibitions of Georgian Artists; Students' exhibition.

TOURS

Guided tours to visit historical sites, architectural monuments, museums and traditional craft workshops in Old Town of Tbilisi; Mtskheta, the ancient capital of Georgia; Kacheti region [eastern Georgia]; and Samskehe-Javakheti are available.



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September 24th and 25th

10.00–12.00 Registration of the participants at the GTG Textile Art Centre, 23 Amaghleba Street, Tbilisi. Tel. 999 403

Optional guided tours in the afternoon to the textile collections of the Georgian State Fine Art Museum, State Museum of Georgia, State Museum of Folk and Applied Arts of Georgia, State Museum of the Georgian Folk Architecture and Life.

SEPTEMBER 25th

Venue - GTG Textile Art Center

14.00–18.00 Documentary film presentations:

"Silk woven into history", "Hearts and Hands: The Influence of Women & Quilts", "Quilts in Women's Lives", "Gees Band Quilts" by Tinwood Media ; "Mille Fleurs" and "Heartfelt" by Inge Evers; Susan Share performance;

Optional guided tour to Old Tbilisi in the morning. [See TOURS, page 6]

SEPTEMBER 26th

Venue - Silk museum. 6 Tsabadze Street, Tbilisi. 10.00–16.00, Coffee break and lunch included.

Opening;

Guided tour to the Silk Museum collection and library;

Slide talks on contemporary textile art and textile education.

Speakers: Liz Clay [UK], Inge Evers [NL], Karen Musgrave [USA].

19.00 Opening of the 5th International Textile Art Exhibition "black'&'white".

SEPTEMBER 27th

Venue - Silk Museum. 6 Tsabadze Street, Tbilisi. 10.00–16.00, Coffee break and lunch included.

Presentation of the textile crafts revival projects in Georgia; textile craft marketing; preserving textile heritage.

Speakers: Nino Kipshidze and Irina Koshoridze.

19.00 Opening of the exhibition "On the Map".

20.30 Symposium dinner.

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ALVANI, KAKHETI REGION, EASTERN GEORGIA. September 29th to October 4th.

Inge Evers [NL] - community felt project with local artisans and invited artists at the Kvemo Alvani Wool Carding Station.

Sheila Smith [UK] - "Nuno Felt Fragments".

Liz Clay [UK] - "Empty Vessels" making 3D felt .

Demonstrations by local artisans:

Tushetian shepherd Burka, Traditional Georgian Felt hats, Traditional Tushetian kintted shoes.

Every evening optional tours to the surrounding historical and architectural sites. On October 4th on the way to Tbilisi - sightseeing tour and lunch in Sighnakhi, Visiting Pirosmeni Museum in Mirzaani and St. Nino's Monastery in Bodbe.

Participation fee EUR 350. [Five overnights in Kakheti, transportation by mini bus, sightseeing tours and meals included.]

ALVANI

The 1st International Felt Symposium was held in 1999 in Omalo, Tusheti. The villages of Zemo and Kvemo Alvani in the wine rich valley of Kacheti, are inhabited by Tushetians during winter. The Tushetians are sheep herders who spend the summer months in the highland areas of Tusheti, a mountainous region in northeastern Georgia. The Kvemo Alvani Wool Carding Station comprises of about 20 local women who make high-quality felt pictures, rugs and cloth for designers.



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POST-SYMPOSIUM PARALLEL WORKSHOPS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

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W1

October 2nd to October 4th. GTG Textile Art Studio.
Surface Design - Karen Musgrave.
EUR 40 including materials.

W2

October 5th. GTG Textile Art Studio.
Marketing for textile Artists - Karen Musgrave.
EUR 20 including materials.

W3

October 6th and 7th. GTG Textile Art Studio.
Felt projects at school - Chuka Kuprava.
Workshop for school teachers.
EUR 40 including material. [max. 10 participants].

W4

October 8th and 9th. GTG Textile Art Studio.
Georgian Pardagi [Kilim].
Traditional patterns - Chuka Kuprava.
EUR 40 including materials.

W5

October 10th, 11th and 12th. GTG Textile Art Studio.
3 day Tapetsry workshop by Khatuna Popiashvili.
EUR 60 including material. [5 to 12 participants].

W6

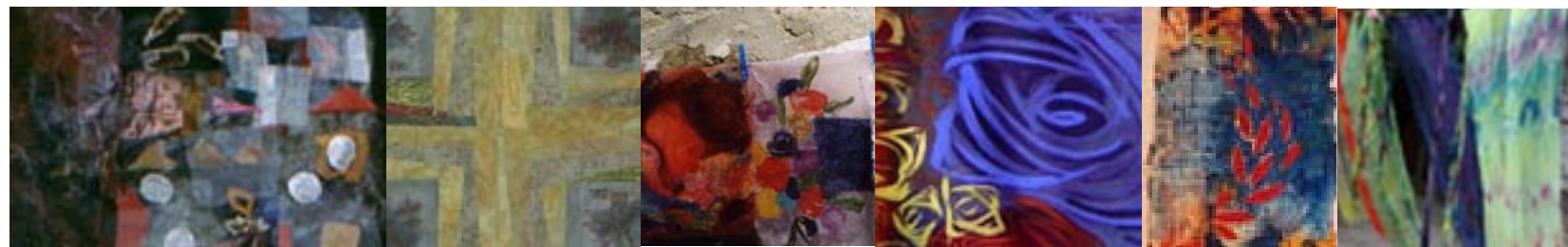
October 6th and 7th. Venue La Mazon Bleue studio.
Hot Batik - La Mazon Bleue artists.
EUR 40 including materials [6 participants].

W7

October 8th and 9th. Cold Batik - Maia Tsinamdzgvrishvili.
EUR 40 including materials [4 to 6 participants].

W8

October 6th, 7th and 8th. Quilt Gallery.
Quilt - Karen Musgrave.
EUR 60 including material. [5 to 12 participants].



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Tours are subject to minimum participation. If participation levels are not met, an alternative program will be offered.

TOUR 1

Southwestern Georgia, Samtskhe-Javakheti province.
September 28th to 30th.

Day 1, September 28th, We: Tbilisi - Mtskheta - Borjomi.
Sightseeing in Mtskheta, ancient capital of Georgia; Lunch;
Visit to Folk Craft Studio; Evening at the Romanovs' palace in
Likani [Borjomi]. Overnight in Borjomi, spa resort.

Day 2, September 29th, Th: Borjomi - Akhaltsikhe - Vardzia.
Visit to Akhaltsikhe Museum; Visit to Idumala Textile Craft
Centre; Visit to Aspindza Quilt Group at the Aspindza
Orphanage; Overnight in Vardzia.

Day 3, September 30th, Fr: Vardzia - Tbilisi.
Visit to Vardzia, a spectacular 12th century city carved out of
rock; Return to Tbilisi.

Costs including transportation [mini van], sightseeing tours,
accommodation and meals - EUR 120.

TOUR 2

Mtskheta and surroundings.
Ancient capital of Georgia, UNESCO World Heritage site.

One day guided tour on September 28th, Wednesday.

Sightseeing in Mtskheta; Lunch; Visit to Folk Craft Studio.
Costs including transportation and lunch EUR 30.

Notice: this tour will be provided together with TOUR 1 for
those participants who will later join the Felt Seminar in
Alvani and will not travel to southwestern Georgia.

TOUR 3

Old Tbilisi - half a day guided tour. September 25th.
Costs EUR 10.



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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 10th, 2005

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

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ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE / FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

ARE YOU PRESENTING A PAPER? YES NO Speakers are advised to send their papers in advance for translation. Deadline 15.09.2005

FELT SEMINAR: YES NO

WORKSHOPS: W1 W2 W3 W4 W5 W6 W7 W8 W9

PRE- AND POST SYMPOSIUM TOURS: T1 T2 T3

FLIGHT INFORMATION:	DATE	AIRLINE	FLIGHT N°	TIME
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DEPARTURE FROM TBILISI	_____	_____	_____	_____
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ACCOMODATION _____

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE: IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE INFORM THE SYMPOSIUM OFFICE

REGISTRATION FEES

SYMPOSIUM: EUR 60 for Central Europe, CIS countries and students. Other countries - EUR 125 . [Includes transfer to and from the airport, presentations, demonstrations, lunches, farewell party, and optional guided museum tours on September 25th.]

FELT SEMINAR: EUR 350 [Five overnights in Kakheti, transportation by mini bus, sightseeing tours and meals included.]

WORKSHOPS: see page 5.

PAYMENT: ALL PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE IN CASH UPON ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION IN TBILISI.

SIGNATURE _____

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