



Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium
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**THE 26TH ANNUAL MUSEUM WALK WEEKEND IS
A FREE CELEBRATION OF TEN NEIGHBORHOOD MUSEUMS**

**Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday, June 7, 1–5 p.m.**

May 5, 2009, Washington, D.C.—The Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium (DKMC) celebrates the 26th Annual Museum Walk Weekend, showcasing the art, history, and culture of two historic Washington, D.C. neighborhoods. [Anderson House](#), [Fondo del Sol Visual Arts Center](#), [Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site](#), [Meridian International Center](#), [National Museum of American Jewish Military History](#), [The Phillips Collection](#), [The Textile Museum](#), [Woodrow Wilson House](#), and new members [Dumbarton House](#) and the [General Federation of Women's Clubs](#) will open their doors free of charge for this weekend-long celebration.

Museum Walk Weekend offers a variety of free activities for all ages, including special museum exhibitions, live music, food, demonstrations such as quilt making and sheep shearing (weather permitting), and walking and biking tours.



Washington City Paper's Walk Weekend Photo Contest challenges urban explorers to visit as many Dupont-Kalorama museums as possible. Visitors who submit photographs of themselves taken at five or more sites during Walk Weekend will be entered to win a prize pack valued at over \$400 (E-mail photos to contests@washingtoncitypaper.com). The winner will be featured on the Washington City Paper Web site in June.



DKMC is partnering with the [Washington Area Bicyclist Association](#) to make the Museum Walk Weekend bicyclist friendly by mapping a safe route between the museums and providing bike parking at key locations. Free shuttle buses will also circulate.

An information table will be situated at Dupont Circle on Saturday, June 6 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) and at the [Dupont Circle FRESHFARM Market](#) on Sunday, June 7 (9 a.m.-1 p.m.).

For more information or images: www.dkmuseums.com

To volunteer: contact Ashley Carver at dkmuseums@gmail.com or (202) 347-3168.

Note: Not all museums will be open both days; event held rain or shine.



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The 26th Annual Museum Walk Weekend media sponsor is [Washington City Paper](#).

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About the Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium

The Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium (DKMC) was established in 1983 to promote the “off the Mall” museums and their neighborhoods in the greater Dupont Circle-Kalorama area of Washington, D.C.

Museum Walk Weekend Programming

Anderson House

2118 Massachusetts Ave., NW

202-785-2040

www.societyofthecincinnati.org

Saturday, 10am–4 pm; Sunday, 1–5 pm

Experience the history and splendor of Gilded Age Washington. This 1905 Beaux Arts mansion was the home of American diplomat Larz Anderson and his wife and is now the headquarters of The Society of the Cincinnati, founded in 1783 to preserve the memory of the American Revolution. Exhibition: *Maryland in the American Revolution* (through September 5)

NEW SITE - Dumbarton House

2715 Q Street, NW

202-337-2288

www.dumbartonhouse.org

Saturday, 10am–4 pm; Sunday, 1–5 pm

Step back in time to Federal America, circa 1800, at historic Dumbarton House, an elegant museum that once hosted first lady Dolley Madison. Now celebrating fashion history with an exhibition of clothing and accessories from 1775-1825, join fellow museum walkers of all ages for “Costume Family Days.” Enjoy a self-guided museum tour and costumed-themed activities such as block printing and turban-making. Picnic in the lovely north garden to lively period music (12-2pm). Sunday only, meet stylish “Dolley”—the fashion icon of her day—in person! Exhibition: *Preparing for the Ball: Costume of the Early Nation* (through July 4)



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Fondo del Sol Visual Arts Center

2112 R Street, NW

202-483-2777 or 202-265-9235

www.fondodelsol.org

Saturday, 10 am–5 pm; Sunday, 11am–5 pm

Fondo del Sol is a bilingual, community-based museum dedicated to the art and cultural heritage of the people of Latin America and the Caribbean. In honour of the Museum's 36th anniversary, Fondo del Sol, presents 5 exhibits to the theme of Struggles for Freedom: Dino Aranda (Nicaragua), Juan Downey (Chile, Videos), Juan Boza (Afro-Cubano), In Search of Lost Iberia, Latina-USA, and Mexico (video, artists, children programs will be given).

NEW SITE - General Federation of Women's Clubs

1734 N Street, NW

202-347-3168

www.GFWC.org/WHRC

GFWC is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service. A National Historic Landmark, GFWC Headquarters was built in 1875 and purchased by GFWC in 1922. Current exhibits highlight GFWC's collection of fine regional art, color woodblock prints, unique arts and crafts, panoramic photographs, and GFWC memorabilia.

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House, National Historic Site

1318 Vermont Avenue, NW

202-673-2402

www.nps.gov/mamc

Saturday, 10 am–5 pm; Sunday, 1–5 pm

Experience the 1940s through music, in the courtyard of the National Council of Negro Women's first headquarters! Saturday (11am), Charles Sullivan presents an interpretive vignette. Sunday (1pm) the Jazz Update band will play period selections. Both days feature children's activities from the era. Exhibition: *Ready to Serve! Black Women and WWII*.

Meridian International Center

1624 Crescent Place, NW

Washington, DC 20009

202-667-6800

www.meridian.org

Saturday, 10 am–5 pm; Sunday, 1–5 pm

METROPOLIS NOW! A Selection of Chinese Contemporary Art chronicles significant changes in China as that country experiences the rapid growth of its cities and the impact of globalization. Created in partnership with the National Art Museum of China, it marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two nations and provides a window into the Chinese experience.



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National Museum of American Jewish Military History

1811 R Street, NW

202-265-6280

www.nmajmh.org

Saturday, CLOSED; Sunday, 1-5 pm

Children (grades 4-12) can enjoy a Treasure Hunt with prizes while adults explore the American Jewish Military Experience with lecturer Professor Jeff Greenhut, PhD (1 and 3 pm) or hear accounts of true heroism from Concentration Camp Liberator Bernhard Storch (2 and 4 pm). Don't miss the "military fashion show" throughout the day where kids (any age) can dress up in deaccessioned uniforms and have their picture taken. Exhibition: *Women in the Military: A Jewish Perspective* and *Jewish War Veterans Protest March Against Nazi Germany—75th Anniversary*

The Phillips Collection

1600 21st Street, NW

202-387-2151

www.phillipscollection.org

Saturday, 10 am–5 pm; Sunday, 11 am–6 pm

The Phillips presents Jazz 'n Families Fun Days, in partnership with the Duke Ellington Jazz Festival, featuring live jazz performances throughout the weekend and activities for the whole family. Visit the instrument petting zoo, hear musicians interpret paintings, interact with a storyteller, and create a work of art to take home!

The Textile Museum

2320 S Street, NW

202-667-0441

www.textilemuseum.org

Saturday, 10 am–4 pm; Sunday, 1–5 pm

31st Annual Celebration of Textiles: *A Tribute to the American Quilt* The Textile Museum honors the unique tradition of American quilt-making through quilting demonstrations, displays, activities, sheep-shearing (weather permitting) and more! Exhibition: *Constructed Color: Amish Quilts* (through September 6)

Woodrow Wilson House

2340 S Street, NW

202-387-4062

www.woodrowwilsonhouse.org

Saturday, 10 am–4 pm; Sunday, 1–5 pm

Explore the house and garden of our 28th president, Woodrow Wilson, Washington's only presidential museum, a textbook of life in the 1920s. In partnership with the Embassy of Ethiopia, celebrate the 90th anniversary of the first Ethiopian diplomatic mission to the U.S. with a sampling of traditional Ethiopian food and culture on Saturday afternoon. Exhibition: *101 Wonders of the Woodrow Wilson House, Hidden Treasures from the Presidential Collection* (through November 15)