



## *Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium*

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### **27TH ANNUAL MUSEUM WALK WEEKEND IS A FREE CELEBRATION OF TEN NEIGHBORHOOD MUSEUMS**

**Saturday, June 5, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 6, 1–5 p.m.**

**May 14, 2010, Washington, D.C.** — What other weekend can you **tour ten museums, see artist demonstrations, hear live music** (jazz, 18<sup>th</sup>-century period music or bluegrass!) and **participate in hands-on activities** all for **free**? An annual favorite, **Museum Walk Weekend** returns this year on **Saturday, June 5 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)** and **Sunday, June 6, (1-5 p.m.)**. Organized by the Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium (DKMC), Museum Walk Weekend includes free admission to programs and exhibitions at [Anderson House](#), [Dumbarton House](#), [Fondo del Sol Visual Arts Center](#), [General Federation of Women's Clubs](#), [Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site](#), [Meridian International Center](#), [National Museum of American Jewish Military History](#), [The Phillips Collection](#), [The Textile Museum](#), and the [Woodrow Wilson House](#).

Representing ten of Washington D.C.'s most unique and varied museums, with subject matter encompassing United States history, modern and contemporary art, the cultural heritage of the Americas and more, Walk Weekend is a once-in-a-year chance to explore these neighborhood treasures with ease and for free. Sites offer rich permanent collections and special exhibitions, including—

#### **CURRENT EXHIBITIONS:**

Anderson House-The Society of the Cincinnati: Once in Every Three Years: The Triennial Meetings of the Society of the Cincinnati, 1784-2010 on view through October 30, 2010.

Dumbarton House: Fran, Have You Supplied the Table? Foods, Service & Etiquette in the Federal Era on view through June 12, 2010.

Fondo del Sol Visual Arts Center: Issues for Freedom; Dino Aranda (Nicaragua), Juan Downey (Chile), Juan Boza (Afro-Cubano), Latina-USA, Mexico (video) and Alexis Landa (Cuba).

General Federation of Women's Clubs: A National Historic Landmark, the GWFC Headquarters showcases unique architecture, gardens and fine and decorative art.



Mary McLeod Bethune House



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Mary McLeod Bethune Council House: Tour the first headquarters of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and the home of educator, presidential advisor and political activist Mary McLeod Bethune.

Meridian International Center: *The Wild Swans: Original Artworks by Her Majesty the Queen of Denmark* on view June 4 through July 3, 2010.

The National Museum of American Jewish Military History: View the continuing exhibitions *Jewish War Veterans' Protest March Against Nazi Germany – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*, *Hidden Treasures*, *Women in the Military: A Jewish Perspective* and more.

The Phillips Collection: In addition to the permanent collection, the special exhibitions *Pousette-Dart: Predominantly White Paintings* and *Robert Ryman: Variations and Improvisations* are on view June 5 through September 12, 2010.

The Textile Museum: *Art by the Yard: Women Design Mid-Century Britain* on view May 15 through September 12, 2010 and *The Art of Living: Textile Furnishings from the Permanent Collection* on view through January 9, 2011.

Woodrow Wilson House: *"My Third Leg": Woodrow Wilson's Walking Sticks* on view through Thursday, February 11, 2010.

Museum Walk Weekend also includes a variety of special activities planned for Saturday and Sunday, and amenities to simplify the journey around the beautiful Dupont-Kalorama neighborhood, including—

### SPECIAL WALK WEEKEND ACTIVITIES:

Live Music: Hear lively *18<sup>th</sup> century period music* at Dumbarton House, *piano music* at the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the *Unified Jazz Ensemble* at the Mary McLeod Bethune House, jazz for all ages at *Jazz 'n Families Fun Days*—in partnership with the DC Jazz Festival—at The Phillips Collection and bluegrass by *Herb & Hanson* at The Textile Museum. Program times and dates vary between sites; visit [www.dkmuseums.com](http://www.dkmuseums.com) for more information.



Period players at the Dumbarton House

Hands-on Activities for all ages: Try out *green-screen technology* used in "The Wild Swans" film at the Meridian International Center, participate in the interactive "Family Stories: Sons, Fathers and Zaydes" *storytelling session* at the National Museum of American Jewish Military History (registration required; contact Mary Westley at (202) 265-6280 or [mwestley@jwv.org](mailto:mwestley@jwv.org)), interact with an *instrument petting zoo* and create an *original work of art* at The Phillips Collection, make a *bracelet* or *block print* at The Textile Museum and engage with *woodcarving demonstrations* at the Woodrow Wilson House. Program times and dates vary between sites; visit [www.dkmuseums.com](http://www.dkmuseums.com) for more information.



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Hands-on activities will be offered at many different sites, including The Textile Museum. Photo by Kevin Allen.

**Washington City Paper Challenge:** Snap a photo of yourself at five or more sites for a chance to win a prize pack of goodies and gift certificates from local businesses valued at over \$400. For more details, visit [City Paper Events](#).

**Free Shuttles:** Two shuttles will circulate the sites and schedules will be available at all sites and at the Museum Walk Weekend information tables in Dupont Circle on Sat., June 5 and at the [Dupont Circle FRESHFARM Market](#) on Sun., June 6.

**Safe Bike Route:** [Washington Area Bicyclists Association](#) has teamed up with DKMC to provide a safe bike route between sites for the second year running. Many museums also have bike racks available at their sites.

The 27th Annual Museum Walk Weekend media sponsor is [Washington City Paper](#). Museum Walk Weekend is supported by [Awards Limousine, Ltd.](#), [Cultural Tourism DC](#), [FRESHFARM Markets](#), with additional support provided by the [Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel](#).

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

For more information or images, visit [www.dkmuseums.org](http://www.dkmuseums.org) or contact Katy Clune at [kclune@textilemuseum.org](mailto:kclune@textilemuseum.org).

### About the Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium

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

### Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium Members

Anderson House  
2118 Massachusetts Ave., NW  
202-785-2040  
[www.societyofthecincinnati.org](http://www.societyofthecincinnati.org)

Dumbarton House  
2715 Q Street, NW  
202-337-2288  
[www.dumbartonhouse.org](http://www.dumbartonhouse.org)

Fondo del Sol Visual Arts Center  
El Museo Latino/Multicultural  
2112 R Street, NW  
202-483-2777 or 202-265-9235  
[www.fondodelsol.org](http://www.fondodelsol.org)

General Federation of Women's Clubs  
1734 N Street, NW  
202-347-3168  
[www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)



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National Historic Site

1318 Vermont Avenue, NW

202-673-2402

[www.nps.gov/mamc](http://www.nps.gov/mamc)

Meridian International Center

1630 Crescent Place Northwest

Washington, DC 20009

(202) 667-6800

[www.meridian.org](http://www.meridian.org)

National Museum of American Jewish

Military History

1811 R Street, NW

202-265-6280

[www.nmajmh.org](http://www.nmajmh.org)

The Phillips Collection

1600 21st Street, NW

202-387-2151

[www.phillipscollection.org](http://www.phillipscollection.org)

The Textile Museum

2320 S Street, NW

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Woodrow Wilson House

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